PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2024

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr A Stone, Cllr Mrs H Lynas, and Cllr Mrs S Cameron
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr L Spivey (GCC) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence
Cllr N Price (Personal), Cllr A Miles (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 11 January 2024
RESOLUTION 04/24
The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
3.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes - None

4. Co-Option to Fill the Vacancy
Action: CB There has been no success to date to recruit another Councillor and it was agreed to advertise again.

5. Reports from County and District Councillors
Cllr Evemy was unavailable and had sent a report (attached).
Cllr Spivey reported the following:
- Local Plan consultation has been extended to 7 April and It was agreed that the PC should respond regarding retention of the Green Buffer zone between Cirencester and Preston; as well as emphasising the necessity of a foot and cycle way along Kingshill Lane giving access to the Schools.
- Transport to School is a very difficult issue with £3.8 billion spent nationally. It was agreed that all Members should make a personal response and to email absent Councillors to ask them to also make a response. ***Action: CB***
- Planning local Highways work for 2025
- There is still some money remaining in the Build Back Better fund if there are any suitable projects.
- GRCC Village Hall funding will expire in July.
- Lisa reported on the fundraising she has supported and offered to help the Council liaising with the Trustees of the Playing Field.
- Tree roots on footway on Cirencester Road – the Chairman mentioned that she had seen a type of wet pour used around the roots of a tree in Oxford and Cllr Spivey agreed to investigate.
- Richard Gray is to retire tomorrow and will be replaced by Gill Portlock.
- Cllr Stone asked if footpath signs could show destinations ?

6. Questions and Comments from the Public - None
7. Chairman's Report – Cllr Mrs J Tomblin had nothing to report.
8. Playing Field
- All is fine but the field is very wet and muddy.
- Concern about the condition of the poplar trees on the boundary that are shedding following recent high winds and could be danger to passers-by. It was agreed to ask Cllr Price to check the situation. It was noted that some of the poplars in the spinney have been removed by electric company. ***Action: CB***

Update re Lease – Nothing to report
9. Village Hall
Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 January 2024 including new Hire Fees – Noted.
Verbal Report from Trustees

- Cllr Stone advised that a pipe that comes out of roof should be vertical but is on a 45^0 angle and probably the cause of the water leak.
- The Committee is very grateful to Ken Tomblin for fixing the door to the disabled toilet that had been damaged.
- Christmas party was well attended.
- Wine Tasting Evening was very successful.
- The recent Coffee morning was disappointing with only about 6 people.

10. Village Affairs

Arrangements for Litter Pick – Saturday, 13 April 2024

Equipment is stored in the Village Hall and stickers for the bags have been ordered from CDC. The event needs to be publicised.

Action: CB

Arrangement of Annual Village Meeting

Cllr Mrs Lynas had attended a GAPTC forum and suggested the following ideas:

- Open the meeting and deal with formal matters on the scheduled date then suspend the meeting and continue at a time when more residents might attend eg.weekend.
- Identify key objectives and be aware of local demographics as different issues will be of interest to different groups.
- Ask residents to 'Come and talk to Us'.
- Invite guest speakers – County and District Councillors , Police, local groups, Village Hall Committee.
- Consider marketing and allow plenty of time for notices.
- Use social media.
- Uncertainty of Playing Field is an issue of concern to many as well as the future of the Village Hall.
- Litter and Dog fouling is always of concern.

It was agreed:

- Main business meeting will take place on Thursday, 9 May and the remainder of the meeting continued on Saturday, 11 May starting at 3.30 pm
- Encourage people to bring their children.
- Cllr Mrs Lynas to draft poster.
- Speakers – Village Hall, Cllr Spivey,
- Offer tea and cake.
- Check Village Hall availability.
- Promote the new website

11. Finance

11.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 29 February 2024

RESOLUTION 05/24

It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.

11.2 Bills for Payment: None

11.3 Banking Arrangements for Reserve Funds - It was agreed to defer until after the AGM

11.4 Quotations for Grounds Maintenance

RESOLUTION 06/24

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Tomblin and Seconded by Cllr Mrs Cameron and unanimously agreed to take up Countrywide's proposal and to use local contractors for hedge cutting and tree works.

11.5 Quotations for Parish Website

RESOLUTION 07/24

It was unanimously agreed to take up the Parish Online quotation which includes an online booking system that can be used by the Village Hall.

11.6 To Consider Donations including Churchyard Grass cutting

RESOLUTION 08/24

It was unanimously agreed to contribute £650 towards Churchyard Grass cutting and to donate £100 to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Action: CB

12. Planning

12.1 New Planning Applications - None

12.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - None

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 – Local Plan Consultation – available until 7 April 2024

www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-update-and-supporting-information/ Noted. See Item 5

Action: CB

Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan Consultation until 17 March 2024

https://cirencesternbdplan.commonplace.is/ Noted.

Cirencester Town Centre Framework Masterplan

https://news.cotswold.gov.uk/resources/cirencester-town-centre-masterplan

Noted.

Email from David Dunbar (Willersey) regarding Overhead Network for Fibre Optic Broadband Systems

Action: CB Noted. It was agreed to email planning to ask if any approaches have been made.

13. Correspondence

Email in Response to Naming of Michael's Barns. – Noted.

14. Any Other Business

Action: CB **Pothole at top of road** – make Gloucestershire Highways and Cllr Spivey aware.

Village Signs at either end of the Village need to be cleaned.

Action: AS **Travellers in Lay-by off Wit Pit Lane** – Cllr Stone agreed to make them aware of the litter pick and offer some bags that can be collected at the same time.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting Annual Parish Council Meeting and Part I of the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday, 9 May 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting will continue at 3.30 pm on Saturday, 11 May 2024 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.19.