

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 9 JANUARY 2020

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

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

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr N Price (Personal) and Cllr Mrs N Jones (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 Meeting held on 5 December 2019

RESOLUTION 01/20

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

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

First Aid Course

Following the cancellation of free GCC run First Aid Courses, it was agreed to look for alternatives. It was agreed that the Council would subsidise the event and ask attendees to contribute approx. £10 per head. The Clerk was requested to investigate.

Action: CB

Planting to Replace Trees Affected by Ash Die Back

Further information regarding the species and size of the available trees had been requested.

Action: CB

Traffic Calming. - See attached notes.

Cllr Stone reported that he had discussed Auto Speed Watch with Sgt Gloyn who was interested in the idea. The data collected would be monitored by a local group and only sent on to the Police if it was significant and could be followed up. As the data collection devices are solar powered, they only operate in daylight and only record the rear of vehicles. Each device costs £594 and we would need permission from GCC before mounting it on a telegraph pole. It was suggested that one device could be purchased to start with, and another added later so that data could be recorded at each end of the Village. Each device would need to display signs.

It was agreed that Cllr Stone would prepare an article for the Village Newsletter reminding readers of the speed limit and advising them that the Council is considering installing Auto Speed Watch equipment. It was further agreed that Cllr Stone would continue to research alternatives and look into the cost of 'smiley face' devices.

Action: AS

**5. Reports from County and District Councillors –and
Cllr Shaun Parsons reported:**

- GCC has acknowledged the Climate Emergency and is working towards being 80% carbon neutral by 2024. Shire Hall is already carbon neutral and plans for new schools will be reviewed to make eco-friendlier.
- Budget Consultation is currently being carried out
- Community Transport – it is proving cheaper to develop bespoke transport rather than scheduled services that are not used.
- There is an increase in the cost of Children's services. There are now 734 corporate children with the most expensive child costing £4K per day.

- There are increasing costs in Adult Services
- It is planned to spend £100m on improving roads
- The Precept will increase by £1,000 per Band D property
- Traffic Speed Cameras - GCC is continuing with trial but has put further cameras on hold for the time being.

Cllr Mike Every

Waste Service change - All households will be advised of the details by tomorrow. Residents can order additional black boxes, new food waste container and bag for paper. New service begins in March when residents will need to split food waste from green waste. Green waste will be collected fortnightly and food waste will be collected weekly. Additional green bins can be purchased but residents are being encouraged to compost.

- Envirocrime - Greater resources are being put in place to try to identify fly tipplers. There is a national movement to reduce waste, packaging etc.
- Budget Consultation is currently underway, and a leaflet is being circulated giving details. Council Tax is considerably lower than most other Districts and residents are being consulted on possible increases in Council Tax, Parking and Green Bin fee.
- Funding from national government has reduced and the Council needs to invest more to generate greater income.
- Climate Change Manager, dedicated to CDC, has been appointed who will also carry out one off research projects. One issue to Planning applications need to be carbon neutral.

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

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

8. **Playing Field – Update**

It was reported that the new baby swing seat has been fitted and although it had been suggested that old had been vandalised, it was in fact wear and weathering.

9. **Village Hall - Update**

It was reported that the Christmas Drinks event was very successful. It was noted that the Committee now have few formal meetings and that Mrs Sutton has been requested to keep the Council updated.

10. **Village Affairs**

Village Carol Singing – It was agreed to thank Mrs Warren for organising the event which had been both enjoyable and successful.

Annual Village Clean Up – Saturday, 21 March at 10.30 am followed by Soup Saturday sponsored by the Parish Council. The Clerk was requested to make arrangements with CDC and Mrs Thornton.

Action: CB

Action: CB **Fly Tipping** – the Clerk was requested to alert CDC about fly tipping on Witpit Lane.

Annual Tree Survey (Attached)

Action: NP

Action: SCM

It was agreed to request a quote for the half day work needed; Cllrs Mrs Chester-Master agreed to have the willows cut back at Church Farm and the Clerk was requested to alert Gloucestershire Highways about the overgrown conifer hedge at 2 Kingsway.

Action: CB

Concern was expressed that the verges in front of some of the houses are unsightly but there is little that the Council can do.

11. **Neighbourhood Development Plan
Arrangements for Regulation 14 Consultation
RESOLUTION 02/20**

It was resolved that :

The Consultation Process was agreed in line with the Briefing notes (Attached) and it was agreed that the 6-week Consultation Period should run from Monday, 24 February 2020 to Monday 6 April 2020

This would allow for notifications to go out to residents with the Village Newsletter on Tuesday, 25 February and for publicity to be available for Village Hall Coffee Mornings and Soup Saturdays.

Designation of Green Spaces to be Identified in the NDP

RESOLUTION 03/20

It was resolved to designate the Playing Field and the Allotments as Green Spaces of importance to residents.

12. Finance

12.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 December 2019

RESOLUTION 04/20

It was resolved to adopt the report as attached. It was noted that as Cllr Freyne is now printing the copies of the Newsletter required on paper that she should be claiming her costs.

12.2 Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule

It was resolved to pay the Bills detailed on the attached schedule.

12.3 Budget 2020 – 2021

RESOLUTION 05/20

It was resolved to adopt the Budget as attached.

12.4 Precept Request for 2020 – 2021

RESOLUTION 06/20

It was resolved to increase the Precept by 1% per Band D property equating to £11,852.00 pa.

12.5 GRCC Membership Renewal

RESOLUTION 07/20

It was resolved to renew GRCC Membership

12.6 Replacement Noticeboard (near to telephone kiosk)

RESOLUTION 08/20

It was resolved to purchase a man-made timber noticeboard 6 x A4 costing in the region of £560 + VAT + Delivery. The Clerk was requested to progress this, and Cllr Price agreed to remove the old board and fit the new board to the existing posts.

Action: NP

Action: CB

13. Planning

13.1 New Planning Applications - None

13.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - None

13.3 Decision Notices Received - None

13.4 Planning Correspondence - None

13.5 Plus Any Urgent Planning Items Received since Publication of the Agenda

14. Correspondence

GAPTC – Nomination for Buckingham Palace Garden Party

It was agreed to nominate Mrs Dot Warren in recognition of her work with the Village Newsletter.

GAPTC Newsletter. - Noted

GCC 2020 – 2021 Budget Consultation

<https://gloucestershire-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/council/budget20-21/budget20-21> - Noted

Cirencester Flood Meeting – 7 February 2020

Cllr Every advised that he would be attending, and that Cirencester & Environs would be discussed between 11 – 11.30 am.

CDC – Budget Consultation. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MJ6BWFM> -Noted

15. Any Other Business

Parking on Pavements – it was noted that a number of tradesmen and residents are parking part way on the pavement and part way on the road. This damages the sets on the edge of the pavement and prevents pedestrians with pushchairs and users of mobility scooters to pass freely. Cllr Stone agreed to place an article in the Village Newsletter advising residents of the inconvenience caused and the benefits of parking on the road properly to slow traffic speeds.

Village Property Map – It was also agreed to remind residents that the property map is attached to both Village noticeboards.

16.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 5 March 2020 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further Business the Meeting was closed at 8:48