

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 2020

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr & Mrs B Cannon, Mr I Jones (PCC), Cllr M Evemy (CDC), Cllr S Parsons (GCC) 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
Cllr Mrs Chester-Master declared an interest in Item 4 - Works on Churchyard Lime Trees
- 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 20 August 2020
RESOLUTION 30/20
The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

To Receive Further Information from PCC and to Consider Contribution to Cost of Works on Churchyard Lime Trees
RESOLUTION 31/20

The financial information received from the PCC had been circulated. Members acknowledged that whilst the Church is an important part of the Village only £1,380 could be donated under LGA 1972 s137 and it was agreed unanimously to support the PCC with this amount. Mr I Jones, PCC Treasurer, advised that the contractor is expected to commence the work on 13 November and the fund raising would close at the end of November. He also agreed to keep the Council updated.

5. Reports from County and District Councillors – Cllr Shaun Parsons and Cllr Mike Evemy

Cllr Evemy advised:

- Action: ME**
- Kingshill Lane Verge – he confirmed that he would be making contact with Gloucestershire Highways and the owners of Kelfield to reconcile the issues of the damaged verge.
 - Unitary Authority – CDC is exploring amalgamating the existing 5 -LA's in Gloucestershire into 2.
 - Visiting Siddington Park Farm development next week.
- Cllr Stone requested assistance in obtaining an update on issues raised with Planners relating to Wychwood.
- Action: ME**

Cllr Parsons reported:

- A full County Council meeting had taken place last Wednesday remotely, but some members of the public had been unable to access.
- Unitary Councils are again being discussed but waiting for White Paper to be available.
- COVID pandemic has cost CDC £3.8m = £1m shortfall whereas the shortfall for GCC is just under £1m. COVID numbers are still good in Gloucestershire compared to the remainder of the country.
- GCC maintains good relations with other services which has resulted in good

public support services, but this is not so in other areas.

Toll Bar Meeting

It was agreed that it would be useful to have meeting on site and to also look at the problem of crossing on other side of the road. Cllr Parsons agreed to follow this up with Richard Gray of Gloucestershire Highways.

Cllr Stone advised that Complete Utilities (Gigaclear) have left a mess on the verge, footway and central reservation where they have been installing high speed broadband and enquired how Highways are monitoring this situation. Cllr Parson agreed to follow this up and suggested it could be discussed on site at the Toll Bar meeting.

Action: SP

Cllr Stone also advised that there are now 3 buses taking children to school as they are unable to maintain social distancing on 1 bus.

6. Questions and Comments from the Public

The Chairman welcomed Mr and Mrs Canon to the meeting.

7. To Receive Chairman's Report – Cllr Mrs J Tomblin

Further to the discussion at the last meeting, the Chairman suggested that some gesture of recognition should be made, as soon as possible, for those residents who provided support for others during the COVID-19 crisis and before it is forgotten. A gathering of some kind could be arranged for the whole Village at a later date and once the distancing requirements have been fully lifted. It was agreed that the Chairman would source various gifts for Mrs K Thornton, Mrs D Warren, Mr T Thompson, Mrs C. Elson and Daniel Horne.

Action: JT

It was noted that there are no volunteers to fill the Casual Vacancy and it was agreed to advertise this in the Village Newsletter article.

8. Playing Field

The Chairman reported that all has been well since children returned to school and there had been no further instances of nuisance or vandalism.

9. Village Hall

Minutes from the Committee Meeting on 20 August 2020 - Noted

Update – Members were advised that the Committee is looking into re-opening the Hall and how to comply with the current regulations. They have also been approached by Mother & Toddler group about a regular booking.

10. Village Affairs

Meetings with Gridserve - Cirencester Solar Farm

It was reported that the meetings on 12 August and 9 September had gone well. Gridserve is happy with the proposal to close Witpit Lane for site traffic only which it is hoped will avoid heavy vehicles using the road through the Village. Gridserve is now waiting for planning approval.

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 14 October 2020 at 6.00 pm. Online.

Meeting with Impact Planning

The meeting request had come from Impact as a result of their response to the NDP consultation. They are proposing a retirement village development of 50 units in groups of 5 aimed at middle income people wishing to downsize but remain in this area.

In principle, Members liked the concept but considered it to be sited too close to the dual carriageway and at odds with the Preston Neighbourhood Development Plan. In addition, Siddington Park Farm is offering the same facility on a larger scale. Impact suggested that a bund could address road noise and offered to answer any further questions that the Council has as they arise.

11. Neighbourhood Development Plan

It was reported that the Plan has been submitted to CDC and given approval. A 6-week publicity period now begins followed by formal examination by an Inspector.

- 12. Finance**
- 12.1** Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 10 September 2020
RESOLUTION 32/20
 It was resolved to adopt the report as attached
- 12.2** Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule
RESOLUTION 33/20
 It was resolved to pay the bills as details on the attached schedule.
- 12.3** Clerk's New Salary Scales
RESOLUTION 34/20
 It was resolved to adopt the new pay scales as attached
- 12.4** Planning for Budget 2021 – 2022 - Noted
- 13. Planning**
- 13.1** New Planning Applications
- 20/02529/FUL. Site Of Siddington Park Farm Siddington Gloucestershire GL7 6ET**
 Installation of Portakabin to be used as Marketing Suite for temporary period of 52 weeks and parking area with associated landscaping
Response 17 September 2020
 No Objections
- 20/03004/TPO. Siddington Park Farm Siddington Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6ET**
 Pine T184 - Prune off side branches as per specification and photo
 Leaning Pine next to T184 – Fell
Response 16 September 2020
 No Objections
- 20/02711/FUL. 1 Kingsway Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5XA**
 First floor extension above existing single storey front extension
Response 15 September 2020
 Members had no objection to the proposal in general, however, the proposal to render the existing two storey west gable should be removed in order to retain the stone finish. This is in line with Guideline G3 of the Design in Preston document.
- 13.2** Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - None
- 13.3** Decision Notices Received - None
- 13.4** Planning Correspondence
- Consultation to Reform Planning System (Template Letter)**
 It was agreed to use the template response provided by CPRE with amendments highlighting issues of local importance, as attached.
- Action: CB**
- South Cerney NDP – Regulation 14 Notification
- 14. Correspondence**
- CDC – Climate Emergency Action Planning – 10 October 2020
 Declared a Climate Emergency last year. Advise people action forward. Noted
 - GAPTC – Call for Resolutions – AGM 14 October 2020
 - NALC – Full Policy Register. Noted
 - Gloucestershire Constabulary – Changes to Local Policing. Noted
- 15. Any Other Business**
- It was noted that the Village Newsletter will resume at the beginning of October.
- 16. Date and Time of Next Meeting**
- Thursday, 5 November 2020 at 7pm Online

There being no further Business the Meeting was closed at 8.30 pm