

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.30pm
The Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road, Priors Marston***

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr Nick Fulford (Chair), Cllr John Appleton, Cllr Viv Nind, Cllr Bob Stevens and Emma Hooker (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Laura Lucas, Cllr John Franklin, Cllr Chris Williams

1. Declarations of Interest

None Declared

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018

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

3. Matters Arising from previous meeting

1) Parish Plan Update

The draft plan was submitted to SDC and County for comments, which have been noted. The amended plan will be resent to Councilors for comment and Chair asked that comments are sent back to him within 2 weeks.

SDC are hoping that the final plan will go in front of the Cabinet (District Council) in mid January 2019 for adoption.

Three quotes were obtained for printing of the plans and confirmation of the successful tender will be confirmed shortly.

ACTION: Chair to email amended plan to Council deadline for response 28th November 2018

2) HS2 Update

There have been a couple of Community HS2 Meetings held in Southam, which have been attended by Councilors. The meetings have been largely dominated by the issue of road closures in the Bishops Itchington and Harbury area. The consensus is that there is a lack of communication with the community on the impact of these road closures for school routes etc. Councillors will continue to attend these meetings where possible.

There are two websites, which are for the public to access live information on HS2. Clerk will put these into the next Parish Magazine and email to village distribution list. **ACTION: Clerk**

4. Cllr Bob Stevens County Council Update

There have been significant changes proposed to the management structure of the departments in the County Council. An interim structure has now been put forward and is subject to agreement by the full Council. I am pleased to say that a recent report to the cabinet confirmed that the council's finances were in a sound state and the streamlined services were enabling the council to achieve its 3 year budget programme which ends in 2019

(Update Continued)

A recent decision by West Mercia Police to terminate the strategic alliance to work with Warwickshire was confirmed last week. The reasons are not known but the alliance has saved in the region of £35million between the two forces, which has been put into front line policing.

HS2

There have been a series of community meetings at various levels to update communities on the progress with HS2's contractors enabling investigations. At the time of writing this report there are no firm dates for any road disruptions although discussion with WCC, Police Fire, Transport etc are taking place to meet the requirements of the main contractors with minimum disruption.

Road closure notices will be for longer than needed and I am asking that roads be kept open with traffic lights as far as is practicable.

The biggest one locally is the supply of an electrical supply to the large Tunnelling machine for the 2 tunnels between the Polo grounds and Offchurch. This will entail running a cable from Bishops Itchington to Ufton. The first boreholes and subsequent road disruptions are expected in November but the precise areas have yet to be finalised. The boring machine itself is expected to be working by mid 2020. To give an idea of how flexible the planning phase is, a large bore hole at Wormleighton expected to start in May has yet to be started!

Meetings with parishes and public at various locations will continue but with four main contractors and HS2 all involved getting a common story is proving difficult. At the end of the day they fall back on the Hybrid Bill, the act of Parliament and their powers therein.

Schools

This year all those who applied in time got the school place they were entitled to. There are occasionally problems with "late" movers into the area as some year group classes are already full. Southam College is expecting a new sports hall to be completed by September 2019 there is a long way to go on this! Otherwise secondary provision in Warwickshire and specifically within the Feldon Division continues to be very good. Other than siblings of existing students the numbers of new students from out of county are reducing significantly. Many of the Primary schools are becoming academies and joining a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) either as part of a diocese MAT or the Stowe Valley MAT. Your school is retaining its status as a free school

Budget pressures

Both Adult and children's services continue to create Budget pressures. Specifically children safeguarding and Fostering as well as a significant increase in Mental health problems. The extra money announced in the financial statement will help to alleviate these pressures. The fire service whose final inspection report is still awaited, is also experiencing increased budget pressures due to an increase in Road traffic Accidents. The highways department is being contained within its reduced budget but reduced staff numbers is leading to lower priority work taking longer. Extra money promised for potholes is welcome.

5. Planning

New and Pending Decisions

18/01826/VARY – Connaught Green Ltd, The Doles Wharf – living accommodation in commercial building – No objection -Pending

18/03174/TREE – Marston House, Byfield Road. T1 T2 Fell elderberry and holly tree
No Objection - Pending

18/02803/FUL – 1 Jacks Orchard, Shuckburgh Rd – 5 new dwellings -NEW

Decisions

18/01928/TREE – Church Cottage, T1 yew removal – Granted 14/08

18/01703/FUL – Falcon House, Hellidon Road – Side extension for car port/utility –
Granted 04/10

18/02010/FUL – The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane – 2 new dwellings redundant barn –
Refusal – 03/10

18/01649/FUL – Jasmine Cottage, Hardwick road – New car port, extension and
alterations to The Tannery – Withdrawn

18/01777/FUL – Honnesberie Shooting School – New storage unit – Granted 24/09

18/02470/TREE – Hardwick house, Hardwick rd – T1 fell cherry tree Granted 09/10

18/02224/FUL – 4 Turvins Meadow, Shuckburgh Rd – 2 storey rear extension
Granted 23/10

18/02571/TREE – Rose Cottage, Southam Rd – T1 pollard Willow Tree – Granted
18/10

18/02557/FUL – Lynwood, Hellidon Rd – change of use adjoining parcel land to
garden
Refusal 03/10

18/02651/TREE – The Maples School Lane – T1 conifer fell, T1 conifer reduce to 6
meters Granted 18/10

Discussion took place on the new application 18/02802/FUL for 5 new dwellings in
the parish.

Councilors noted that this application is outside of the Build line (Still under
consultation). There was general concern on the capacity of the drainage along the
Holloway and whether it can sustain this potential development.

The Name of “Jacks Orchard” will also be questioned as to where this name has come
from and if the application is successful the Parish Council should be consulted on any
new road names.

**ACTION: Clerk to email Planning Officer for clarification on the above prior to
official comment before the 28th November deadline.**

6. Finance

Bank Balance as of 1st November 2018 £18,698.21

Receipts

Precept Payment £8800.00

Cheque Payments for September & October = £2199.95

Pete Brown – Mowing Aug/Sept £400.00

Grineaux Accountants (Year end) £300.00

Chris Allen for Village Maintenance £160.00
Village Hall Hire (May June Sep) £80.00
WALC Chairmanship Training £10.00
Clerks Wages (Sept/Oct) £824.00
PK Little John External Auditors Fee £240.00
Eon Street lighting (Sept) £167.99

7. Highways

The verges on Holly Bush Lane will need to be monitored and discussed with Highways as over the years the verges have disappeared and causes a bottleneck situation on this road.

ACTION: Clerk to discuss with Highways and ask them to appraise this area.

8. Correspondence

Mr Ducker (Swiss Cottage) has made the Clerk aware of some faulty lights on the tree on the green used for the Christmas Tree for the Village. Clerk has spoken to Mr Ducker to agree sourcing of the lights and arranging for them to be placed on the tree.

ACTION: Clerk

9. AOB

Cllr Appleton discussed the quarry within the Parish (Near Stirch Farm) and the need to make SDC aware of this.

The Meeting Closed at 8.55pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

TUESDAY 15th JANUARY 2019