

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at Preston Village Hall.

Present: Councillor's Oliver Chapman (Chair), Jill Matthews (Vice chair), Jude Lawson, Alwyn Pidgen, Michael Hooker, Douglas Kiely, Jean Swan (Parish Clerk) and two members of public.

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

Richard Barwick and Anne Levy: Richard and Anne asked for an update on the concerns they raised at last months meeting. Cllr Chapman advised that their letter had been forwarded to KCC and that an independent road safety audit had been carried out as required by KCC Highways. The outcome of the survey is believed to be positive. The Parish Council will request a copy of the audit.

Richard and Anne also expressed their concern about the speed of the traffic travelling through the Street beyond the build out. Cllr Chapman shared the response from KCC regarding the Parish Councils application to install an SID unit, which was negative.

1. To accept Apologies/Reasons for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Bradley, it was proposed by Cllr Pidgen and seconded by Cllr Matthews to accept the apologies/reasons for absence. Resolved to accept.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2018 were amended on item 3 "minutes were proposed by Cllr Matthews" and agreed as a true record, Proposed Cllr Hooker and seconded Cllr Lawson. Agreed by all Cllr's present and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising and an update of resolutions/actions from the meeting held on June 6th 2018

Item	Action
Handy person	The Clerk received one response to the request placed in the News Letter for a Handy Person. The Clerk and Chair have arranged to meet the applicant on Monday 8 th and will report back to the council.
Residents complaint re traffic calming build out.	Discussed previously. Clerk to arrange a meeting with KCC and all parties involved to date.
Multi use bins, progress.	The Clerk has been asked to obtain permission by the land owner at Court Lane. Once this is confirmed both bins will be installed.
Gym/play area equipment	The Parish Council decided that in view of the traffic issues in the Village it would be prudent to ear mark funds for further traffic calming.

5. To Consider: Planning Applications: Decisions: Enforcement Issues: Appeals.

i. Planning Applications:

Reference	Address	Planning For	Summary of comments	Submission Date	Status
18/00963	Site at Elmstone Court Farm, Padbrook Lane, Preston, CT3 1HF	Erection of a stock fence, installation of an area of hardstanding (3 buildings to be demolished) and provision of landscaping		11/10/2018	registered
18/00610	1 Lockett Cottages,	Erection of single storey rear extension, new front door to		8/10/2018	recirculated

	The Street, Preston, CT3 1DY	side elevation, new window to side elevation, internal alterations to facilitate the conversion of two cottages into a single dwelling and erection of a double car barn (existing porch to be demolished)(re-advertisement)			
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ii. **Planning Decisions:**

Reference	Address	Planning For	Summary of comments	Submission Date	Status
18/00620	Ladydown Farm, Longmete Road, Preston, CT3 1DN	Erection of a tractor storage building (existing tractor storage building to be demolished)	No Comment	03/08/2018	Registered Awaiting decision
18/00678 &18/00679	Plots 1, 2 & 3, Land at Salvatori, Grove Road, Preston, CT3 1EF Plot 4	Variation of condition 1 (approved drawings) of planning permission DOV/15/00702 to allow changes to approved drawings (application under Section 73) Variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning permission DOV/16/00375 to allow changes to approved drawings (application under Section 73)	No Comment	20/07/2018	Registered Awaiting decision
18/00611	1 Lockett Cottages, The Street, Preston, CT3 1DY	Conversion returning two cottages to a single dwelling. Demolition of rear porch addition and erection of a single storey rear extension. Remove side elevation window and insert door opening. Insert enlarged first floor window, form ground floor window in existing side elevation opening. Internal alterations to include demolition of partition walls and erection of new. Creation of new openings and insertion of staircase	No comment	05/07/2018	Registered Awaiting decision

iii. **Enforcement Issues: There were no updates on enforcements, Cllr Conolly will aim to follow these up prior to next months meeting.**

Land behind Bishop Jenner Court: <i>unauthorised caravan and horses</i>	Partially complied with request, being pursued accordingly.
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Preston Court, Preston: <i>unauthorised building in the woods</i>	Still Live.
Court Farm, Elmstone: 17/00043 <i>unauthorised office building</i>	Planning permission refused. Enforcement notice issued.
Barn at the end of The Forstal: <i>agricultural permitted development, cladding used.</i>	To be investigated. Clerk to supply photograph.
Vehicles parked in the site opposite old Salvatori yard.	To be investigated.
Deerson Farm – Equestrian use	Flagged with enforcement Clerk to f/u
Highstead, The Street - carport	Flagged with enforcement, Clerk to F/u, picture sent.
The Grange, Stourmouth Road – Last house has erected a wall	Flagged with enforcement. It is believed this property has been sold. Clerk to F/u.

iv. **Appeals:**

Reference	Address	Planning For	Starting Date	Status
17/00966	Barn at Apple Tree Farm, Stourmouth	Change of use to residential dwelling	03/05/2018	Allowed with conditions
18/00065	Site between Look Cottage and Rose Cottage, The Forstal, Preston, CT3 1DU	Erection of a detached dwelling with attached double garage and formation of associated parking (existing buildings to be demolished)		Yet to be determined

6. To receive reports from District or City Councillors.

No reports received.

7. To receive reports from representatives:

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Matthews	New fundraising initiative events planned include Bangers & Bingo, a supper club and a quiz night. The committee visited Herne Village Hall to gain information on funding and advice on how to progress.
KALC – Cllr Chapman	No News
Village Society – Cllr Lawson	A very positive meeting held to celebrate their success with Britain in Bloom. A Halloween competition and other events are planned.
Sandwich Neighborhood Forum	No News
A257 Group – Cllr Pidgen	Cllr Matthews attended the presentation of the A257 Plan in Wingham. Cllr Matthews reported this to be a very professional event but noted that no MP's attended. The Plan is available to view on the Parish Council website.

8. Finance.

To note receipt of income: Allotments (Matthew Westlake)	£20.00	Proposed Cllr Matthews seconded Cllr Hooker Resolved payments authorised.
To authorise payment of Accounts:		
KALC (vat from invoice 6460) chq 896(s.112)	£51.56	
SLCC Chq 897 (s.112)	£57.50	

9. To discuss contribution to A257 Group

Cllr Pidgen will enquire as to whether this still applies.	Clerk to query with Kerry Coltham
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10. To discuss and approve the adoption of the solar lamp on the traffic calming build out.

To complete the traffic calming build out the lamp has to be adopted, DDC have refused to adopt therefor the Parish Council have been asked to adopt Quinn Estates put the maintenance costs at approximately £100-£120 every four years. The Parish Council agreed to adopt the lamp in principle subject to confirmation of safety of the build out.	Clerk to pass on to Quinn Estates and to get clarity on the situation to date.
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11. To discuss Kent Household Waste Consultation.

The Parish Council discussed the impact of the proposals. They agreed unanimously that any further waste disposal charges would have a negative impact and create an even bigger issue with fly tipping in the area.	Clerk to complete consultation
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12. KALC Community Awards nominations.

Cllr Chapman informed new members about this scheme. The Council will consider nominations over the next month.	Clerk to clarify if a group can be nominated.
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13. Half yearly income expenditure budget.

The Clerk presented the budget the rise in Audit fees was explained. Cllr Chapman queried the £500.00 contribution to the Village Society.	Clerk to check query and circulate budget to members.
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14. To discuss Toby Donlons response to SID locations.

The Parish Council discussed this disappointing negative outcome. None of the locations suggested were acceptable. It was agreed that a meeting with Toby should be arranged for advice on what is possible to slow the speeding traffic.	Clerk to arrange
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15. Grove Road update.

a.Pedestrian Link. No update. Cllr Chapman requested that the foot path link to the 6 acres is followed up. b.General Update. Cllr Pidgen requested an update on the land to be remediated at the bottom.	Clerk to F/U
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16. Correspondence e-mails circulated to Councilor's

25/09 – Terry Martin – Kent police rural liaison team 25/09 – Clerk – Acol traffic calming 21/09 – Roger Ayling 20/09 – DDC - have your say Waste Consultation 19/09 – Toby Donlon – SID sign 19/09 – Oliver Chapman – Parish map Cllr Pidgen asked if it was felt the Rural Liaison team could be a way forward to engage with the police, he commented on the lack of connection with the PCSO, all councilor's agreed that this was a great shame for rural communities.	Agreed as seen and read.
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17. Any other information for discussion only.

Cllr Lawson raised issues with ploughed footpaths near Grove Road.	Cllr Chapman to contact the land owner.
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18. Next Meeting.

To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Council will be Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.