

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2022

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

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

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr N Price (Personal), PCSO Beverley Rowe (Police) and Cllr 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 13 January 2022

RESOLUTION 11/22

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

3.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Included on the Agenda - None

4. To Receive Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Spivey - Report Attached

Cllr Mike Every reported:

- CDC has renewed its Commitment to Armed Forces.
- The latest round of Crowdfunding is about to be launched. Projects put forward includes some Jubilee events although the fund is more suited to larger projects.
- CDC's Budget for 2022 – 23 has been passed. Few changes had been made to the draft which included a £5 increase in Council Tax for a Band D property and Garden Waste Licences increased to £47 in order to cover the £1.1 million total cost of providing the service.
- Advice regarding the national governments' energy rebate of £150 for Bands A & B households will go out with Council Tax bills.
- The Green Bin licence renewal notice has gone out by email and letters will follow.

Members raised concern about the Local Plan Consultation, specifically the cost of printing the cards which had been distributed to all 40,000 households in the District. It was felt that these should have been distributed earlier and some households had received multiple copies.

5. Police– PCSO Beverley Rowe and PCSO Sue Fellows – unable to attend.

6. Questions and Comments from the Public - None

7. Chairman's Report

Cllr Mrs J Tomblin reported that some of her contacts were receiving scam emails which appeared to be sent from her email address.

8. Playing Field

Verbal Report - Cllr Mrs Elson

It was reported that the new sign forbidding dogs on the Playing Field has been installed.

Update re Lease – Nothing to report.

9. Village Hall

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January 2022 – Noted.

Verbal Report from Trustees

The recent meeting had been postponed to next week and the last coffee morning was well attended. The Clerk advised that a £2,000 donation has been received from the Committee towards repayment of the PWL

10. Village Affairs

Gridserve – Update Re Cirencester Solar Farm

Cllr Stone advised that work on the site is progressing well. It is hoped that the batteries will be delivered next week which will be the last of the bulky equipment. Contractors will then begin tidying site. It is unlikely that Witpit Lane will be open until early April and there will continue to be site traffic all be it smaller vehicles.

Transport to School and Footway for Kingshill Lane

Email from Cllr Spivey was noted. Members were very concerned that the County Council considered the two proposed pedestrian routes to be suitable for school children to use and thanked Cllr Spivey for her efforts on the Council's behalf. Cllr Spivey has arranged to walk the routes with GCC Officers and Members await the outcome.

Cllr Elson queried whether the whole of the preferred route is a recognised PROW and it was confirmed that only the path between the Village and the Public Footpath at the rear of the Church is private land. She further asked if steps could be taken to reduce the weight limit on Kingshill Lane (currently 40 tons) and the Clerk said she would contact Gloucestershire Highways.

Action: CB

Electricity Failure to the Village Due to High Winds

During recent storms, some of the trees in the poplar coppice adjacent to the Playing Field had brought down the overhead power cables cutting off the electricity power to the Village. Cllr Mrs Chester-Master said that she was very worried about the trees and explained that the site is wet due to SuDs from the Kingshill Meadow development. She expressed regret at the loss of the trees but acknowledged that both she and Abbey Farms Trust recognised the need for the trees to be felled and cleared which would be done before next winter and may be replaced by a wide border of conifers along the boundary with Kingshill Lane.

The SSE website had not been particularly helpful during the power outage, but the company had provided the Village with 3 generators. Residents had taken care of vulnerable neighbours and the WhatsApp group had proved very useful. It was noted that there are a couple of poplars in Playing Field which may also need to be felled.

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

Cllr Mrs Tomblin confirmed that she has been costing various items needed for the event and will put together a budget. It was agreed:

- To estimate catering for 100.
- Ask people to bring their own glasses to reduce plastic waste
- If Witpit Lane is still closed, to ask Gridserve to open the Lane for the day.
- Ask Gridserve to loan 'Road Closed' notices.
- Propose that the Village Hall Committee shares the cost.
- Source commemorative mugs for children in the Village.
- 'Bake Off' competition for children with 3 book voucher prizes.
- Use existing bunting.
- Article in Village Newsletter requesting volunteers to help.
- Ask residents to bring a sweet and a savoury dish to share.

Action: JT

Cotswold District Speed Enforcement Report 2021

Noted. There appears to be little support from residents whilst Witpit Lane is closed.

Annual Parish Meeting (Village) – 5 May 2022 - Volunteers for Jubilee Lunch

It was agreed to focus the Annual Parish Meeting on the Jubilee Celebrations and to use the meeting to gather a group of volunteers to help set up and organise the event. A list of jobs needed to be carried out could be publicised in the Newsletter asking people to come to meeting and volunteer. This meeting would start at 6.30 pm and would be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Action: CB

11.

Finance

11.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 28 February 2022

RESOLUTION 12/22

It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.

11.2 Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule

RESOLUTION 13/22

It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.

11.3 Payment of Donations

RESOLUTION 14/22

It was resolved to donate £650 to the Parochial Church Council towards the Churchyard Grass cutting and £100 to Cirencester Foodbank.

12.

Planning

12.1 New Planning Applications - See Item 12.6

12.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - None

12.3 Planning Applications Responded To and Awaiting Decision

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

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

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

21/01532/FUL Norcote Grange Norcote Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RJ
Awaiting Decision

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

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

12.4 Decision Notices

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)

REFUSED 20 January 2022 - Decision Notice

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

PERMITTED 26 January 2022. Officer Report and Decision Notice

12.5 Planning Correspondence & Other Matters

CDC Local Plan Consultation <https://issuesandoptions.commonplace.is/>

Cllr Every encourages Members to respond to the consultation.

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

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. Response 29 March 2022

Members expressed concern that the proposed accommodation doesn't make a great deal of sense and Cllr Every agreed to speak to the Planning Officer and notify the Clerk by email.

Action: ME

22/00434/NONMAT Siddington Park Farm South Cerney Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6ET

Non-material amendment pursuant to permission 11/05716/OUT (Outline application for a Continuing Care Retirement Community (Use Class C2), including a core building with care bedrooms, close care units, linked assisted units and ancillary facilities, detached assisted living units, landscaped grounds, internal highway layout and car parking (access layout of all buildings, full details of the core building and 20 associated assisted living units to be determined in detail)) and Condition 9 16/01264/FUL (Application for an additional assisted living apartment block (6 units) within the previously permitted Continuing Care Retirement Community development (Use Class C2)) to revise wording of Conditions 13 (Access road completion) and 9 (Access road completion) respectively

Noted

13. Correspondence

GCC – Renewal of Commitment to Armed Forces – 16 March 2022

Noted

Plus Any Urgent Items Received since Publication of the Agenda

Slimbridge Road Safety Group - Noted

CDC – Community Emergency Plan Workshop

It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk should attend.

GRCC – Cotswold Flood Resilience Project - Noted

14. Any Other Business

The Clerk was requested to advise residents via the Village Newsletter that they are entitled to a rebate on their Water bill if their surface water does not go into the mains drainage.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Followed by Thursday, 5 May 2022 - Annual Parish Council Meeting – AGM
6.30 pm Annual Parish Meeting (Village)

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.50