



# Minutes

## Annual Parish Assembly

### Preston on Stour Parish Council

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**Held on:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 at 8.05pm

**Place:** Village Shop

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

**In attendance:** Kerry Finlayson (Parish Clerk),

**Members of the public:** 10

**19/19 WELCOME and APOLOGIES**

There were none to receive

**20/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly meeting held on 24 May 2018 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

**21/19 THE PARISH COUNCIL YEAR**

Cllr Will Spencer gave his report - **Appendix A**

**22/19 PRESTON on STOUR VILLAGE HALL & BROADBAND**

Di Hoe gave a verbal report on behalf of Professor Roger Reed:

It had been an interesting year. Having lost committee members, for a time it had been down to two people which was a lot of work. It was pleasing to report that they had now been joined by Emma Nicklin and there were potentially two other people joining. There hadn't been a Chair until Professor Reed had agreed to take on the role in name only. When Tiddlywinks had closed they had been worried about how the hall would be supported but there had been a gradual build up and the hall was now being used virtually every day. Bookings had been made easier thanks to Mary George taking them over. A decision had been made at the beginning of April to increase the hourly rent to support the main cost which was electricity. Regular maintenance was on-going and the inside was due to be painted shortly.

Regular bookings included:

- Dancing lessons
- Mother and baby group
- Get Tough Fitness
- Mother and baby fitness
- Band rehearsals

May Day had been a great success and although it didn't bring in much income the Film Nights ran by the local council were starting to build a bigger following.

The Village Hall, in its present form had also celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary the previous week.

**23/19 STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The report from DC Penny-Anne O'Donnell had not been received in time for the meeting but was now attached - **Appendix B**

**24/19 WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The report from CC Izzi Seccombe had not been received in time for the meeting but was now attached - **Appendix C**

- 25/19 PRESTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP**  
Ron Hoe gave a verbal report - **Appendix D**
- 26/19 SNOWDROPS**  
Emma Nicklin gave a verbal report:  
Snowdrops had started in April last year with just one session per week on a Friday. It had started slowly but was now a massive success. Emma thanked those from the community who had supported and helped her from the beginning. From January this year it was decided to get people to pay on a monthly basis to encourage commitment however there were still a few people who attended on a casual basis. On average there were around 13 people not including those who ran it. The previous week there had been 20 and they had run out of chairs! Emma had been looking to add a further session but there was no availability at the hall.  
There was a plan to hold a Lantern Walk in November again following the success of the event the previous year. Other events were also planned to keep up community spirit and these included a Preloved Clothes Fayre on 25<sup>th</sup> May and an Advent Fayre from 30<sup>th</sup> November to showcase local talents.
- 27/19 Preston Church Committee (PCC)**  
Emma Nicklin read out a report on behalf of Philip Grellier - **Appendix E**
- 28/19 VILLAGE SHOP/CAFÉ**  
Mary George reported that she and Martin hadn't known what to expect when they took over but had now developed a bond with the village and it would be a very sad day when they left and they would miss everyone. The shop was the hub of the community and it would be important to keep it going along with the different groups that had been started.  
Councillors and those in attendance gave Mary and Martin a huge round of applause and advised that they would all be sorry to see them go.
- 29/19 STRATFORD TIME BANK**  
Cllr Corser read out a submission from Sarah Coxall - **Appendix F**
- 30/19 DOG FOULING**  
Cllr Corser reported that she had received many complaints so she was going to post several notices around the village to try and make the message clear. It was suggested by a MOP that the signs should direct people to where the dog poo bin was situated.
- 31/19 MEMORIAL FOR MARGARET BOYD**  
The whole village had been very shocked and saddened by Margaret's sudden death. It was agreed that there should be a memorial in her name to mark the enormous contribution she made to village. Suggestions of a bench or tree would be discussed with the family at an appropriate time.
- 32/19 COMMUNITY REPORTS**  
Reports were **received** from:
- The Yoga Studio  
The Vice-Chair read out a statement from Maddy, the proprietor - **Appendix G**
  - Nadhim Zahawi MP  
Councillors **received** and **noted** the report which was read out by the Clerk
  - Warwickshire PCC and Safer Neighbourhood Team - Mr Philip Seccombe  
Councillors **received** and **noted** the report which was read out by the Chair

**33/19 MATTERS RAISED BY ELECTORATE**

A MOP requested the ability to comment at any time during the meeting (through the Chair) rather than only during the Open Forum. It was **agreed** that the Clerk and Vice-Chair would review the Standing Orders

A complaint was received about people attending the Yoga Studio using the Village Hall car park which then stopped those actually using the hall from being able to park there. Cllr Corser **agreed** to speak to Maddy at the Yoga Studio to ask her to remind her clients to park in the studio car park.

**34/19 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC and PRESS**

The meeting closed at 20.56

**Proposed Cllr Spencer**

**Seconded Cllr Jonsson All in favour**

**35/19 REFRESHMENTS**

Cllrs and parishioners retired for refreshments kindly provided by Mary George

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