



Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Preston on Stour Parish Council

Held on: Thursday 18th July 2019 at 7.30pm

Place: Village Shop

Present: Cllrs Will Spencer (Chair), Lester Smith and James Seccombe

In attendance: Kerry Finlayson (Parish Clerk) CC Seccombe DC O'Donnell

Members of the public: 4

45/19 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

Councillors **received** and **accepted** apologies from Anna Corser who was at a funeral and Elizabeth Jonsson who was on holiday.

46/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared in any item of business on the agenda.

47/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual meetings held on 23 May 2019 and the Extra Ordinary held on 20 June 2019 were **confirmed** and **signed** subject to the following amendment:

15/19

It was Cllr Spencer not Cllr Smith who advised Mr Rees.....

48/19 OPEN FORUM

There were no comments or questions.

49/19 DC PENNY-ANNE O'DONNELL

Cllrs welcomed DC O'Donnell to the meeting who reported on the following:

- South-West Relief Road - a lot of Cllrs were not in agreement with it although some felt it would go ahead as it was in the core strategy that now had reserve sites
- There were no extra sites around Preston On Stour - SDC looking at neighbouring villages for development and there had been a request for the consultation to be extended
- Climate emergency Plan - to be carbon neutral by 2030. There would be a financial cost to get the technology in place but it was achievable
- Housing
 - Concerns on affordable housing and the percentage that would be available at Long Marston
 - New Housing Investment Panel would aim to bring forward additional schemes
 - Looking for an open market for smaller building firms to reflect the housing needs of the local market
 - Homeless rough sleepers - looking for a Multi-Agency Hub to signpost people in the right direction
- UBus had received 5 years of funding to cover a wider geographical area
- Park run - now incorporating a run for Juniors of 2km for ages 4-14

50/19 CC IZZY SECCOMBE WCC

Cllrs welcomed CC Seccombe, who also apologised that she had been unable to attend for some time, and reported on the following:

- Recent motion on a Climate Change Emergency Plan and some of the work already undertaken/to be done
 - Solar panels on council buildings
 - This was a national issue but the motion had given WCC the opportunity to quantify the work that had already been done
 - Quality housing to drive down energy bills and ensure that social and affordable housing was cheaper and more efficient
 - Infrastructure for electric vehicles
 - Cycle lanes
 - Public transport
- 5-year budget plan had been started but was difficult as there was no spending review yet. It was hard to deliver a medium-term financial plan whilst receiving grants annually

Cllr Spencer asked about the South-West Relief Road plans and CC Seccombe reported that the funding should have been received in June but hadn't and there was doubt as to whether it would actually now go ahead. The only possible way would be through the Housing Infrastructure Fund but that would affect the local plan. Currently the priority was the A5 as it was a major route for businesses along the A5 including MIRA (Motor Industry) which put a lot into the business economy of the region.

51/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

i. Payments & Receipts

Payee	Details	TOTAL
K Finlayson	Salary	
HMRC	Clerk Tax	
K Finlayson	Expenses	36.27
Thomas Fox	Mowing	321.96

ii. Bank reconciliation

- The statement was confirmed and signed.
- Balance 29th June was £13081.51

iii. HSBC Savings Account

- Cllrs **agreed** to open a savings account with their current bank and to transfer £10k to this account once set up.

iv. HSBC Bank Mandate & Correspondence Address

- Cllrs Seccombe and Jonsson to be added as signatories
- Statements to continue to be sent to the Chair

v. Church Mowing Donation

- The PC was unable to make a donation but the church could apply for a grant.
- It was **agreed** that the Clerk would send an application form to Phil Grellier.

All items - Proposed Cllr Spencer Seconded Cllr Seccombe All in favour

52/19 POLICIES & DOCUMENTS FOR REVIEW

- i. Schedule
- ii. Complaints
- iii. Health & Safety
- iv. Data Protection

All approved Proposed Cllr Spencer Seconded Cllr Smith All in favour

53/19 GENERAL

- i. Feedback from WALC Meeting
 - o There was no report as Cllr Jonsson had been unable to attend.
- ii. Feedback on bus services
 - o Cllrs **received** and **noted** the report from Cllr Jonsson.
- iii. VE Day 2020
 - o Cllrs confirmed that May Day celebrations were organised by the Village Hall committee

54/19 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were none.

55/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- o 26th September 2019 at 7.30pm - Location to be confirmed

56/19 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC and PRESS

The meeting closed at 20.38

Proposed Cllr **Spencer** Seconded Cllr **Seccombe** All in favour

57/19 PERSONNEL and CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There were none.

Signed

Date **26 September 2019**