



#### 39/19 GOVERNANCE

Cllrs **approved** the following documents:

- i. Code of Conduct
- ii. Standing Orders - Updated
- iii. Risk Assessments - it was **agreed** that Cllr Jonsson should hold a flash drive back up which would be updated at each meeting

**Proposed Cllr Spencer**

**Seconded Cllr Corser**

**All in favour**

#### 40/19 WEBSITE

The Clerk had now set up a new website exclusively for the Parish Council [www.prestononstourparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.prestononstourparishcouncil.co.uk) at a cost of £5pa for the domain name. The new site would allow the Clerk to ensure that the website was always up to date and fully compliant.

#### 41/19 UNDERGROUND COAL GASIFICATION

Cllr Corser had looked into this and although it wouldn't affect the Parish directly she felt the PC should comment on this in principle.

After some discussion it was **agreed** that Cllr Corser would write a statement, to be **approved** by Cllrs via email for the Clerk to submit.

Following the meeting the Clerk submitted the following statement:

*Preston on Stour Parish Council members expressed concern about the effects of any such proposed operation close to homes or businesses and also for the neighbouring environment.*

*It was agreed that, with the Government having so recently pledged to achieve the target of zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, any process involving the use of fossil fuels should, as rapidly as possible, become obsolete.*

*That would rule out Underground Coal Gasification.*

#### 42/19 TREES

The Clerk had received a letter from Thomas Fox with regards to mowing under the trees and whether the PC would like the trees cut back, for which a quote had been submitted at the request of the Clerk.

Cllrs **discussed** this and it was **agreed** that they were happy for the trees to be mowed around as it was a conservation area and they wished for the wildlife to grow freely. It was agreed that the trees should be mowed around.

It was further **agreed** that at the next meeting the PC would look to open for tender the grass cutting

Cllr Seccombe asked if the local resident who was a tree surgeon was ever offered to tender for work and was advised that he was.

**N.B** At this point the Chair **agreed** to let Cllr Corser report on a couple of items:

- i. Cllr Corser was unable to attend the next WALC Local meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June so it was **agreed** that Cllr Jonsson would attend and report back at the next meeting.
- ii. Cllr Corser was now unable to attend the 3 tier Rural Transport meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July and asked if anyone else could attend but no-one was able to do so. However, Cllr Jonsson agreed to find information on what public transport was available, when and the costs. This would then be added to the website.

#### 43/19 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- o Thursday 18th July - 7.30pm
- o Further meetings to take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of alternate months

#### 44/19 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Cllr Spencer proposed that the meeting closed at 20.50. This was seconded by Cllr Corser with all in favour.

**Signed:**

**Date: 18 July 2019**