

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15th September 2026

PRESENT: Cllr Sue Cameron, Cllr Conor Brennan, Cllr Alan Stone, Cllr Alex Head

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Roz Morton (Clerk) 1 x MOP

062 26/27 To consider and agree to accept apologies for absence

Cllr Steve Rawlinson, Cllr Lisa Spivey.

063 26/27 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

Cllr Head – pecuniary 076 Planning application 26/02303/FUL.

064 26/27 To consider and agree to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd July 2026

It was RESOLVED to accept the Minutes from the meeting of 2nd July 2026 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Proposed Cllr Brennan, seconded Cllr Cameron all in favour.

065 26/27 To consider and agree to Co-opt a new Councillor onto the Council

It was RESOLVED to co-opt Alex Head as Councillor. Proposed Cllr Cameron, seconded Cllr Stone, all in favour.

066 26/27 To accept declaration of acceptance of Office

Cllr Head duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office and the Council accepted it.

ACTION: Cllr Head to submit his Register of Members Interest by 25th September to democratic@cotswold.gov.uk

ACTION: Clerk to set up a Council email address for Cllr Head.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange for new Councillor training to take place.

067 26/27 Matters arising from the meeting held on 2nd July 2026

The Clerk reported that no organisation has come forward to take on the old defibrillator.

ACTION: Clerk to continue to look for an alternative use for the defib.

068 26/27 To receive a report from the Chair

No report was made.

069 26/27 To receive reports from County & District Councillors

No reports were received.

070 26/27 To receive questions from members of the public

Mrs Nic Horne reported on the plans from GCC to withdraw the school bus for pupils from Preston attending Kingshill School. GCC has previously provided transport because there was no walking route of less than three miles that could be used safely. Following an assessment it was concluded that an alternative 2.5 mile route could be used. The

alternative route is not safe and breaches the standards set out in the Councils own policies. The suggested route requires children to cross 60mph roads with poor visibility and use footpaths that regularly flood in the winter. Parents have challenged the decision and it is currently under review. It is not clear how a final decision can be appealed against should the decision to withdraw the transport stand. Cllr Spivey is aware of the situation.

ACTION: PPC to write to Dr Roz Savage MP (cc'd to Cllr Spivey, Cllr Mark Harris (Highways GCC) & Cllr Linda Cohen (Education GCC)) requesting her assistance to resolving this situation and to reinstate the transport to school for Preston pupils.
ACTION: Cllr Brennan to draft a response and the Clerk to send it.

Procedures

Nil of note

Finance

071 26/27 To receive bank reconciliations to 31st August 2026

Received with out comment.

072 26/27 To retrospectively consider and agree payments in the normal course of business

It was RESOLVED to approve the payments as presented. Proposed Cllr Cameron, seconded Cllr Stone, all in favour.

073 26/27 To consider and agree statement of accounts to end August 2026

It was RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts as presented. Proposed Cllr Cameron, seconded Cllr Stone, all in favour.

074 26/27 To note conclusion of Audit and dates for public viewing of accounts

Noted without comment.

075 26/27 To consider and agree to transfer funds from the 32 day savings account to the current account to cover consultancy fees

It was RESOLVED to transfer the funds. Proposed Cllr Head, seconded Cllr Stone, all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to action the transfer.

Planning

076 26/27 To note planning decisions: noted.

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 – REFUSED
 26/02028/SCR | Request for Screening Opinion under the Town and Country Planning Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017 (as amended) | Land East Of Kingshill Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire – NOT REQUIRED
 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 – WITHDRAWN

26/00661/LBC | Internal alterations of ground floor layout including reopening of existing window, installation of two first floor rooflights and installation of second floor bathroom. Refurbishment and alterations to attached annexe layout including the removal of partition wall and re-opening of blocked up doorway | Preston Mill South Cerney Road Cirencester Siddington GL7 6ET - PERMIT

076 26/27 To consider and agree responses to the following planning applications:
26/02129/FUL | Change of use from a mixed use for a vehicle repair workshop, sales and petrol station to a mixed use to include a cafe and remove the petrol sales (Retrospective) | Cherrytree Lane Garage Cherry Tree Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5DT – No comment.

