PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY 2024

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr A Stone, Cllr Mrs H Lynas

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence
Cllr Mrs S Cameron (Personal), Cllr N Price (Personal) and Cllr M Evemy (CDC)

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 9 November 2023

RESOLUTION 01/24

13.3 add 'space' to read: Good to see retention of green space.

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

Vacancy Notice

The Clerk confirmed having sent the Councill Vacancy Notice to the Siddington Park Retirement Home.

Rubbish in Wit Pit Lane Layby

It was reported that there are now 5 caravans parked in the layby off Wit Pit Lane. It was agreed that these are on private land owned by the Abbey Home Farm estate and, therefore, not the responsibility of the Local Authority.

4. Co-Option to Fill the Vacancy

The Chairman has approached a resident of Siddington Park Retirement Home without success.

5. County and District Councillors – Cllr Lisa Spivey and Cllr Mike Evemy

Cllr Lisa Spivey - unavailable

Action: CB

- The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Spivey about flooding on the Cirencester Road and the damaged and faulty drains in Preston.
- It was noted that the footpath between Witpit Lane and Driffield has been reconstructed.

Cllr Mike Evemy

Development on Kingshill Lane

- CDC has refused an application for 280 houses but the developer is now challenging the 5-year land supply. CDC has confirmed that the Local Plan shows a 6.9-year supply.
- **Consultation on the Local Plan** is open from 1 February for 6 weeks. This version includes an update of environmental policies. It will be possible to submit a partial update of 42 out of the 60 policies.
- Planners will then start a full update to ensure that policies are robust enough to stand challenge.
- By carrying out the update early, the cost will be less than leaving it until the later date of 2031.
- Attention will be given to looking at more development and where that is e.g. Moreton in Marsh.
- Development in Cirencester is going slowly.
- Michael Gove has set a deadline of 30 June 2025 after which a different process could come into force especially if there is a change of Government following the forthcoming General Election.
- **How will LP affect our NDP** ? – The Local Plan takes precedence over any NDP.

- **Waste collection** and recycling is to be re-zoned (re-configured) which will save £0.5m. Some areas may have collections in the afternoon.
- Garden waste collections will re-start next week. Christmas trees can be collected without being cut up.
- CDC will be setting the Budget next month.

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

7. **Chairman's Report**

Cllr Mrs J Tomblin reported:

Redecoration of the Village Hall was excellent.

Action: CB A thank you to Mrs Warren for organising the Christmas windows and congratulations on her TV appearance.

Some residents of Preston Leigh had been expected to attend the meeting as the access road into the estate is breaking up. Following discussion, it was agreed that this is a private road and a matter for the residents to take up with the developer.

8. **Playing Field**

Verbal Report – Nothing to report.

Update re Lease

The Clerk reported that she has no success in contacting the Abbey Home Farm Estate's Agent either by email or telephone.

9. **Village Hall**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 December 2023 - Noted

Verbal Report from Trustees

- Christmas Drinks were very well attended.
- The noticeboard in the Hall has been recovered and the floor has been steam cleaned.
- During recent heavy rain Cllr Stone was able to identify the root of the leak in the roof of the toilet area so will attempt to repair it again.

Action: AS

- Hire fees may increase.

10. **Village Affairs**

Litter Pick

Saturday, 13 April 2024 at 10.30 am.

Action: CB As the litter pickers aren't very good it was agreed to purchase some new ones as well as bin bags but to request stickers from CDC.

Update on the Police/Councillor Advocacy

Cllr Mrs Lynas advised that there is little to report and that only 2 other parish councils took part in the last call.

Cllr Stone had asked the PCSO for a speed camera, but this would need to be approved by an Inspector. Cllr Mrs Lynas agreed to take to take this up at the next

Action: HL Police meeting.

It was noted that speeding through the Village has decreased, and no complaints have been received recently.

