

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2021

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master, Cllr Mrs C Elson, Cllr A Miles (from 8:20), Cllr N Price and Cllr A Stone.

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

**1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr Lisa Spivey (GCC)

**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 Parish Council Meeting held on 8 July 2021**

**RESOLUTION 26/21**

Cllr Every requested that the title 'Mrs' is removed for Cllr J Layton and Cllr L Spivey.

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

**3.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Invitation to Visit Hunters Care Home**

The Clerk confirmed that the invitation has been accepted and now waiting for some possible dates.

**Action: CB**

**Ash Die Back Replanting**

The Clerk advised that the location opposite the entrance to Siddington Park Farm and Witpit Lane has been passed to Gloucestershire Highways.

**Arrangements for an event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee (Big Jubilee Lunch) – 5 June 2022**

Invitations to the Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall Committee are still to be made.

**Action: CB**

**4. District Councillor. - Cllr Mike Every**

**• Licensing Committee – Gourmet Guineafowl**

It was noted that during the Committee Meeting it had been agreed that the vehicle should display notices with instructions to order online and that the service side would face away from Kingshill Lane but the Decision Notice didn't reflect these conditions. The Clerk was requested to contact CDC Licensing.

**Action: CB**

It was further noted that there has been a lot of litter in the layby.

**• 21/00950/FUL - Full Application for Conversion of garage to 5 no. dwellings at Ivor Webb and Sons Garage Cherry Tree Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5DT**

Cllr Every advised he had requested that this application be referred to the Planning Committee. Objections have been received from Gloucestershire Highways as there is no access on foot.

**• Determining Planning Applications**

Cllr Every clarified the system: Ward Member can pass applications to the Planning Committee but are first considered by the Review Panel who will decide if there is a material consideration.

5. **Questions and Comments from the Public** - None
6. **Chairman's Report – Cllr Mrs J Tomblin**

The Chairman advised that residents had complained about rubbish being left lying around following a waste collection. There had also been complaints about bin men not replacing bins where they had been collected from and for refusing to take bottles other than in a recycling box. Cllr Every agreed to follow these complaints up.

**Action: ME**

Village Fete – the planning meeting had taken place for the Fete on 25 September.
7. **Playing Field Verbal Report**

Cllr Mrs Elson reported that there were no problems other than some litter.

**Verbal Update re Lease**

The Clerk reported that no further information had been received.

**Crowdfund Cotswold** <https://www.spacehive.com/movement/cc/>

It was agreed that the Lease needs to be extended before considering funding for new equipment.
8. **Village Hall Verbal Report from Trustees**

It was reported that the Trustees had not met since the last Council meeting but would meet on 20 September. It is likely that re-starting coffee mornings would be considered. There have been no developments regarding heating installation.
9. **Village Affairs Update From Gridserve - Cirencester Solar Farm**

Gridserve are making progress with piling, but some equipment is still delayed until Nov / Dec.

**Village Maintenance**

It was agreed that Cllr Price would submit a quote for tidying the lower branches of the poplars on the copse side of the Field and for cutting back the bushes towards the left-hand side of the Play Area.

**Action: NP**

The Hedge opposite the Rectory and the Pigeon House also needs cutting back, but this is part of the Grounds Maintenance contract.
10. **Finance**
  - 10.1 **Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 August 2021**

**RESOLUTION 27/21**

It was resolved to adopt the report as attached
  - 10.2 **Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule**

There were no bills for payment.
11. **Planning**
  - 11.1 **New Planning Applications**

**21/02702/OUT The Old Pump House South Cerney Road Siddington Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6ET**

Outline application for the erection of two storey dwelling house with all matters reserved except access.

**RESOLUTION 28/21**

It was resolved to make the following response: Preston Parish Council has no objections in principle but is concerned about access to and from the site. This section of Siddington Road is particularly dangerous being narrow with poor visibility due to the walls and hedges that border the road, overhanging trees and a long bend before it joins the A419 Cirencester Road which has

been the scene of many RTA's. In addition, there is no safe pedestrian or cycle route on this road nor access to public transport. It was also agreed to advise Siddington Parish Council and enlist their support.

