

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 7.30pm
Via Zoom.***

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr Nick Fulford (Chair), Cllr. Pete Dunkley, Cllr. John Franklin, Cllr. Laura Lucas, Cllr Andy Crump and Emma Hooker (Clerk)

Meeting was opened by Chair at 7.30pm

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr. David Evans and Cllr. Nigel Rock
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
None Declared
- 3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2020**
Minutes were approved by all present at the meeting, as a true record. Signed by the Chair.
- 4. Matters Arising / Outstanding Actions**

Playground Repairs

Clerk was pleased to report that the playground was opened again in July after the shut down due to Covid restrictions. A risk assessment was done and all repairs including the fence and climbing wall replacement had been actioned.

Sports Club

Community Asset Nomination

The Parish Council have applied to SDC to have the Sports Club registered as a community asset. We are awaiting confirmation for that this has been done.

Footpath

The land being offered to create a footpath along the Byfield Road (Partly) was discussed and Clerk will re-engage with the landowner to see if this can be escalated. Although it was deemed this would not make this road completely safe, as it would not lead from the village to sports club but it would improve safety if this can be achieved.

Action: Clerk to contact landowner.

5. District Cllr Andy Crump update

Chair began by passing on our greatest sympathy and sadness on the passing of Cllr Bob Stevens recently. Bob always had a smile on his face and was always so approachable and helpful and will be greatly missed by us all.

Thank you to Cllr Crump for stepping in and attending this meeting.

Cllr Crump advised:

- * Community grants are available for parish community clubs and to spread the word. *Action Clerk*
- * Southam Library is now open
- * Stockton refuse tip will reopen on the 26th September.
- * Safer in Warwickshire scheme is soon to be launched to encourage a long-term behavior change and encourage children to walk to school where possible.

Cllr Crump left the meeting at 8.15pm

6. Planning Matters

New and Pending Applications

20/02324/TPO – The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane –
Works on several trees with TPO's (25/08) – **NO OBJECTION**

20/2221/TREE – Hardwick House, Hardwick Rd – Fell Willow Tree (26/08)
No OBJECTION

20/20166/OUT – Ambercote, School Lane – Outlying permission for new 3 bed dwelling (26/08) – **OBJECTION**

20/01975/LBC – 7 Priors Court, The Green – Listed building wall to be widened to create improved access (28/08) – **NO OBJECTION**

Decisions

20/01446/TREE – Chapel Cottage, Hellidon Rd. - Conifer fell –
GRANTED (10/7)

20/01482/TREE – Underhill, Keys Lane. – Poplar fell –
GRANTED (11/7)

20/01050/FUL – Land off Shuckburgh Rd – New dwelling
REFUSED (25/07)

8. Finances July / August 2020

Bank Balance as of 1st September 2020 - £18799.48

Receipts £283.54

VAT Refund - £283.54

DD £12.00

1&1 Internet £12.00

Cheque Payments £1719.19

Staff Wages (Aug/Sep) £901.19

Village Maintenance £418.00

Amenities Mowing £ May/June £400.00

9. A.O.B

- Clerks' salary band increase was proposed and all present agreed.
- Horse Chestnut tree damaged in high winds will be felled imminently as deemed dangerous – discussion took place on replanting as this is highways land Clerk will approach to ask the question.
- Unitary Authorities Consultation –
Following an update from Cllr Franklin and Chair on the WALC Zoom meeting on 3rd Sept discussing Unitary Authority proposals, the Parish Council agreed that:
 - Two unitary authorities were strongly preferred as opposed to one
 - That all existing services should remain with the unitary authority unless a Parish Council requests the option to provide a service.
 - That if parishes were to be combined it should be at the instigation and mutual agreement of the relevant parishes and not the unitary authority.
 - Chair will write to WALC with comments to this respect.

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom