

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 7.30pm
The Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road, Priors Marston***

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr Nick Fulford (Chair), Cllr John Franklin, Cllr Laura Lucas, Cllr David Evans, Cllr Pete Dunkley, County Cllr Bob Stevens, District Cllr Nigel Rock and Emma Hooker (Clerk)

Also In Attendance: Mr. & Mrs. M Franzoni and Mr. & Mrs. D Adams

Apologies: None Received

1. Declarations of Interest

None Declared

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019

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

Approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday 24th May 2019

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

3. Questions from Residents

Mr. David Adams had requested to speak to the Council prior to the meeting regarding the Sports Club and following on from March's Parish Council meeting whereby the Chair of the Sports Club (Mr. S Brown) presented future plans for the land and club.

Mrs. Lynda Franzoni was also present due to her extensive experience as a Previous Chair of the Sports Club.

A copy of the Land Registry Official Copy of Register of Title was handed to the Council this showed the Proprietorship of the land as being Mr. David Adams, Mr. Michael Wilkes and Mr. Thomas Smith (now deceased). It is therefore assumed that Mr. David Adams and Mr. Michael Wilkes are the Trustees. Mr. Adams observed that it might be appropriate to appoint more trustees.

Discussion took place regarding the ownership of the land and the rights of the landowners. Mr. Adams and Mrs. Franzoni stated that the land must remain a sports club for the community and Mr. Ward (Landowner) has the right to buy back his land if the Sports Club were to fold. The remaining land would revert to Parish Council ownership should the Sports Club cease.

Lynda Franzoni stated that the legal documentation relating to the Sports and Social Club including that relating to ownership was handed to the current Chair of the Sports Club after he took up office.

A meeting is being arranged between the Trustees and the Sports Club Committee and Cllrs. Lucas and Dunkley offered to attend to represent the Parish Council.

Once this meeting has gone ahead the Trustees will report back to the Parish Council.

ACTION: Clerk to request attendance of Councillors at this meeting.

The Chair thanked the speakers for their input and clarification and they left at 8.10pm.

4. **Matters Arising from previous meeting**

1) Footpaths

Ongoing maintenance of the village footpaths are in progress currently with many of the footpaths being cleared and tidied up. Rights of way are also being cleared where necessary.

2) Community Speeding Action Group

It was agreed to look into a Radar survey. This would involve 5 surveys held over a week and the cost would be circa £500. The Village Plan Questionnaire did indicate a wish for such a survey.

ACTION: Clerk will contact Mr. Garry Palmer at WCC to discuss further.

3) Community Forum Meetings

Clerk reported a positive response regarding the meetings from the Sports Club and Priors School and will chase the Tennis club, Church and will also add in the Holly bush Inn.

ACTION: Clerk to chase responses

4) Village Hall

Councillors agreed to contribute £100 per annum to the costs of running the Post Office.

5. **County Councillor Bob Stevens Update**

The County Councils present 4 year medium term program comes to an end this year. It was based on keeping the county's finances healthy and streamlining the work force to meet the mandatory responsibilities of the Council at a time of austerity. The Leader in conjunction with the Chief Executive have finally announced their ambitions for the next 4 years and beyond and an organization structure has been finalized. The main thrust will be to maintain the county's prosperity and to help those less well-off, and hence vulnerable, to find employment with a dignified retirement in old age. Also to encourage firms to take on apprentices and prepare school leavers for their futures. However until a settled budgetary process is agreed precise details cannot be finalized and this will not happen until the government has determined the outcome of Brexit and passed necessary legislation on local government finances. At present it is "same jobs different personalities doing them"

Highways

As well as the disruption to some local roads as a result of work for HS2, this is the season for the surface dressing program and an opportunity for road repair and maintenance. Coordination of road closures and traffic diversions is carried out wherever possible although emergencies (Severn Trent) and work overruns often creates added confusion. The county councils web page on road works is the most accurate indication of what is taking place, when and where, but I find it very cluttered. I have asked for a simpler alert system to be explored. I keep your clerk informed whenever I can of impending closures subject to change!! On the 31st May I took the new Director of Highways (Mr. Scott Tompkins) for Warwickshire County Council on a tour of the Division. Scott, who is an American by birth, comes to us after 18 years in Gloucestershire highways. The grass verges had just had their first (of 3) cuts – "Your Lucky" says Scott "in Gloucester we only did one" he agreed that, in some places, the verges were in need of attention.

He asked about gritting routes stating that "In Warwickshire you do nearly 45% of the roads In Gloucestershire we only managed 25%" He is in the process of finalizing his departments Officer structure which I will forward onto your clerk with the relevant contact names. The County Highways will benefit from once again, having an experienced Highways Engineer in charge.

This is likely to be a regular item in my reports . Work at Wormleighton has now started and the laying of the ducting for the power cable to the boring machine progresses. Site surveying (off the main roads) continues as the line is finalized and the position of the maintenance and accommodation sites is decided.

Acceptable access points with a clear visibility is creating some delays as in some cases HS2 want to cut down listed trees that get in the way! Farmers, too, are concerned about their harvest and the effect of road closures as they transport their crops from the field to the loading points, (even more tractors on the Fosse!) There are a series of meetings over the next few weeks to try and resolve some of these problems but at the end of the day the Hybrid Bill is final and HS2 are expecting to start the main works early next year come what may. There was a useful meeting with Jeremy Wright on Friday when many of the problems that presently exist were raised.

