

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs R Morton (Clerk) 1x Member of the Public

1 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllrs Cameron, Brennan & Holmes. Cllr Evely, Cllr Spivey

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 6th November.

RESOLUTION 32/25-26

The Minutes were then unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Tomblin, seconded Cllr Stone, all in favour.

Matters Arising from the Minutes not included on the Agenda

- Play Area Monkey Bar Repair

4 Procedures

4.1 To review and adopt Model standing orders

4.2 To review and adopt Model financial Regulations

4.3 To review and adopt Model Council Code of Conduct

RESOLUTION 33/25-26.

It was RESOLVED to adopt all 3 policies and publish them on the website.
Proposed Cllr Tomblin, seconded Cllr Rawlinson, all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to draft a grant awarding policy for approval

ACTION: Clerk to add policies to the website

ACTION: Clerk to check banking signatories with Lloyds Bank.

5 To Receive Reports from County and District Councillors – Cllr Lisa Spivey and Cllr Mike Evely.

A report was received from Cllr Spivey and circulated. A copy will be filed with these Minutes.

6 To Receive Questions and Comments from the Public

No questions were asked at this point.

7 Receive Chairman's Report – Cllr Mrs J Tomblin

Cllr Tomblin thanked all those residents who contribute so much to the village, whether through the PC, PCC, Village Hall and all the other people who make

Preston the lively and welcoming community that it is. Special thanks to Mrs Warren for organizing the Advent Windows.

8 Playing Field

- **Verbal report** – no report was available.
- **Feedback from Abbey Farms Trustees and update on the Lease**
 - The Trustees have indicated that they will extend the lease (email 04.11.2025 however a new lease has not yet been received).

ACTION: Clerk to contact Abbey Farms to ask for an update.

9 Village Hall

- **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2025** – no Minutes were available.
- **Verbal report from Trustees** – Cllr Cameron sent the following report: No new events were planned as yet for this year. Wine tasting and quiz night to be planned for this coming year.
- **To consider and agree to contribute toward new tables for the Village Hall.** The VH Committee has requested financial support to replace the tables in the Hall. The request is for 7 x tables plus a trolley to store them. The cost is likely to be £1355.04.

RESOLUTION 34 25/26. It was resolved to purchase the tables as requested, with a proviso that the existing tables are kept for use at the village fete. Proposed Cllr Tomblin, seconded Cllr Rawlinson, all in favour.

It was also noted that there is a leak in the hallway.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for the tables and purchase them accordingly
ACTION: Clerk to contact VH committee to tell them about the leak.

10 Village Affairs

- **Response to Highways queries and to consider and agree 50/50 share of cost to replace Gateway at Witpit Lane.**
 - Gill Portlock (Glos H'ways) reported that the replacement gate has been ordered and will be programmed in to install it. No costs have been agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to ascertain the costs to the PC.

11. Finance

11.1 To receive Bank Reconciliation and a statement of accounts up to 31st Dec 2025.

Received and duly signed.

11.2 To retrospectively approve payments in the normal course of business.

RESOLUTION 35 25/26. It was resolved to approve the payments as presented. Proposed Cllr Tomblin, seconded Cllr Stone, all in favour.

11.3 To consider and agree Budget for 2026 – 2027

A draft budget was circulated for consideration. Discussion took place. It was agreed to precept for a replacement Defibrillator as the current one is out of warranty in Feb 2026. It was agreed to seek a grant contribution from CDC to offset the cost of the new defib. It was agreed that any future planning consultancy costs will be funded by reserves.

RESOLUTION 36 25/26. It was resolved to approve the budget as presented. Proposed Cllr Rawlinson, seconded Cllr Stone, all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotes for a new defib and apply for a grant from CDC.

