



# Minutes

## Ordinary Meeting of Preston on Stour Parish Council

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**Held on:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7pm

**Place:** Village Hall

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**Present:** Cllrs Will Spencer (Chair), Anna Corser (Vice-Chair), Elizabeth Jonsson and James Seccombe

**In attendance:** Kerry Finlayson (Parish Clerk) and CC Seccombe

**Members of the public:** 3

**58/19 WELCOME and APOLOGIES**

Councillors **received** and **accepted** apologies from Cllr Smith who had been unavoidably detained.

**59/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Non pecuniary: Additional Planning Appeal: 18/02378/VARY - Cllrs Corser and Spencer

This was not included on the agenda so could not be discussed formally so it was agreed that Cllrs should submit comments personally should they wish to do so.

**60/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July were **confirmed** and **signed**.

**61/19 OPEN FORUM**

- A MOP gave information related to a potential outreach Post Office of 4h per week over two days at the Village Hall. This was discussed and it was noted that custom within the village may be limited/sparse. A further potential issue was that there would need to be a broadband supply and it was unlikely that the Post Office would pay for the full service. It was agreed that although a nice idea it may be best to undertake a trial period for 3 months first to decide if it was viable.
- Mary George would continue taking bookings for the Village Hall
- A 'Prestonian of The Year Award' was suggested

**62/19 ALSCOT ESTATE**

Cllrs **received** and **noted** the report - **Appendix A**

**63/19 DC O'DONNELL**

CC Seccombe advised that DC O'Donnell had contacted her to advise she was unable to attend the meeting. A report had been supplied which the Clerk would distribute - **Appendix B**

**64/19 CC SECCOMBE**

CC Seccombe reported on the following:

- South West Relief Road - there hadn't been any further updates
- Call for sites- trying to build a land bank for the future
- Climate emergency - tasked to report back in 6 months on the lines to be taken and areas of work.
  - The Warwickshire Wildlife Trust were very keen to get involved, with a particular interest in bio-diversity around the loss of species over recent decades.
  - WCC still has county land and farms and that would continue - we have an influence also

- Issues around tree planting as this had not been done for some time due to budgetary restrictions
- Solar panels on most WCC buildings to reduce both costs and carbon output
- Side road street lights now turned off from midnight to 5am
- Opening of Gaydon JLR - consolidating the future of design and technology in the area
- Cessation of the alliance between Warwickshire and West Mercia Police forces
- Planning - WCC was not a planning authority - this was dealt with by SDC
  - Green belt in SDC was the area north of the A46 and was a no-go area for building
  - Preston was not classified as green belt but as a rural area
- HS2 - There was currently a review looking into the escalating costs with the findings anticipated before Christmas but nothing was on hold.
  - HS2 was a statutory body which meant their powers allowed them to override planning powers
  - Ancient woodlands could still be removed although there was currently a hold on that

MOP commented that on 16<sup>th</sup> November there would be a speaker at the Village Hall to talk about the environment and requested that this was promoted by WCC. He was advised to send the information to the Clerk who would then pass it to the Community Officer, Amanda Wilson-Patterson

MOP commented on their concern about the number of major buildings that were becoming hotels and that it was altering the face of the High Street.

## 65/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cllrs **received** and **noted** the finance pack submitted by the RFO

Invoice	Cheque	Payee	Details	TOTAL
17	100752	K Finlayson	Salary 19/7	
18	100753	Thomas Fox	Mowing	321.96
19	100754	M George	Village Shop Hire	45.00
20	100755	WALC	Training	23.00
21	100756	K Finlayson	ICO Registration	40.00
22	100756	K Finlayson	Expenses	42.27
23	100756	K Finlayson	Salary 16/8	
24	100756	K Finlayson	Salary 13/9	
25	100753	Thomas Fox	Mowing	321.96
26	100760	AED Locator	De-fib Pads	130.68

**£1473.75**

- b) The bank account was reconciled with a balance of £12140.46 at 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019
- c) The clerk reported that the second precept payment of £3250 had also now been received
- Financial Matters - Proposed Cllr Corser Seconded Cllr Spencer All in favour**

## 66/19 PLANNING

- a) Proposed Reforms to Permitted Development Rights for 5G Consultation
- Cllrs noted that this was for information only but still raised their concerns that this was something that the PC had no control over. Some Cllrs were concerned about the introduction of 5G and its possible effects whilst some believed it would be life changing for businesses and would provide great training and educational opportunities. All Cllrs were requested to complete and submit the survey as well as members of the parish. The Clerk would post the document on the website.

b) 19/02479/TEL28

Cllrs **agreed** to make no comment given the understanding that telegraph poles were the only feasible alternative should it be impossible to use the existing underground conduit. Cllrs were also updated about the fibre broadband installation and were informed that there were enough gigabit vouchers to cover the cost. A community interest company had been set up and had signed a contract with Openreach. Fibre would be connected to all premises by 2020. Cllrs thanked CC Seccombe as she had paid a large part in getting this up and running.

67/19 GENERAL

a) Grass cutting areas/tender for 2020

Cllrs **approved** the area for mowing the following year and the Clerk would now put this out to tender.

b) Grant application

The application was considered and **approved**.

**Proposed Cllr Corser**

**Seconded Cllr Jonsson**

**All in favour**

c) Community Emergency Plan

The Village Hall committee had kindly agreed to store the emergency equipment box that had previously been held by the Chair as it needed to be more accessible. The Clerk would now update the Community Emergency Plan accordingly and the draft would be presented for approval.

d) UBus

Cllrs agreed not to fund the service at the present time but would promote it along with the Shipston Link.

Cllr Jonsson **agreed** to put together an information poster on the services which could be put on the noticeboard/website and around the village.

e) Site Allocation Plan

Cllr Corser had attended the meeting but had to leave early due to illness. The presentation slides had been shared with all Cllrs who noted:

- Worked alongside and was subservient to the core strategy
- Adoption expected by Summer 2020
- Green belt to be maintained

Concerns:

- More sites would mean more traffic
- Uncertainty over Long Marston site
- Villages growing but not getting the S106 funds

f) Storage of Emergency Equipment and Documents

See c)

g) Crime Prevention

The Clerk had arranged for a presentation from Smartwater and Supported Villages at the next meeting.

h) Warwickshire Rail Strategy

It was noted that the submission date for comments had passed. Cllr Corser and CC Seccombe shared some information on the following:

- Housing increase
- Leamington Spa station was the 10<sup>th</sup> busiest in the country
- Upgrade from Stratford to Birmingham
- Hoping to put a direct hourly service from Stratford to London and build up freight and passenger numbers
- New station at Warwick University
- The need for connectivity: cycle parks and electric bus links
- Park and ride into Leamington to avoid cars going into the town
- More cycle paths across the county

i) **Joint Strategic Needs Survey**

All Cllrs were asked to complete the survey and details would be added to the website.

**68/19 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

- Code of Conduct Training for Councillors - 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7pm

**69/19 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The meeting closed at 21.35

**Proposed Cllr Spencer**

**Seconded Cllr Corser**

**All in favour**

**70/19 PERSONNEL MATTERS**

- a) The Clerk's request for annual leave from 21-25 October and 4-8 November was **approved**.