The Ramblers Association initiative, Don't Lose Your Way.
https://dontloseyourway.ramblers.org.uk/

This initiative is to identify all footpaths by 2031. Walkers are being asked to check paths that are out of use or unadopted and submit details to the Rambles Association.

Action: HL Cllr Mrs Lynas agree to do a piece for the Newsletter and put a footpaths map on the board in the Village Hall.

11. **Finance**

11.1 **Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 December 2023**
RESOLUTION 02/24
It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.

11.2 **To Approve Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule**
There were not bills outstanding.

11.3 **To Consider Budget and Set the Precept for 2024 – 2025.**
RESOLUTION 03/24

It was resolved to adopt the budget as attached and to keep the Precept at its current level per Band D property of £85.01 giving a total annual Precept of £19,696.82

11.4 Banking Arrangements for Reserve Funds

The Clerk advised that better interest rates are not available to Parish Councils, but Cllr Evemy suggested that the Council might wish to consider the Church Charities & Local Authorities (CCLA) Parish Council deposit fund which is currently paying 5%. The Clerk was asked to forward details to Members.

Action: CB

12. Planning

12.1 New Planning Applications - None

12.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - See Below - Awaiting Decision

12.3 Planning Applications Awaiting Decision

23/03190/COMPLY. Forty Farm Kingshill Lane Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PP

Compliance with condition 3 (sample roof materials) of permission 19/02806/FUL - Conversion of stone threshing barn and attached cow byre into two dwellings and erection of a detached open fronted car port replacing Dutch barn

Awaiting Decision

23/03189/COMPLY. Forty Farm Kingshill Lane Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PP

Compliance with conditions 4 (Materials samples), 5 (Sample walling panel), 9 (Materials schedule), 9 (Cast Iron Goods), 18 (Surface water drainage scheme) of permission 20/04407/FUL - Erection of 3 No dwellings to replace existing barns and associated works

Awaiting Decision

23/03033/LBC. Forty Farm Kingshill Lane Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PP

Conversion of stone threshing barn and attached cow byre into 2no. dwellings and associated works (revised scheme)

Awaiting Decision

23/02504/FUL Forty Farm Kingshill Lane Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PP

Variation of conditions 2 (plans), 6 (window gate details) and 10 (fire hydrants) and compliance with condition 7 (bat and bird boxes) of permission 19/02806/FUL - Conversion of stone threshing barn and attached cow byre into two dwellings and erection of a detached open fronted car port replacing Dutch barn

Awaiting Decision

23/02502/FUL Forty Farm Kingshill Lane Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PP

Variation of conditions 2 (Approved Plans), 22 (Southern entrance details) and compliance with condition 3 (Scale drawings for windows/doors etc), Condition 6 (details of flues and vents), Condition 16 (Provision of bat and bird boxes) of permission 20/04407/FUL - Erection of 3 No dwellings to replace existing barns and associated works

Awaiting Decision

12.4 Decision Notices Received - None

12.5 Planning Correspondence & Other Matters.

CDC - Planning Roadshows

Noted. It was agreed that Councillors would make their own response individually.

12.6 Any Urgent Planning Items Received since Publication of the Agenda

23/03356/TPO Site Of Siddington Park Farm Siddington Gloucestershire GL7 6ET

https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S32WKNFIMU600

13. Correspondence

Clarification on Donations for Newsletter Advertising

It was agreed that all requests for advertisements in the Village Newsletter carry a requirement for a donation and in the case of suppliers and services, should be referred to Mrs Warren for inclusion in her online list.

Action: CB

Re-Naming of The Rectory

The owners of The Rectory have been advised by the Diocese that they can no longer use that name for the property, nor can they use the name of the Old Rectory. They

are, therefore, proposing to name their house The Chapter House and asked if there would be any objection from the Council. No objection was made.

14. Any Other Business

Cllr Stone advised that the A419 would be closed for a period of time for tree works to be carried out due to ash die back. He raised concerns that the traffic through the Village would increase and that GCC Highways had not formally notified the Parish Council.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting Thursday, 14 March 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.19.