26/02303/FUL | Erection of an in-ground swimming pool and plant room with associated landscaping and planting scheme | Blackthorns Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR – No comment.

26/02206/DMPO | Discharge/modification of planning obligation | Land West Of Kingshill Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire

The Council resolved to lodge an objection. The Council objects on the basis that the amendment sought is contrary to CDC policy.

A draft objection was circulated to the Council or comment.

ACTION: Cllrs to submit amendments to the Clerk by Friday for submission to CDC.

Appeal by Rangeford Holdings Ltd
Planning Application Reference: 24/02513/FUL
Appeal Ref: 6014308

Site Address: Siddington Park Cirencester Road Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6GU

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

Deadline – 21st September

The Council has already submitted comments to the original application which will form part of the submission from CDC to the inspectorate. The Council agreed that not further comments were necessary

077 26/27 To consider and agree responses to planning applications received after the publication of the Agenda.
N/A

078 26/27 To formally agree to appoint a planning consultant to assist with preparing the Reg 19 representation.
It was RESOLVED to appoint The Rural Planning Practice to assist the Council with their representation. Proposed Cllr Brennan, seconded Cllr Stone, all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to formally instruct The Rural Planning Practice.

079 26/27 To receive an update from the planning consultant and to agree next steps
Following on from a meeting on 10th September with the consultant, the Council agreed to commission the more comprehensive representation

option, at a cost of circa £3000. Timescales for delivery of drafts and the final agreed document are to be confirmed.

The Council also discussion the need to review and update the existing Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed to obtain quotes for undertaking the work to review the NDP.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Pellegram Planning Consultancy and The Rural Planning Practice to obtain quotes for the NDP work.

ACTION: Clerk to add a resolution to undertake the NDP review to the November Agenda.

Village Hall

080 26/27 To receive minutes from committee meetings held

None available.

081 26/27 To receive a verbal report from Trustees

The tables have arrived and are in use.

Ther is a quiz planned for 25th September.

Playground

082 26/27 To receive an update on the playground lease

The Clerk reported that Strutt & Parker has confirmed that the Trustees will sign the lease and will allow up to 5 village events per year and will allow the Council to grant licences for classes to be run in the playing field. We are awaiting the lease to sign.

Cllr Head reported that he has had conversations with Stratton Youth Football Club with a view to them potentially training on the playing field in exchange for maintaining the area. Further information is required before a decision can be made. Particularly whether they can maintain the whole of the playing field grass and how parking would be managed.

ACTION: Cllr Head to bring this back to Council in November for a decision.

Other Matters

083 26/27 To note correspondence received and agree any actions

Including a concern raised by a resident regarding electric bikes speeding through the village.

The Council acknowledged the concerns but does not have the power to do anything to stop this happening. Any incidents should be reported to 101.

084 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.

Thames Water are closing the road through the village 9th – 11th November.

ACTION: Clerk to put a notice in the Newsletter and on the community WhatsApp

Cllr Cameron reiterated the importance of reporting any and all highways issues, including footpath flooding, on Fix my Street, so they can be logged and a record of them kept by the County Council.

ACTION: Clerk to put a note in the October News email to that effect.

085 26/27 Date of the next meeting –

Thursday 5th November 2026 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

086 26/27 To agree to exclude the public from the meeting as set out in Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meeting) Act 1960 the public and press should be excluded from Item 87 where confidential matters are to be discussed.

Agreed.

087 26/27 To consider and agree to implement Clerks salary increase as per Local Government services pay agreement 2026-7.

It was RESOLVED to implement the pay increase and back date it to April as recommended. Proposed Cllr Cameron, second Cllr Brennan, all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to add to September pay schedule.
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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed