

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 13 JANUARY 2022

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master, Cllr Mrs C Elson, Cllr A Miles, 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 Mrs S Cameron (Personal) and Cllr L Spivey (GCC)

**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 4 November 2021**

**RESOLUTION 01/22**

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

**3.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Queen's Jubilee (Big Jubilee Lunch) – 5 June 2022**

**RESOLUTION 02/22**

The Chairman confirmed that a combined event to recruit volunteers to plan the Lunch would be held at a Village Hall Coffee morning. It was agreed that the Council would provide prosecco for the Lunch and suggest that everyone attending should bring food to be shared and also hold a children's bake-off competition

**Action: JT**

**CDC Community Governance Review**

Members agreed that no changes to the boundary are required at the moment.

**Transport to School and Footway for Kingshill Lane**

**Action: LS**

Cllr Spivey had advised by email that she is pursuing this matter.

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

**Cllr Lisa Spivey** – Email report circulated

**Cllr Mike Every reported:**

That he was heavily involved in the decision to recharge the cost of elections to Town and Parish Councils although this has not previously happened in Cotswolds. He advised that there has now been a revision to the original proposal so that 50% of the cost of contested elections will be re-charged in 2023 (estimated to be approx. £550 for Preston). The full cost and those for by elections will be deferred until 2024. Car parking charges will increase 5% over 2 years and the 'free after 3' scheme will be removed from April 2022. Car park enforcement is being brought in-house.

**5. Police – PCSO Beverley Rowe and PCSO Sue Fellows**

Unable to attend.

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

**7. Chairman's Report**

Nothing to report.

**8. Playing Field**

Cllr Mrs Elson reported that there had been no evidence of dog fouling recently although 'No Dogs Allowed' signs are still needed.

**Action: CB**

**Lease**

The Clerk had circulated an email from Strutt & Parker detailing possible alternative sites for the Playing Field should the Trustees decide to take back the current site. This had been provided ahead of the new draft Lease.

**9. Village Hall**

**Minutes from the Committee Meeting held on 8 November 2021- Noted**

**Verbal Report from Trustees**

The Trustees advised that 2 separate electric supplies are to be installed - one for the heating boiler and the other for everything else. The Committee are also looking at how to address the damp issues

It was further confirmed that the Committee had agreed to contribute £2,000 in the next financial year towards the cost of the Council's PWL repayment. The Village Hall has in the region of £33,000 in bank and may have access to further grant funding.

**10. Village Affairs**

**Update From Gridserve - Cirencester Solar Farm**

Cllr Stone reported that progress is going reasonably well, and that the road closure has been extended. The works should be completed by 31 March and Witpit lane may re-open in April. Gridserve has budgeted for repair to the section of road damaged by HGV's however, the section nearer to the village now also requires maintenance due to deterioration from lack of use.

**Community Speed Watch**

The Clerk advised that despite an article in the Village Newsletter, had received no indications of interest.

**11. Finance**

**11.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 December 2021**

**RESOLUTION 03/22**

It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.

**11.2 Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule**

**RESOLUTION 04/22**

It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.

**11.3 Election Charges – Email from Cllr J Harris (CDC) and Recharge Estimates**

Noted

**11.4 Draft Budget 2022 – 2023**

**RESOLUTION 05/22**

It was agreed to include budget headings for Elections £500 and Queen's Jubilee £500 and resolved to adopt the budget as attached.

**11.5 Precept for 2022 – 2023**

**RESOLUTION 06/22**

It was resolved to increase the Precept by 3% to £12,717.

**12. Planning**

**12.1 New Planning Applications**

**21/04664/PLP Ivor Webb And Sons Garage Cherry Tree Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5DT**

Permission in Principle for between 4 No and 5 No dwellings (following planning permission ref: 21/00950/FUL for the conversion of the existing buildings to 5 No dwellings)

**RESOLUTION 07/22**

Whilst it was noted that new build is contrary to the Local Plan, it was considered that the current building is an eyesore and that a new build would be more attractive than conversion. It was also noted that the issues surrounding access remained.

**21/04689/FUL 6 Preston Leigh Siddington Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6GE**

Additional windows to side elevations and enlargement and change of style of french doors to rear elevation

**RESOLUTION 08/22** No objections

**21/04757/FUL. Land Parcel East Of Witpit Lane Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PW**

Variation of conditions 1 (plans), 4 (landscape plan), 6 (habitat management plan), 8 (arboriculture statement), 10 (drainage strategy), 11 (working hours) and 14 (traffic management) re permission 20/02034/FUL - Variation of condition 2 (drawings) of permission 15/01923/FUL - Proposed development of solar photovoltaic modules including access, temporary construction compound; single and double inverter platforms; transfer station; collecting station; security fencing; CCTV cameras and poles; landscaping; and associated works and infrastructure including underground cable along London Road verge and Witpit Lane verge and related equipment to allow connection to the electricity distribution network, to change the inverter type, internal access arrangements, solar photovoltaic module and associated substructure specification, and dimensions of the transfer station (DNO substation) and collecting station (Customer substation)

**RESOLUTION 09/22** No objection

## **12.2 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

**RESOLUTION 10/22**

The Parish Council objects to this application as the details are inaccurate and confusing.

Neither the drawing of the existing garage nor the proposed garage shows the two window openings. The Parish Council feels that these windows should be addressed as they overlook the neighbouring property and have not been included in planning applications at any stage of the development of this site. Unless addressed these will remain as a fait au compli.

The Parish Council has no objections to raising the height of the wall to 2m. However, the original application for this house referred to raising the height of the existing dry-stone wall. This wall was taken down and replaced by a stone wall with mortar bonding and a concrete block wall as backing. Therefore, if approval is given to raise the height of the wall to 2.0m then approval is also given to the existing construction which is not a dry-stone wall. This needs to be clarified.

**Awaiting Decision**

It was noted that the Council had made an objection based on drawing L but on 20 December a new drawing had been inserted although no consultation had taken place.

## **12.3 Planning Applications Responded To and Awaiting Decision**

**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. **Awaiting Decision.**

**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. **Awaiting Decision**

**21/03825/FUL Beechnut Cottage Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR**

Erection of garage/garden store and associated works. **Awaiting Decision**

**21/03907/LBC Old Farm House Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR**

Replace existing wooden casement single glazed windows with double glazed, wooden casement windows. **Awaiting Decision**

## **12.4 Decision Notices**

**21/04018/TCONR Village Farmhouse 78 Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR**

Lawson Cypress Tree – Fell **No Objections 11 November 2021**

## **12.5 Planning Correspondence & Other Matters**

**CDC Email from Cllr J Layton – Meeting re Wychwood**

Noted. The online meeting would be attended by Cllrs Tomblin and Stone.

13. **Correspondence**  
**Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan – Winter Engagement** - Noted
14. **Any Other Business**  
It was noted that when Witpit Lane re-opens, traffic speed may become an issue again.
15. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**  
Thursday, 3 March 2022

***There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.30***