

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2019

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr M Evemy (CDC) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence** - None

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 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 July 2019**

### **RESOLUTION 23/19**

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

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Cllr Stone queried Item 5.2 and mention of diversion into Wiltshire during re-surfacing of a section of the A417 and the route was confirmed.

5. **Reports from County and District Councillors**

### **Cllr Mike Evemy reported:**

- CDC Cabinet decided to delay implementation of changes to the waste collection until March 2020 to give more time for preparations such as changing routes, obtaining new vehicles, advising and planning collection frequencies together with additional items.
- He will be attending a briefing next week relating to the A417 Missing Link
- Financial Settlement – there will be increases for some elements of District Council responsibilities.

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

7. **Chairman's Report**

Cllr Mrs J Tomblin advised that the Village Fete was a very successful day when the whole community had come together to help and thanked Cllr Mrs Chester-Master for all of her hard work in managing the event. Cllr Mrs Chester-Master said that it was one of the happiest days that she could remember.

8. **Playing Field – Update**

The Chairman advised that the Play area had been damaged by vandals at the beginning of July and offensive words had been burnt into the wood on playhouse. Whilst arrangements were being put in place to repair the damage, Mrs A Swain had painted over the damaged area.

It was reported that the horizontal rail on part of the fence had been damaged and Cllr Price agreed to look at it.

**Action: NP**

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

It was noted that the Committee hadn't met recently although some events were coming up: Coffee mornings, Quiz and Christmas Drinks.

10. **Village Affairs**

**First Aid Course – Update**

**Action: CB** 28 September had been offered by the trainer and it was agreed that the Clerk should check the date with those wishing to attend.

**11. Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The new Landscape Assessment had been forwarded to CDC for informal comments and a meeting has been arranged with Portus & Whitton to look at the response.

**RESOLUTION 24/19**

Portus & Whitton had enquired when payment for the work would be forthcoming and it was agreed to suggest that an invoice for 75% of the value of the quotation could be raised now and the remainder paid when the Landscape Assessment is finally agreed and ready for submission.

**12. Finance**

**12.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 August 2018**

**RESOLUTION 25/19**

It was resolved to adopt the report as attached

**12.2 Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule**

**RESOLUTION 26/19**

It was resolved to pay the bills as attached

**12.3 To Consider Items to be Included in Planning the Budget 2020 – 2021**

It was agreed that traffic speed through the Village is of most concern to residents and that Siddington and South Cerney Parish Councils are looking to install ANPR equipment. Cllr Stone agreed to investigate options and methods that GCC

**Action: AS** Highways will allow.

**13. Planning**

**13.1 New Planning Applications**

**19/02255/LBC Norcote House Norcote Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RH**

Proposal for internal alterations including replacement staircase, new partitions and externally new valley roof lights, a dormer, windows / doors and replacement dormer

Response 10 September 2019 **No objections**

**19/02806/FUL Forty Farm Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PP**

Conversion of stone threshing barn and attached cow byre into two dwellings and erection of a detached open fronted car port replacing Dutch barn

Response 5 September 2019

The cumulative effect of the number of developments round Kingshill Lane and the Toll Bar were discussed, and the following response agreed:

The Parish Council objects to this application. Although the Council welcomes the use of redundant farm buildings, there have been several small applications at this end of Kingshill Lane and at the old toll bar during the past 2 years. The cumulative impact of these are gradually whittling away the green open space between the village of Preston and Cirencester and adding to the amount of traffic at a very busy junction. Together with other larger developments on nearby London Road, the volume of traffic on Kingshill Road has increased enormously and yet most of the Lane still has the national speed limit. The Primary and Secondary schools at the other end of Kingshill Lane are also growing and attracting more traffic.

Kingshill Lane has no safe pedestrian and cycle routes to service the proposed development and the village for which the Parish Council has long lobbied for. If the development does go ahead then the Council considers that 2 entrance / exit points on to Kingshill Lane unnecessary and will only create a further traffic hazard.

It was disappointing to see no reference to the Village Design Statement and the Council requests that G2, G3 and G4 of the Guidelines should be incorporated into the design.

It was further noted that there is a considerable amount of asbestos on the site.

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Response 5 September 2019    Objection. See response to 19/02806/FUL  
**19/03033/FUL 3 Village Farm Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR**  
Erection of single storey side and rear extension. Erection of front porch. Insertion of window to principal elevation  
Response 19 September 2019    **No Objections**

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

**13.3** Decision Notices Received – None

**13.4** Planning Correspondence – None

**13.5** Other Planning Matters

**19/00343/FUL Kelfield Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR**

Erection of single storey garage and altered vehicular access

It was noted that this development is now well under way and Cllr Stone asked why no objection had been made to the render which is not in keeping with other buildings in the Village and contrary to the Village Design Statement. He requested that the Village Design Statement should be referred to when responding to all future planning applications.

#### **14. Correspondence**

##### **Email Correspondence Relating to Bridleway 13 (circulated)**

The email correspondence between Mr R Webb (Driffield) and GCC Highways and CDC Environmental Health were noted. Whilst Members welcomed and supported Mr Webb's actions in trying to clean up the bridleway, they appreciated the difficulties of policing the area. This section of the bridleway is particularly accessible with steps and a stile leading to the lay-by which also provides a pedestrian crossing over the A417. It is also the case that Cirencester no longer has a lorry park with facilities for drivers.

It was agreed to continue to support Mr Webb's efforts with the relevant authorities and encourage them to find a suitable solution.

##### **Email Correspondence Relating to Pedestrian Crossing at Toll Bar on A419 (circulated)**

It was agreed to respond to GCC Highways supporting the proposal to build out the layby and reduce the crossing distance particularly as it is no longer used for buses. It was also agreed to check with Cllr Parsons whether he has funding available to contribute.

##### **Gloucestershire Highways- Plans for Winter**

It was noted that the Village still has no Snow Warden or Operator, but this had not been a problem in recent years as residents are mindful of neighbours and help each other. Members felt that it is more important to ensure that the grit/salt bins are filled.

##### **Gloucestershire Minerals Local Plan - Main Modifications Consultation until 11/09/19**

[https://gloucestershire-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planning/mlp/mlp\\_main\\_mods/mods](https://gloucestershire-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planning/mlp/mlp_main_mods/mods)    Noted.

**CDC – Tenancy Support Forum – 9 September 2019** - Noted

**GAPTC – August Update** - Noted

**GAPTC – Autumn / Winter Training Programme** - Noted

**15. Any Other Business** - None

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

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

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