

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Monday 9th July 2018 at 7.30pm
The Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road, Priors Marston***

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr Nick Fulford (Chair), Cllr. John Appleton, Cllr Laura Lucas, Cllr John Franklin, Cllr Viv Nind and Emma Hooker (Clerk)
Neil Gilliver and Sarah Brooke-Taylor (WRCC Housing Association)

Apologies: Cllr Chris Williams, Cllr Bob Stevens

1. Declarations of Interest

None Declared

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 14th May 2018

Minutes were approved by all present as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising from previous meeting

1) WRCC Update

Neil Gilliver and Sarah Brooke-Taylor were welcomed to the meeting and updated the Council after they attended January's meeting and discussions took place over the concerns the Parish Council have on the road safety issue on any future development adjacent to Bradshaw Close.

Traffic calming has been looked at since January after feedback from the Parish Council and residents at the Public Consultation event last July.

Neil presented traffic calming options after advice sought from engineers at Highways. These included dragon teeth on road, 30 mph markings onto the road and a Village gateway with a welcome to Priors Marston and 30mph sign displayed prominently.

This is the same scheme which was presented at the consultation event in July last year, these are added onto this scheme and the costs will be met by WRCC.

Cllr asked how the gateway would work with the large amount of farm vehicles passing through the village

Neil assured the Council that the gateways are placed to a national highway standard which takes into account lorries, farm vehicles etc.

Cllr asked how traffic calming could be implemented from the other side of the village coming the other way.

Neil explained this is already a 30mph zone and beyond the scope of this application.

Cllr explained feedback from the recent village questionnaire highlighted the desire by some residents to have flashing speed signs coming into the village.

Neil and Sarah both felt the gateway option is seen as a more rural approach and whichever traffic calming measure you adopt some residents would prefer another option.

Clerk to speak to Cllr Bob Stevens about any funding available for the flashing speed monitors. ACTION.

Cllr asked if highways are comfortable these measures will make it safe for pedestrians using the road from the development
Neil said yes they are, and were happy before the extra calming measures were looked at.

No Planning application has been submitted as previously explained due to the nature of this local choice scheme, based on evidence of need (Rural exception site) WRCC can not submit an application without the support (in principle and subject to planning application) from the Parish Council.

All Councillors agreed to support in principle, the application to be submitted to SDC.

Clerk to formally email WRCC – ACTION

The Council thanked Neil and Sarah for listening to the concerns of the Parish Council and the work they have put into the project.

2) Parish Plan Update

Cllr Fulford updated the Council on the Parish Plan process.

Meeting was held last week where the steering group reviewed an early draft of the plan. In 2-3 weeks they hope to have a draft plan to show the Council and send to Fiona Blundell at SDC for review.

3) SDC Amenity Budget

Clerk has been approached by two residents who are querying who is responsible for mowing the Highways verge outside their properties. Current contractor mows highways on behalf of the Parish Council who are paid by SDC to do this on their behalf. Changes over time with new verges etc. mean the village has some areas which are not being mowed.

Cllr Franklin will discuss with current contractor and agree the verges to be done.

4. **District and County Councilors Update**

Cllr Bob Stevens (County Councillor, Feldon Division)

The spell of hot weather together with the national confusion over our future with Europe and Brexit has lead to a period of inactivity at the County Council. June's Cabinet agenda concerned itself solely on two items with the supply of extra secondary school places required to meet the demand as a result of the extra housing across the county especially in Rugby and Warwick Districts. Primary places too are showing a short-term problem as the bulge in pupil numbers moves into secondary education. Some schools are beginning to realise the effects of their decision to go to academy as County Council support decreases.

The cabinet also discussed the interface between Social services and Health. A much awaited Green Paper is expected from the government before the Summer recess. As always funding of both services will prove to be the biggest area of concern.

Last months community forum had 2 major topics. Jeff Morris gave an interesting presentation on the Process and problems in getting Highways repairs completed under the present Balfour Beatty contract and a brief presentation of flood prevention and responsibility for maintaining ditches and water courses. The first highway verge cuts have been completed and in some areas the contractor had to revisit where they had not performed satisfactorily. Locally HS2 activities appear to have settled into a less confrontational approach. Is this the lull before the storm? Work in Wormleighton is scheduled for later this month

5. Planning Matters

NEW Applications

DISCN/00207/18 - Variance to original Application – Land adjacent to School Lane Stone sample provided – No Objection

18/01223/FUL – Rose Cottage, Southam Road – Extensions and alterations – No Objection

18/00452/VARY – Manor Farm development Variance to original application No objection

18/01842/TREE – 1 Manor Farm Cottages – Fell T1 Ornamental Crategus – No objection

18/01928/TREE – Church Cottage, T1 yew removal

18/01703/FUL – Falcon House, Hellidon Road – Side extension for car port/utility

18/01826/VARY – Connaught Green Ltd, The Doles Wharf – living accommodation in existing commercial building

Pending Decisions

18/01470/VARY – Land to North Welsh road - remove condition 4 Private Livery. Objection by Parish Council submitted

Decisions

18/00452/VARY – Manor Farm development Variance to original app. GRANTED 05/07 by SDC

18/01187/TREE – Removal Conifer and Yew tree – GRANTED 13/6 by SDC

Planning enforcement have been contacted regarding the felling of trees at the land adjacent to Plum Cottage at the building site area. No application was submitted to remove the trees or hedgerows.

After investigation the enforcement department have opened a case and will investigate and report back to the Council.

6. Finance

Bank Balance as of 1st JULY - 14,203.54

Receipts: May / June = £710.39

Pound rent - £250.00

Priors Hardwick VILF- £460.39

Direct Debits = £ 1894.06

Public Works Loan - £1876.10

1&1 Internet - £17.96

Cheque Payments = £ 3672.90

Eon Electricity £161.47

WCC Street Lights (The Orchard removal of light) £451.09

Defibrillator Pad replacements £87.60

SDC amenity Mowing (March, April & May) £600.00

Zurich Annual Insurance £810.49

Clerk's wages /Expenses May/June £938.50

Chris Allen Footpaths/bus shelter/ Maintenance £593.75

Clerks Training GDPR £30.00

7. AOB

- Cllr Appleton reported that the Citizens Advice drop in service at Southam has been discontinued. Cllr Appleton will speak to Cllr Williams to discuss.
- The closure of the Bridge at Charwelton has caused a great deal of inconvenience to parishioners as it is due to be closed for up to 3 years. The bridge falls under Northampton CC and the ownership of the bridge is not clear. Clerk to write to NCC to ask what the plans are for the bridge re-opening. ACTION

The Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM