

Preston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 2016 in Preston Village Hall.

Present: Cllr O Chapman (Chairman)
Cllr J Matthews (Vice Chairman)
Cllr T Bradley
Cllr L Hunt
Cllr J Lawson
Mr F Pinnington (Clerk)

Issues to be raised by members of the public prior to the formal meeting.

Lorna Listbrain raised her concerns that the bin at the end of Court Lane had not been emptied. It was pointed out that the bin in the Village Hall car park had also not been emptied. She also raised her concerns about how local roads were being ruined by the 'laybys' being created as vehicles passed each other. Longmete Road was a particular example. Cllr Chapman asked the Clerk to contact the Waste Department at DDC re the problem with bins and stated that as the Parish Council had a meeting booked for the 18th July with the Kent Highways Agency he would raise the issue then. Alwyn Pidgen asked if the council was made aware of road closures as the number of closures taking place at the moment seemed disjointed and uncoordinated. The clerk stated that he had only one notice of a road closure. Cllr Chapman stated that he would also raise this issue at the Kent Highways Agency meeting. (Action FPi)

2. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Wallis had sent his apologies as he was responsible for a school event. It was proposed by Cllr Bradley and seconded by Cllr Lawson and **RESOLVED** unanimously that the apologies be accepted.

3. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda and changes of interests**
Nil .

4. **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of June 1st 2016.**
Cllr Matthews proposed and Cllr Bradley seconded that the minutes of the meeting of June 1st 2016 be confirmed as a true record. It was then **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes were a true record and they were signed as such by the Chairman.

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of June 1st 2016.**
- (i) **Report of crimes:** Cllrs were not aware of any crimes being committed in the parish in the previous month.
 - ii) **Kent Highways:** The Clerk reported that there would be a meeting on Monday 8th July at 10,30 with Kent Highway Agency officers to discuss various parish matters.
Cllr Bradley raised the issue of drains as the Agency was no longer clearing these. It was agreed to raise this issue on the 18th July meeting.
 - iii) **Public Spaces Protection Order.** The Clerk had reported on the legal situation to councillors. Concern was expressed about dogs on the recreation ground and the lack of public spaces for dog walking in the Parish. **160701160701**

- iv) Benches: The Clerk reported that five benches had been installed; three at the recreation ground and two in Church Field. As the benches were unsecured they had been removed from Church Field and the Clerk agreed to contact Josie Leicester about those in the recreation ground. (Action FPi)
- v) Signs for Village Green and Elmstone. The Clerk presented two formats for the signs and it was agreed to use that produced by Josie Leicester.
- vi) Mobile Home: The Clerk reported that DDC's enforcement officer had written to the council explaining the legal situation.

5. Planning Applications and Parish Council response.

DOV/16/00571 Firmer Nursery. The Forstal, Alteration of Condition 1. The council had no comment on this application. DOV/16/00730. Change of use of Oast at Santon Farm Cottage. The council had no comment on this application. DOV/16/ 00742. Village Stores. Variation of condition. To be circulated.

ii) Decisions DOV/16/00488 Butchers Shop. Preston. First Floor extension. Refused permission. iii) Enforcement issues. Mobile Home in field behind Bishop Jenner Court. Ongoing.

iv) Appeals. Nil.

6. Report from a District or County Councillor

Cllr Conolly had been unable to attend and his report had been circulated. There were no questions.

7. Reports from representatives.

(i) The Village Hall Committee: Cllr Matthews reported that the defibrillator had arrived; and she would organise training sessions. Work had also been carried out on the oak. £150 had been raised at the paella evening.

(ii) KALC: No report.

iii) Village Society: Cllr Chapman reported that the society was very active; had just organised the camp night and the planters on the green.

(iv) Sandwich Neighbourhood Forum: No meeting.

(vi) A257 Committee. No report.

8. To authorise payments.

It was proposed by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Lawson and **RESOLVED** unanimously that the following payments be made.

i) Clerk: Salary £704.93. Expenses: 109.83. Total: £814.76. Village Society. £500. Southern water: £31.32.

The Clerk reported that a sum of £1.012.56 from the Transparency Fund had been banked.

9. Grove Road Update

The Clerk was asked to contact the solicitor re the transfer of the 6 acres of land. (Action FPi)

10. Co-option of Councillor.

It was agreed to advertise this post for 20 working days.

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11 Donation for the defibrillator.

It was propose by Cllr Lawson and seconded by Cllr Hunt and unanimously **RESOLVED** that £350 be donated by the Parish Council.

12. Correspondence.

- i) KALC conference. Noted.
- ii) Community resilience Questionnaire: noted.
- iii) Public Work Loans Board. Noted.
- iv) Mill Lane work: noted.
- v) Downs Cottage: added to agenda for Kent Highways.
- vi) National Grid: Public Hearings.Wed.27th July. Cathedral lodge. Noted.
- vii) DDC Community Forum Awards. Noted.
- viii) KALC: Affordable Housing. Alison Thompson. English Rural Housing. July 27 7.30. Phoenix Centre. Sandwich. Noted.
- ix) English Coast Path. Camber – Ramsgate. 19th July open. Noted.

13. Any other information.

- i) Preston Hill. The Clerk was asked to contact Wingham Council to seek whether they had any proposal to ease the traffic problems at the Preston Hill junction. (Action FPI)

14. The date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next council meeting would be on **Wednesday September 7th 2016** in the Village Hall.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.07

Chairman

Date

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