11.4 To consider and agree the Precept request for 2026 – 2027

RESOLUTION 37 25/26. It was resolved to request a precept to cover the agreed budget of £20,206. Proposed Cllr Tomblin, seconded Cllr Lynas, all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to submit precept request

12 Planning

12.1 New Planning Applications

25/03735/LBC | Erection of single-storey dwelling extension and two-storey garage extension; Internal alterations to the utility / living rooms and annex refurbishment. New vehicular access and landscaping | Preston Mill South Cerney Road Cirencester Siddington GL7 6ET – **No comment**

25/03734/FUL | Change of use of land to accommodate new vehicular access and landscaping. Erection of single-storey dwelling extension and two-storey garage extension; annex refurbishment | Preston Mill South Cerney Road Cirencester Siddington GL7 6ET – **No comment**

25/03892/FUL | Change of use of land to residential and installation of solar panels. Part- retrospective | Blackthorns Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR – **No comment**

• **Planning Applications Awaiting Decision**

25/01623/FUL. Land At Grid Reference 401975 198339 Spratsgate Lane Siddington Gloucestershire

Installation of solar farm, associated infrastructure, ancillary battery storage units and grid connection cable run.

Awaiting Decision

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

Awaiting Decision – going to Committee on 14th January 2026

Discussion took place.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will submit an objection on the following grounds:

Building height is contrary to Cotswold Design Code, over-bearing, the scale and bulk of the development is inappropriate for the location, the siting of communal bin store adjacent to the neighbours fence is unsuitable and may cause harm, harm to the setting of a listed building (Preston Mill), loss of privacy and light.

ACTION: Clerk to draft an objection for approval and submit it accordingly.

24/01563/LBC Old Farm House Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR

Replace 5no. windows on front elevation

Awaiting Decision

• **Decision Notices received**

25/02737/FUL. The Old Stables 1 Michaels Barns Kingshill Lane Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PP

Erection of shed to rear of parking area – **PERMIT**

25/02738/LBC. The Old Stables 1 Michaels Barns Kingshill Lane Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PP

Erection of shed to rear of parking area – **PERMIT**

24/02854/OUT. Residential development for up to 280 dwellings, associated works including infrastructure, ancillary facilities, open space, landscaping and pumping station. Construction of a new vehicular access off Kingshill Lane (Outline application) Approved by Planning Committee on 11 June 2025 – **PERMIT**

25/03541/AGFO | Prior Notification for the erection of a 61/20 fusion slurry store - circular store made of epoxy coated steel - green in colour | Preston Field Barn Abbey Home Farm Stow Road Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5HA – **PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED 25/02791/COMPLY** | Compliance with condition 3 (Habitat Monitoring and Management Plan - HMMP) of permission 24/02161/FUL - Change of use of land from agricultural to mixed agricultural and equestrian. Construction of mixed use agricultural barn, mushroom growing barn, polytunnel, 2 no. field shelters and stable block. Improvements to existing access and creation of parking and turning area | Cluland Farm Preston Cirencester GL7 5PR – **PERMIT**

25/03250/CONBGP | Compliance with Biodiversity Net Gain details required by planning permission 24/02161/FUL - Change of use of land from agricultural to mixed agricultural and equestrian. Construction of mixed use agricultural barn, mushroom growing barn, polytunnel, 2 no. field shelters and stable block. Improvements to existing access and creation of parking and turning area | Land At E405053 N200720 Preston Gloucestershire – **PERMIT**

- **Tree Works** – None
- **Planning Correspondence**
 - CDC Local Plan – Consultation – Regulation 18 – Preferred Option. PPC submitted a representation by the deadline.

Any Urgent Planning Items Received since Publication of the Agenda – none

13 Correspondence received

- Circular emails from GCC & CDC.

14 Any other business

- Cllr Cameron requested that her concerns regarding the residents living in vans on Witpit Lane are noted.
- Cllr Lynas informed the Council that she will likely be stepping down from the Council in March as she no longer resides in Preston.
- A date was agreed for the Spring Litter Pick – Saturday 11th April. The Clerk advised that additional litter pickers could be borrowed from Fairford Town Council if required.
- It was noted that the Rangeford Roundabout and adjacent verges are littered with broken car parts from car crashes in the vicinity.

<p>ACTION: Clerk to contact CDC to ask if they can clear it up.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to advertise the Litter Pick date in the relevant Newsletters</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to add signing of contract to March Agenda.</p>
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15 Date of next meeting – Thursday 5th March 2026 @ 7.00pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed