PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY2nd JULY 2026

PRESENT: Cllr Julie Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Steve Rawlinson, Cllr Conor Brennan Cllr Sue Cameron, Cllr Alan Holmes, Cllr Alan Stone

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Roz Morton (Clerk

036 26/27 To consider and agree to accept apologies for absence
Cllr Evemy sent his apologies which were accepted.

037 26/27 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda
None.

038 26/27 To consider and agree to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2026
It was RESOLVED to accept the Minutes from the meeting of 6th May 2026 as a true an accurate record of proceedings. Proposed Cllr Tomblin, seconded Cllr Rawlinson, 4 in favour, 1 abstention.

039 26/27 To consider and agree to Co-opt a new Councillor onto the Council (if required)
N/A

040 26/27 To accept declaration of acceptance of Office (if required)
N/A

041 26/27 Matters arising from the meeting held on 6th May 2026

ACTION: Clerk to check whether her home insurance covers working from home.

042 26/27 To receive a report from the Chair
Cllr Tomblin reported that she has reached out to the community to encourage residents to come forward to join the Council but that there has been no interest thus far.

043 26/27 To receive reports from County & District Councillors
Cllr Evemy sent a report on the following:
The draft CDC Local Plan regulation 19 documentation will be made available to the public on 24th July as part of the papers for the O & S Committee meeting.
The results of the LGR should be known before the summer parliamentary recess.

044 26/27 To receive questions from members of the public
N/A

Procedures

045 26/27 To consider and agree to adopt the following policies as recommended by the internal auditor:

- **Reserves Policy**
- **Effectiveness of Internal Audit Policy**

It was Resolved to adopt the policies as presented. Proposed Cllr Tomblin, seconded Cllr Rawlinson, all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to add the policies to the website.

Finance

046 26/27 To receive bank reconciliations to 30th June 2026

The bank reconciliations were received without comment.

047 26/27 To retrospectively consider and agree payments in the normal course of business

It was RESOLVED to agree the payments as presented, proposed Cllr Rawlinson, seconded Cllr Tomblin, all in favour

048 26/27 To consider and agree statement of accounts to end June 2026

It was RESOLVED to agree the statement of accounts as presented, proposed Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Tomblin, all in favour.

049 26/27 To agree additional banking signatories with online permissions

Cllr Brennan agreed to become a banking signatory.

ACTION: Clerk to set Cllr Brennan up on the Lloyds banking system.

050 26/27 To consider grant request from Village Hall for new tables. (This can be awarded using LGA 1972, section 133 Power to provide and equip community buildings.)

Discussion took place.

It was RESOLVED to award the grant requested of £1054 to the Village Hall Committee for the purchase of 6 small tables and a trolley. Proposed Cllr Cameron, seconded Cllr Brennan, all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Village Hall Committee to agree the purchase and arrange a suitable delivery date.

It was noted that the existing trolley appears broken in some way. Cllr Brennan agreed to look at it to see if it can be fixed or put back together.

ACTION: Cllr Brennan to contact Chris to offer to fix the trolley.

Planning

050 26/27 To note planning decisions

None at the time of writing

051 26/27 To consider and agree responses to the following planning applications:

26/01799/TPO | Multiple Western Red Cedars - reduce by 20 feet and thin - Tree numbers 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 98,100, 102, 132, 136,138 on plan provided. | Siddington Park Retirement Village Siddington Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6GX – **OBJECTION SUBMITTED**

ACTION: Clerk to contact case officer regarding the site visit discussed over email.

26/01489/FUL | Replacement of existing conservatory with a single-storey rear extension incorporating a mansard and flat roof with roof lantern, and erection of a detached garden workshop/storage building at Orchard House Formerly known as Clare House | Orchard House Norcote Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RJ
No comment.

26/00898/FUL/26/00899/LBC | Erection of single-storey rear extension with associated works | Preston Mill Swindon Road Cirencester GL7 6ET
No comment.

052 26/27 To consider and agree responses to planning applications received after the publication of the Agenda.
N/A

053 26/27 To note dates for Reg 19 consultation and to consider and agree to hold a meeting in August to discuss the response from Preston Parish Council.
Discussion took place. It was agreed to have an informal meeting to look at the information that will be published in July with a view to holding a public meeting once the public consultation is live (from 24th August).

ACTION: Cllrs to meet in early August and ask Cllr Evemy to attend to discuss the information in the Reg 19 consultation.
ACTION: Clerk to email a link to the papers to the village.

Village Hall

054 26/27 To receive minutes from committee meetings held
No meetings have been held since the last Council meeting.

055 26/27 To receive a verbal report from Trustees
No report was required.

Playground

056 26/27 To receive an update on the playground lease
The Clerk reported that despite chasing, no update was forthcoming regarding the new lease.

ACTION: Clerk to continue to chase.

Other Matters

057 26/27 To receive an update on the new defibrillator and to appoint Guardians from the Council to monitor it on a monthly basis.
A new defibrillator has been installed along with a bleed kit. Cllr Brennan agreed to carry out the monthly checks.
It was agreed to try to pass on the old defib, as although out of warranty, with new pads and a new battery it will continue to work.

ACTION: Clerk to contact local sports groups and first responders to ascertain whether they would like to have the old unit.
ACTION: Clerk to add a note in the August Newsletter telling the community about the new defib.

058 26/27 To note correspondence received and agree any actions

Fairford Town Council has written to ask if Preston Parish Council (and others) would sign a letter to Government challenging the housing target number for the Cotswolds. The Council RESOLVED to sign the letter once it's finalised and Cllr Tomblin agreed to attend the Teams meeting on 8th July to find out more.

ACTION: Cllr Tomblin to attend the Teams meeting on 8th July.
ACTION: Clerk to email FTC to let them know

Kemble Parish Council has contacted Preston PC (and others) regarding attending a meeting at Kemble to discuss a joint approach to the responding to the CDC Local Plan Reg 19 consultation. It was agreed to attend a meeting to find out more.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Kemble PC and ask for meeting dates.

059 26/27 Any other business Please Note: Decisions cannot be taken under this item. It is an opportunity for Members to bring issues to the Council's attention or items for future meetings.

Cllr Cameron reported that she has received a quote for £100 to clean the village gateway and will contact the contractor to start the work.

060 26/27 Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm

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