

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 5 MAY 2022

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Helen Lynas, Cllr M Evemy (CDC) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. **Election of Chairman. - To hold office until the Annual Council Meeting 2023 and to RESOLUTION 15/22**
Cllr Mrs Julie Tomblin was Proposed by Cllr Stone and Seconded by Cllr Mrs Cameron and unanimously elected as Chair for the coming year.
Cllr Stone also proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Mrs Tomblin for her work as Chair during the Previous year.
2. **Election of Vice Chairman. - To hold office until the Annual Council Meeting 2023 RESOLUTION 16/22**
Cllr Mrs Sue Cameron was Proposed by Cllr Mrs Tomblin and Seconded by Cllr Price and was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair for the coming year.
3. **Councillor's Portfolios RESOLUTION 17/22**
It was resolved that Members would retain areas of interest from the previous year.
Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman). - Village Hall
Cllr Mrs S Cameron. - Village Hall
Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master. - Footpaths
Cllr N Price. - Village Maintenance and Finance
Cllr A Miles - Neighbourhood Watch
Cllr A Stone. - Planning and Highways and also to assist with Village Hall projects, as required.
Cllr Mrs C Elson. - Playing Field
4. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**
Cllr Miles (Personal)
5. **Declarations of Interest and Update Register of Members' Interests (as required)**
None
6. **Acceptance and signing of Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 10 March 2022 RESOLUTION 18/22**
The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
7. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
Weight Limit Reduction of Kingshill Lane
Members acknowledged the reply from Gloucestershire Highways confirming that a Road Traffic Order to amend this would not be pursued at this time.
8. **Village Affairs**
Queen's Platinum Jubilee – It was agreed to order 70 mugs allowing one for each of the 46 children in the Village together with 21 ordered by residents. It was noted that there are more children in the Village than at first thought. It is likely that the cost of the mugs and ancillary items for the Big Lunch will be in the region of £500 and that this cost will be shared with the Village Hall Committee.
Solar Farm –Cllr Stone advised that it is expected that the site will be linked to the grid at the beginning of July. Gridserve is hoping to hold a celebratory event to which residents will be invited.
9. **Questions from the Public - None**

- 10. Playing Field**
Cllr Mrs Elson reported that the small plastic football net needs to be removed. The Chairman confirmed that this belongs to her son and he would dispose of it.
Annual Safety Report
It was noted that nothing requires attention.
Future of the Poplar Trees
Cllr Mrs Chester-Master confirmed that the contractor removing her trees will also remove the trees on the Playing Field once a felling licence has been obtained and that this work will be carried out in the autumn.
- 11. Village Hall**
Minutes from the Committee Meeting held on 14 March 2022
Attached and noted.
Verbal Update from Trustees including AGM on 11 April 2022
The Chairman advised that the new heating has been installed and is operated by a control inside the door to the Hall. Mr Jones is investigating how the heating can be turned on remotely before people arrive. The Committee is also looking at an online booking system, a large TV with speakers, re-decoration and the damp issue in the entrance hall. There is a coffee morning to be held tomorrow.
- 12. Finance**
12.1 Audit Return for Year Ending 31 March 2022
12.1.1 Certificate of Exemption
RESOLUTION 19/22
It was resolved that the Council's turnover is below £25,000 pa. and the Certificate of Exemption completed as attached.
12.1.2 Annual Internal Audit Report
RESOLUTION 20/22
It was resolved to adopt the Annual Internal Audit Report as attached
12.1.3 Annual Governance Statement
RESOLUTION 21/22
It was resolved to adopt the Annual Governance Statement as attached
12.1.4 Annual Accounting Statements
RESOLUTION 22/22
It was resolved to adopt the Annual Accounting Statement as attached
12.2 Budget and Bank Reconciliation up to 30 April 2022
RESOLUTION 23/22
It was resolved to adopt the report as attached
12.3 Bills for Payment as detailed on the attached Schedule
RESOLUTION 24/22
It was resolved to pay the Bills as detailed on the attached Schedule
12.4 Financial & General Risk Assessment
RESOLUTION 25/22
It was resolved to adopt the Assessment as attached.
- 13. Planning**
13.1 New Planning Applications
22/01203/FUL. Preston Court Siddington Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6ET
Erection of side extension to garage. Conversion of first floor of garage into study. Insertion of two windows and three rooflights.
RESOLUTION 25/22
The Parish Council strongly objects to this application on the following grounds:
- The proposed change to the garage has the potential to become a domestic building which could be used as an annexe or separate house.
 - The Parish Council is concerned about possible subdivision on this site which could result in an increase in the number of vehicle movements to and from the

site. It is on a busy stretch of road where there has already been a significant number of serious road traffic accidents.

