

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 17 JANUARY 2019

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master, Cllr G Edwards and Cllr N Price.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr Mrs R Freyne (Personal)

2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct

2.1 To Receive Member's Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda - None

2.2 To Receive Updates to Members' Register of Interests - None

3. Minutes from Previous Meetings

3.1 Acceptance and signing of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 1 November 2018

RESOLUTION 01/19

The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Potholes – It was noted at the last meeting that there are a number of potholes on the old road at the top of the Village that have not been marked for filling. The Clerk confirmed that Gloucestershire Highways have been informed.

5. Co-opt to Fill the Vacancy

The Chairman advised that she has received an expression of interest in the current Vacancy. However, in view of the forthcoming Local Elections it may be better to look for nominations to fill the whole Council. Cllr Edwards advised that he finds it difficult to attend meetings which often clash with work but will continue at the moment.

6. Report from County and District Councillor – Cllr Shaun Parsons

Not available.

7. Questions and Comments from the Public

None

8. Chairman's Report

Cllr Mrs J Tomblin reported that:

- during the weekend before Christmas she had received a complaint about the Big Yellow Bus parked in Village Farm yard. The Chairman advised the complainant that it was not a matter that the Parish Council could deal with and that they should contact the landowner, but it was understood that the bus would be moved once volunteers had finished work on it.
- a local landowner had complained that the spray used on Japanese knotweed may have damaged a hedge. It was confirmed that this matter had been referred to Gloucestershire Highways.
- the driveway at Wychwood does not conform to the planning application and a resident has advised CDC Planners who were unconcerned.
- the planner working with the owner of Wildwood had advised that further development on the site had raised issues from Planners and the EA.

9. Playing Field – Cllr G Edwards

Action: It was agreed that the Chairman would carry out safety checks on the Playing Field.

- JT & CB** Cllr Price confirmed that the holes on the Playing Field have been filled. It was further noted that the Field contains mainly weeds that need spraying in the spring to kill them off and give the grass a chance to recover but may also need re-seeding. It would cost £100 to re-seed and it was agreed to do this, if necessary, in the spring.
- Action:**
- NP**
- 10. Village Hall – Minutes from Committee Meetings**
It was noted:
- that the Christmas drinks were not as well supported as in previous years.
 - Soup Saturdays begin this weekend – 19 January, 23 February and 23 March.
 - as the Council no longer has a representative on Committee, that Mrs Sutton could be asked to act as a liaison.
- Action:**
- CB**
- To chase copies of the Committee Minutes.
- 11. Village Affairs**
- Solar Farm – Update**
- Action:**
- CB**
- The Clerk confirmed that she has requested a meeting with the Planning Agent after 9 February 2019.
- First Aid Course – Update**
- It was agreed to arrange a First Aid training course with Crucial First Aid on a Saturday morning and charge residents £15 per person with the Council covering the shortfall. It was further agreed to check the maximum possible number of attendees and the minimum age. The course would be advertised in the Village Newsletter.
- Action:**
- CB**
- A419 Noise Action Group – Update - Noted.**
- CDC Waste Collections
- It was noted that the collections will change with the Green garden waste bin emptied alternative weeks and halted for 3 months over the winter. Kitchen waste will be collected every week and new larger bin provided.
- Action:**
- CB**
- It was agreed that 3 months is too long to halt during the winter and to make representation to CDC.
- 12. Neighbourhood Development Plan**
The Clerk advised that the Landscape Architects plan to start work on the Green Gap Policy in earnest in early February.
- 13. Finance**
- 13.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 December 2018**
RESOLUTION 02/19
It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.
- 13.2 Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule**
RESOLUTION 03/19
It was resolved to pay the bills as detailed on the attached schedule.
- 13.3 Draft Budget 2019 – 2020**
RESOLUTION 04/19
It was resolved to adopt the budget as attached.
- 13.4 Precept for 2019 – 2020**
RESOLUTION 05/19
It was resolved to retain the Precept at its current level of £11,381.00
- 14. Planning**
- 14.1 New Planning Applications - None**
- 14.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - None**
- 14.3 Decision Notices Received**
Decision Notice relating to Kelfield 18/03908/FUL - Noted
- 14.4 Planning Correspondence - None**
- 14.5 Planning Items Received since Publication of the Agenda**
Decision Notice relating to Forty Farm 18/02168/FUL and 18/02169/LBC - Noted
- 15. Correspondence**

GAPTC – Nomination to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party

It was noted that this is aimed at former Council Chairmen and it was agreed to nominate Mr Tony Warren.

Cotswold AONB Management Plan

<https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/planning/cotswolds-aonb-management-plan/>

Noted

GCC Budget 2019 – 2020 www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/budget2019 - Noted

CDC – New booklet to help plan for Emergencies

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/1645047/Are-you-ready-booklet-Web-version-2-.pdf>

It was agreed that this should be advertised in the Village Newsletter and a printed copy made available in the Village Hall.

16. Any Other Business

None

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 7 March 2019 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:24