

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7.30pm
The Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road, Priors Marston***

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: , Cllr Viv Nind Acting Chair, Cllr John Appleton, Cllr John Franklin Cllr Bob Stevens and Emma Hooker (Clerk) , Lee Robinson (Chair Village Hall Committee)

Apologies: Cllr Nick Fulford (Chair), Cllr Laura Lucas,

1. Declarations of Interest

None Declared

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018

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

3. Matters Arising from previous meeting

1) Parish Plan Update

SDC have advised that the final plan will go in front of the Cabinet (District Council) on 11th February.

Cllr Bob Stevens commented that he had seen the plan and found it very easy to read and showed clear vision.

Three quotes were obtained for printing of the plans and the successful tender has been agreed by all present. The Company (ColourBurst Lithographic Ltd) have quote £ 1120.00 with a £200 contingency for extra copies.

Councilors agreed to add the village directory information to the Parish Plan so each household get this information, as it is very helpful for new residents.

ACTION JF to discuss with NF

4. Precept 2019/20

Councilors agreed to increase the precept from £17,560 to £18,560 to cover election costs.

5. District Councilor Bob Stevens Update

General

December has been a quiet month at the County Council with most Departments only having a skeleton team “in the Office” for 2 weeks. The mild weather has meant that the gritters have been able to enjoy their Christmas at home and supplies are sufficient to meet any future demand.

The recruitment of senior staff has started and posts are slowly being filled. The long awaited report on the County’s fire service has at last been released and generally our fire service meets all required standards although there is room for improvement in some areas. (predominately back office). Work has now well advanced for next years budget and 3 year plan. Each year I say the main pressures are adult services and children in care. These continue to increase with no extra money from central

Government although they do acknowledge that an additional 2-3% on Council tax (over that which is already planned) may be required specifically to fund these services

- **HS2**

No report would be complete without a mention of this unwanted disruption to our lives! Road closures will continue around the proposed route for the first part of 2019 whilst the early works contractors continue their task of pricing the line. HS2 So College and stagecoach are liaising over School bus disruption. To date WCC are paying for extra buses when needed. Under the terms of the hybrid bill HS2 and the contractors are responsible for keeping us all informed of their plans and they will continue to hold drop in and information meetings during this period. I met with Jeremy Wright MP and HS2 Midlands Communication officer on Friday to discuss community communications

- **Highways**

Major works as well as HS2) around the Feldon Division, particularly on the A 423, will create major disruptions over the next few weeks. A programme for utilising the extra government money for pothole repairs is also being prepared. Please report significant ones ASAP as they will be repaired on a priority basis and the money spent this financial year.

And Finally

I hope finances may become slightly better for this year and that BREXIT is finally sorted out and we can get on with longer-term plans based on certainty. If I was asked to predict any thing for 2019 I would go for a U turn on HS2 (Wishful thinking!) I wish you all a happy and prosperous 2019 and every success in your elections in May

6. Elections May 2019

Clerk asked of the Councilors present if anyone was intending to stand down at the elections this May. Cllr John Appleton indicated he would not be seeking re election. Full details will be made available to all residents in due course.

7. Planning Matters

New and Pending Decisions

18/01826/VARY – Connaught Green Ltd, The Doles Wharf – living accommodation in commercial building – No Objection (Pending)

18/03424/FUL - Formation of habitable room, Sycamore Corner, Hellidon Rd – No Objection (Pending)

18/03373/FUL – The Hollybush Inn, New external door and 2 roof windows – No Objection (Pending)

18/03456/FUL – Courtleet, Keys Lane – New gates (electronic) – No Objection (Pending)

18/03454/AGNOT – Land to north of Welsh Rd – erection new agric. building – No Objection Granted

18/03215/VARY – Noralle - Land adjacent to The Hollybush – new dwelling from 3 to 4 bed – Objection (Pending)

18/03664/TREE The Holloways, Fell Birch and Ash tree – No Objection (Pending)
18/03654/TREE – Castle Folly, Hellidon Rpad – Laurel coppice – No Objection (Pending)
18/03446/FUL – The Old Vicarage – conversion of barn to one bed dwelling – No Objection (Pending)
19/00021/TREE – The Hollybush – Fell 3 ash trees – No Objection to T1. Objection to the two trees situated within the pub garden. (Pending)

8. Finance

Bank Balance as of 1st January 2019 £15,450.26

Receipts

23/11 Priors Hardwick VILF £460.39

Direct Debits

30/11 Public Works Loan £1876.10

07/12 1&1 Internet £17.96

Cheque Payments for November /December= £ 1814.28

Pete Brown – Mowing Nov/Dec £400.00

Chris Allen Village Maintenance £182.50

British Legion Poppy wreath £18.50

Clerks Wages / Expenses Nov £453.20

WALC training – Clerk Elections £30.00

Priors Hardwick 30% payment - £730.08

9. Correspondence

The Chair of the Priors Sports & Social Club has written to the Council (11th January 2019) requesting attendance at the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the clubs current financial position and to put forward proposals for its long term future. Clerk will invite the Sports Club representatives to the next meeting in March and ask for attendees and any papers in advance of meeting.

10. AOB

Village Hall – Post Office

- Lee Robinson spoke to the Council in his capacity as the Chair of the Village Hall Committee regarding the Post Office situated within the hall. Mr Robinson stated that in the past the Parish Council have paid a nominal amount to cover the utility bills associated with the running costs of the Post Office. Some time ago this has lapsed. As a registered charity the hall cannot financially support a business. Mr Robinson asked the Council to consider reinstating this agreement. The Council asked Mr Robinson to find out what the cost was when it was originally paid and let the Clerk know. In principle all present agreed to reinstate a nominal sum towards the running costs of the Post office (Staff salary's excluded which is paid by the Royal Mail)
 Action – Mr Robinson to inform Clerk of the payment for Council. Clerk to look into the discounts available for certain small businesses (Rates etc.)

Supported Village

- Clerk attended a meeting on 13th January with Candy Kelly (Priors Hardwick Village Meeting Chair) and PSCSO Kat Campion, regarding setting up a Supported Village scheme in the village. This would involve paying £96 for set up equipment including Warwickshire Police signage for the village, property marking pens, outside Cremark property markers.

Alongside this the Parish Council and Police will organise a community property marking event. The Police would also where needed visit homes/farms to help mark property, horse tack etc. Clerk advised the event would possibly be held in March and will keep everyone informed on the progress. The Council agreed to the cost for the equipment and to engage in this scheme.

- Clerk was asked to arrange to get the village green on the junction of Southam Road and Shuckburgh Road to be strimmed and tidied up.

The Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

Tuesday 12th March 2019