#### **11.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting**

##### **21/02393/FUL Land Adjacent to Preston Mill South Cerney Road Cirencester Siddington GL7 6ET**

Height of boundary walls increased to 2.0m, erection of side and rear extensions, glass balustrade added to flat roof, black metal flue added, front door changed, garage alterations to include addition of external stair, addition of first floor door, addition of dormer windows, addition of garage doors and addition of windows on West elevation

Preston Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

The large windows on the western elevation of the garage overlook the neighbouring property and will impact on the occupants' privacy.

There are concerns that the garage could be developed as a separate dwelling and, therefore, the Parish Council requests that if permission is granted, that a condition is included to ensure that the garage remains ancillary to the main dwelling and cannot be used separately. The driveway exits on to the South Cerney Road near to a dangerous bend before joining the A419 (Cirencester Road) and the Parish Council is concerned that any increase in the number of vehicle movements will increase the hazard.

The new boundary wall has been constructed from bonded blockwork whereas the permission granted under 20/02631/COMPLY shows dry stone walling.

##### **21/01532/FUL Norcote Grange Norcote Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RJ**

Change of use of former stables to tourist accommodation together with associated ancillary works including creation of new access from private drive

The Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

- Norcote Grange shares a septic tank with Orchard House and there are concerns that it will not adequately cope with the addition accommodation.
- There are already 11 residential properties exiting this site on to the A417 London Road at the same place. An additional 5 properties will create a serious traffic hazard where there has already been a very serious RTA.
- The proposed 5 x 1 bed lets plus a communal area, which includes the only cooking facilities for all 5 properties, would attract party groups which have the potential to be very noisy, disturbing the occupants of neighbouring properties, impacting on their privacy, and changing the whole dynamics of the site.
- The proposed 5 letting units are out of character in this quiet rural residential retreat.

#### **11.3 Decision Notices Received**

##### **C/21/00476/STC Street Trading Application**

Gourmet Guinea fowl - Layby on Kingshill Lane. - Granted. See Item 4.

#### **11.4 Planning Correspondence**

##### **20/04301/FUL Wychwood Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR - Email from CDC's Cabinet Member for Development Management and Licencing**

The correspondence was noted.

Cllr Every advised that although he had been asked to permit the garage and not the fence, he determined that a new drawing was needed showing only the garage. This has now been submitted but the application still

includes the fence. The applicant has now been given 7 days from 24 August to apply for the fence alone.

**Planning Procedure Issues raised by Quenington Parish Council**

Although the Council has given its support to Quenington's complaint, Cllr Every explained the new procedure. See Item 4.

**20/04301/FUL Wychwood Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR  
Additional Information – for Information Only**

Noted

**21/00950/FUL - Full Application for Conversion of garage to 5 no. dwellings, with associated parking and landscaping at Ivor Webb and Sons Garage Cherry Tree Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5DT – Invitation to Attend**

**Action: JT Planning Committee Meeting.**

The Chairman agreed to attend.

**12. Correspondence**

**Police & Crime Commissioner Event - 7 September – Cotswolds South at RAU (6pm until 8.30pm)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/building-stronger-communities-police-roadshow-tickets-163495791313>

**Action: AS** Cllr Stone has arranged to attend.

**Code of Conduct Petition :** <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/586143>

**Action: ALL** Members would respond individually.

**GAPTC August 2021 Update** - Noted

**20's Plenty Campaign**

**Action: CB** It was agreed to support the Campaign.

**13. Any Other Business**

**Cllr Mrs Elson** advised that the hedges along the bridleway to St Augustine's that runs alongside the A417 have been cut back but there is evidence of human faeces, and the Clerk was asked who is responsible for the old road that is now blocked? The Clerk agreed to advise Gloucestershire Highways about the human faeces and investigate the old road.

**Action: CB**

**Cllr Stone** gave his apologies for the next meeting.

**14. Date and Time of Next Meeting** - Thursday, 4 November 2021

***There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.45***