- The garage will overlook the garden of the neighbouring property where screening is not possible due to the listed weir.
- Concerns about light spill over the river which was one of the key conditions of the permission attached to the original application.
- Concerns that many of the trees and much of the vegetation has been removed from the riverbank by the applicant. Not only is there concern about the loss of these trees in themselves but also the impact of loss of the root ball in stabilising the riverbank and its effect on the local ecology and biodiversity. In addition, the applicant is now unable able to comply with conditions previously imposed and agreed relating to the safeguarding of local biodiversity i.e., nesting platforms for swallows, bat and barn owl boxes etc.
- This application, as with previous applications, is inaccurate and misleading e.g., the drainage drawing submitted is the same as the original application which has since been amended.
- There are window openings shown on the western gable elevation of the garage. However, the applicant has already been instructed by CDC to infill these with cladding to match.

The Parish Council appreciates that CDC is unable to prevent the submission of multiple applications, but we are extremely concerned that each application for this site is ambiguous and inaccurate. The lack of continuity from planning staff has exacerbated the problems and resulted in errors being overlooked and enforcement not being carried out thoroughly.

13.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting

22/00896/FUL Rose Cottage Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR

Erection of a single storey front extension with associated works

No Objection

C/22/00284/PRMA. Abbey Home Farm Stow Road Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5HA

New Premises Licence

The Parish Council made the following comments in relation to this Licence application:

1. The main problem is going to be getting vehicles in and out, principally out. There is no proposal in the traffic management plan to include traffic lights but we would expect Stewards to be positioned at the road junction(s) to assist vehicles.
2. The organisers expect the visitors to use public transport, but we are not aware of any that service this road.
3. The application refers to a new railway station called Little Kimble from where a shuttle bus service will run! The organisers should be asked to identify the location of the station !
4. The event occurs between 21 and 24 July. This is one of the busiest, if not the busiest, weekends of the year as it is the start of most school holidays. This is likely to result in significant congestion at the Burford Road junction on the A417 and the traffic lights at the junction of the A429 and B4425. This does not appear to have been addressed.
5. In Section 1 of Appendix E the applicant states that the event will start on 21 July and end on 24 July. In Section 2 they state that "at the end of the event the majority of attendees will stay on site in the campsite and live-in vehicle area". This suggests that attendees will still be on site well after the official end of the event. This needs to be clarified.
6. In Section 12 of Appendix E they advise that: there is no need for traffic management on the public highway and the main entrance is on the beach !
7. This demonstrates that the organisers have clearly not considered the Traffic Management Plan in relation to this site.

With these comments in mind, the Parish Council does not support this application and hopes that it will be rejected in its current state.

The application had been approved by CDC but the Parish Council's comments had been passed to the applicant.

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 and feels that the comments made about the previous application still stand:

- There are already 11 residential properties exiting this site on to the A417 London Road at the same place. Although the no of additional properties has been reduced to 2, they will still be able to accommodate the same number of people and, therefore the traffic hazard concerns remain.
- The proposed arrangement which include communal areas, 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 and are out of character in this quiet rural residential retreat.

The Parish Council supports the Pollution Officers comments relating to noise and disturbance.

13.3 Planning Decisions Received

22/00895/TCONR. Preston Place Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR

G1 - Yew x2 - 2m overall crown reduction and re-balance the crowns keeping one crown. T1 - Deodar Cedar - Tip prune lateral limbs back in by 1-2m to create formal crown. T2 - Lime - Reduce height by approx. 7m and bring the lateral limbs in to marry up the crown

No Objections

13.4 Planning Correspondence - None

14. Correspondence. - None

15. Any Other Business

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting Thursday, 7 July 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.30