

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 4 JULY 2019

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs R Freyne, Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master and Cllr Mrs N Jones.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr M Every (CDC), Cllr S Parsons (GCC) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**  
Cllr A Stone (Personal) and Cllr N Price (Personal)
2. **Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct**
  - 2.1 **Member's Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda** - None
  - 2.2 **Updates to Members' Register of Interests** - None
3. **Minutes from Previous Meetings**
  - 3.1 **Acceptance and signing of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9 May 2019**  
**RESOLUTION 18/19**  
The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
  - Gateway on Witpit Lane – Update on Fly Tipping Mitigation**  
Cllr Price had advised by email that he had nothing suitable to block the gateway and Cllr Mrs Chester-Master confirmed that she was installing better fencing.
  - Highways – Lorry Routes, Speed Reduction and Pedestrian / Cycle Way and Crossing at old Toll Bar**  
Members noted Cllr Every's email correspondence with Mr Gray of Gloucestershire Highways. He acknowledged that Gloucestershire Highways evaluate the need for accident prevention work at the Toll Bar on past accident data and have concluded that modifications can't be justified. There is also concern that too many signs will either distract drivers or they will take no notice. The Chairman advised that some residents have given up trying to walk to the Tesco site and town because it's too dangerous to cross the road (A417 Toll Bar). In addition, Kingshill Lane has no safe walkway or cycle route and, therefore there is no safe route out of the Village except by car. Cllr Parsons reported that GCC is very short of money and cannot take on expensive work without good reason.
  - Grass cutting at Toll Bar and Roundabout**  
Cllr Stone had emailed Gloucestershire Highways as the grass hasn't been cut on the central reservation on A417 obscuring traffic coming round the roundabout.  
**Action: SP** Cllr Parsons agreed to take this up with Gloucestershire Highways.
5. **Reports from County and District Councillors**
  - 5.1 **Cllr Mike Every (Cotswold District Council) reported:**  
**Communities Activities Grant** to support activities which bring the Community together. Open until end of the year.  
**NAG Group** – recently met. Highways England has been consulting Councillors on the A417 Missing Link. 3 alternative routes were considered, and a preferred route has now been decided upon. There will be a junction before Nettleton bottom where the road will swing round through Air Balloon site. NAG is using this development to try to address the noise issue on the A417. The Group is supporting noise mitigation rather than resurfacing which is unlikely to happen

due to further implications such as bridges etc. Slip roads on the A417/A419 also need to be reviewed as some are too short. 8 deaths have been recorded on the missing link at the Air Balloon up to the end of May this year. Consultation on the proposed route will take about 3 years.

Cllr Every further advised that the Group is not formally structured and although donations had been requested, the Group is unable to accept them at the moment.

**First normal meeting of the District Council** has taken place since the elections in May. New Policies will include:

- Develop a new strategy for working with Towns and Parishes by the end September;
- Climate Change – taking action and making change – influencing residents and businesses. It was suggested that people need to be reminded what can be recycled and how / where.
- Changes to how the Council works - Terminology, times of meetings, working group to look at how decisions are made, how it engages with public, inspire employees and become more inclusive.

Also working towards changes in waste collection which will take effect in November. New bins have been ordered; separation of food waste from garden waste; bigger cardboard containers; food will continue to be collected weekly and garden only once.

**5.2 Cllr Shaun Parsons (Gloucestershire County Council) reported:**

- New Incinerator near Gloucester is coming on stream.
- Resurfacing of A417 Norcote to Fairford – some diversions into Wiltshire

**6. Questions and Comments from the Public - None**

**7. Chairman's Report – Cllr Mrs J Tomblin. - Nothing to report**

**8. Playing Field**

The Chairman advised that she is carrying out regular checks and that Mr G Edwards had reported seeing a group of youths sleeping overnight on 24 May but there had been no repetition.

**Action: JT**

**9. Village Hall – Minutes or Report from Committee Meeting**

Members were advised that a new contract for the Village hall broadband could be negotiated reducing the cost to £18 per month plus VAT. The Village Hall Committee had agreed to pay 50% if the Council would take up the remaining 50%.

**RESOLUTION 19/19**

It was resolved to continue to pay for Plusnet Broadband at the lower rate of £18 per month + VAT and recharge £9 per month to the Village Hall Committee.

The Committee had previously advised that the Urn was leaking, and Cllr Mrs Chester-Master agreed to check it with Mrs C Sutton.

**Action: PCM**

Future Events:

Safari Supper – 11 Oct

Quiz - 29 November

Christmas Drinks – 20 December

**10. Village Affairs**

**First Aid Course – Update**

**Action: CB** The Clerk advised that a new date in September or October will soon be advised.

**11. Neighbourhood Development Plan – Update**

The Clerk confirmed that the new Landscape Character Assessment has just been received and had been circulated to the Steering Group for comment.

**12. Finance**

**12.1** To Receive Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 30 June 2018

**RESOLUTION 20/19**

It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.

**12.2 Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule**

**RESOLUTION 21/19**

It was resolved to pay the bills as attached.

**12.3 Donation to NAG**

**RESOLUTION 22/19**

See Item 5.1. As the Group are not formally structured and do not have a bank account, the Council is unable to consider making a donation at this time.

**12.4 Notification of Exemption Status Logged – End of Year 2018-19**

Noted.

**12.5 To Review Insurance Cover 2019 – 20**

The Clerk confirmed that the schedule had been reviewed in line with current Assets and that the long-term Agreement continues until 2021.

**13. Planning**

**13.1 New Planning Applications**

**19/01647/FUL Land Adjacent To Preston Mill South Cerney Road Cirencester Siddington GL7 6ET**

Erection of new dwelling and detached garage together with other associated ancillary development

Response by 17 July 2019

The Council had no objections to the application.

**13.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - None**

**13.3 Decision Notices Received - None**

**13.4 Planning Correspondence - None**

**13.5 CDC Community Infrastructure Levy Event – To Receive Feedback**

The Chairman and the Clerk had attended the event and reported that once the NDP was made then 25% of any levy imposed on new development by CDC would be payable to the Parish Council.

**13.6 CDC's 'Call for Sites' SHELAA**

Noted.

**14. Correspondence**

GRCC AGM – 30 July 2019 – No one is available to attend.

**15. Any Other Business**

It was noted that a tree is down on the Old Cirencester Road with a Foot path closed notice. The Clerk was asked to notify Gloucestershire Highways.

**Action: CB**

**16. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 5 September 2019 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

***There being no further Business the Meeting was closed at 8:43 pm***

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