

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2024

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs S Cameron, Cllr A Stone, Cllr C Brennan and Cllr Mrs H Lynas

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs Noleyn Davies

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence
Cllr N Price

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. Planning

3.1 New Planning Applications

24/02513/FUL. Siddington Park Cirencester Road GL7 6GU

Development of land and erection of buildings to expand an existing Integrated Retirement Community (Use Class C2), including landscaping, parking, access and associated works

Whilst the Parish Council has no objections to this application, it is particularly concerned about the effect that it will have on existing residents on the site as well as those in the neighbouring properties in Preston Leigh. In particular:

- Building is much denser than the completed part of the site.
- Windows and balconies will overlook properties in Preston Leigh as acknowledged in the Statement of Community Involvement.
- Insufficient car parking and spaces provided should be wider to accommodate disabled and elderly residents.
- There is no continuous flow of traffic through the site. Any vehicles entering the site, on the existing narrow roads, will need to turn causing congestion and possible issues for emergency vehicles.
- Existing trees should be retained and all measures recommended by Ayers Forestry in the Arboricultural report should be adhered to.
- There is concern regarding the safety of some of the existing trees which may be dead or diseased, particularly as a bough fell into the garden of a Preston Leigh resident recently.
- The Parish Council would like to see plans for planting to mitigate the impact of the development.
- There is concern whether the attenuation tank, previously installed, is adequate to cope with the proposals in phase 2?

During the construction phase, the Parish Council would like to see the following arrangements put in place for the benefit of existing residents and those at Preston Leigh:

- Restriction of working hours to include early mornings and weekends
- Concern re 24/7 security lighting and cameras which were a nuisance during phase 1 of the build.
- Concern regarding congestion on the narrow roads within the site for construction and emergency vehicles.
- Satellite Navigation systems direct traffic to Preston Leigh and, therefore, clear signage to the site is required

In addition, concerns have been raised regarding the overgrown planting around the attenuation tank which is causing visibility problems for drivers on the South Cerney Road as well as whether the currently closed site exit / entrance on the South Cerney Road will be reinstated. Please could you confirm the situation ?

3.2 Any Urgent Planning Items Received since Publication of the Agenda - None

4. Any Other Business - None

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