Public Health

Whilst we await the Governments White paper on health and Social care the public Health department, led by the new temporary Director of Public health and the recently appointed Director of adult and children social care are working together to highlight the need for healthy living in the community. Dementia, obesity, exercise and mental health are top of the list of long term concerns that are being highlighted. As parish Councils you can do your bit by encouraging activities for the young (Walking, use of sports fields, etc.) and tackling loneliness by encouraging Social activities for single elderly residents. Environmental health is the remit of the District Council although I find it hard to differentiate it from Public health – another argument for unitary Authorities!!

Armed forces Day

Last Saturday was Armed Forces day. A celebration of those who serve and have served in the armed forces. It is a good time to remember the armed forces covenant which is a bond between the nation and those who serve(d) which ensures that service personnel are not disadvantaged by their service and hence time away from their homes. The country celebrated the 75th anniversary of D day last month and next year the country celebrates the 75th anniversary of VE day (VJ day is in August). The May Day bank holiday is likely to be moved to Friday 8th May

ACTION: Clerk to report potholes and damage to verges on the Byfield Road as Cllr Stevens advised they will be looked at.

6) District Councillor – Nigel Rock Update

HS2 Update was given by Cllr Rock – Lots of road works going on and sometimes assumed it is always related to HS2, which isn't always the case. The website roadworks.org is available for the public to view which gives live information and who is responsible. Cllr Rock reported that Highways have agreed to place signs with Company responsible for the works and a phone number to enable the public to speak to someone if they have concerns or queries.

BUAB (Built up area boundary) which Priors Marston have been consulted on recently has been put forward for further consultation. There has been a recent case whereby

an appeal was lodged on a objection due to being outside of the BUAB in another Parish and this was granted.

Crime Incident at Fenny Compton where the cash machine was broken into was discussed and Cllr Rock is meeting on the 3rd September with the Police Crime Commissioners and Councillors.

Planning

The Council have to have a five-year housing supply at the moment is stands at Five and ½ years. They are looking at the future and they have a reserved sites list. In this Parish due to the fact that Southam College is oversubscribed and there are no plans to build another secondary school due to funding, the reserved sites within the College's catchment area has been inoculated against further development.

6. Planning Matters

New and Pending Decisions

19/01047/FUL – Jasmine Cottage, Hardwick Road – 2 storey extension, new porch, new garage and extension of driveway. - NO OBJECTION – PENDING DECISION

19/01101/FUL – Ambercote, School Lane - demolition of extension to provide new extension - QUERY FOR PLANNING OFFICER – WITHDRAWN

19/01175/TREE – Oakdene, Hollybush Lane - Several trees reduce heights – OBJECT PENDING REPORT ON REASON FOR TREE REDUCTION - WITHDRAWN

19/01202/TPO - Holloways, Shuckburgh Road - Ash - fell TPO - WITHDRAWN

19/01473/TREE – The Willows, - Willow – fell– No OBJ PENDING DECISION

19/01635/FUL – Land adj. Grassmere – New 4 Bed dwelling – OBJECT - PENDING

19/01701/COUQ – The Meadows, Southam Rd – Change of use of Agricultural Barns to 4 new dwellings – OBJECT – PENDING

19/01564/REM – Land rear of Japonica Cottage – 4 new dwellings – OBJECT – PENDING

19/01908/TREE – Oakdene, Hollybush Lane, Fell Ash / Pine x 10 – More info req. from planner – PENDING

Decisions

19/01202/TPO - Holloways, Shuckburgh Road - Ash fell - TPO - GRANTED

Chair reported on a meeting with himself and Cllr Franklin with Fiona Blundell and Sian Maher from Planning Policy at SDC. The Built Up Area Boundary (BUAB) is back under consultation and will likely be finalized by the end of the year. Until it's been finalized and adopted, the Parish Council can use this to object should a new dwelling/s be proposed outside the area.

The Core strategy suggests a number of different size houses in the district. We alerted SDC to the fact we have an under supply of three bed houses and an over supply of 4plus beds. The Core Strategy Policy suggest that 15-20% of market houses should be 4 and 4 plus beds whilst 40-45% should be 3 beds. In Priors Marston we have 51% of 4 plus beds and only 30% of 3 beds.

Fiona Blundell agreed to take this matter to the Head of Planning and Head of Planning Policy for comment and advice and report back.

7. Finance

Bank Balance as of 1st July 2019 - £16,133.82

Receipts = £1082.95

VAT Return £622.56
PH VILF £460.39

Direct Debits £1894.06

1&1 Internet fee £17.96
Public Works Loan £1876.10

Cheque Payments May/June

Amenity/ Mowing £600 (April, May, June)
WALC Subscription £201.00
Grineaux Accountants Year end £324.00
Zurich Insurance 12 months £825.76
Clerks Wages/expenses (May, June) £891.94
Village Maintenance £215.00

8. AOB

*** Manor Courtyard signage**

The two new signs, which have been recently erected to the entrance of the courtyard provoked negative feedback to the Council on their appearance and text. The Chair met with the Developer to discuss and ask for a new approach. He offered to remove the sign which stated vehicles will be towed away and keep a sign stating this is a Private Road / No Parking or Turning. It was unanimously agreed that Chair would go back to him and ask if this could be a smaller less obtrusive sign on ground level by the entrance as this would be more appropriate and in keeping with the ambience of the village.

Cllrs also commented that the parking on Hardwick Road is sometimes very dangerous when people park on the bend due to inadequate car parking spaces.

***Sign outside of Village Hall**

The sign relating to the location of a Public Telephone Box will be removed due to no phone box being in the village. Will look at a new sign directing people to the defibrillator.

***Website**

It was agreed to look at updating the website and include the new photos that were recently taken for the Village Plan.

The Meeting Closed at 9.35pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

Tuesday 10th September 7.30pm