

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7.30pm
Via Zoom.***

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Meeting was opened by Chair at 7.35pm

- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
None Declared
- 3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 8th September**
Minutes were approved by all present at the meeting, as a true record. Signed by the Chair.
- 4. Matters Arising / Outstanding Actions**

Sports Club Community Asset Nomination

Following on from previous meeting the Parish Council have now had confirmation the Sports Club is now registered as a Community Asset.

Footpath

Clerk and Chair have contacted the landowner since the last meeting to discuss further however to date have not had a response.

ROSPA Annual Report 2020

The report was disseminated to the Cllrs prior to the meeting.

The two areas of concern are the overhead ring equipment and the smaller play tower where they have been assessed as high risk due to rotting timber. Clerk to check that playground can remain open and organise quotes for the work.

ACTION: CLERK

Site Allocation Plan Consultation

The Consultation has been emailed to the Villagers and advertised on all social media platforms. The two areas identified as potential land for development are:

PM.A- South of Byfield Road

PM.B - East of Shuckburgh Road.

This map has been sent to the village and can be seen on line at www.stratford.gov.uk or email the clerk.

Cllr Rock explained that a certain set of criteria needs to be met prior to any land in a category 4 village (Which is what Priors Marston is) being looked at and this category of village is the last on the list of preferred sites, so it is

unlikely that this land will be called upon in the near future. Land around Southam are higher priority with 786 dwellings being looked at and a total of 1,269 in and around Southam. (In the Southam College catchment area)

Cllr Rock stated that any land that is being put forward to be included in the SAP is highly unlikely to succeed as other areas in the village have been looked at as part of this process and discounted bar the two sites mentioned above. There will be a second consultation once this consultation has been forwarded to the Government for approval.

Radar Speed Survey 2019

The speed survey, which was commissioned by the Parish Council last year, was discussed and as this was part of the Parish Plan objectives it was decided to revisit this issue. – The overall assessment of the survey was that speeding was not deemed as a concern.

The Parish Council wish to revisit the issue of speeding in the village with a view to ask for volunteers to perform a speed survey as when this is feasible.

6. Highways

Road Markings – School Lane

The missed white line renewal on School lane was discussed – Clerk has chased this matter with Highways over the years and due to the safety impact of the faded give way lines will be approaching Highways again and will be asking the Priors School to also write to Highways to support.

ACTION CLERK

7. County Cllr Andy Crump update

Cllr Crump advised:

* HS2 Road Closures – Welsh Rd West at Bascote closed from November 21-25

* Southam Library is now open for click and collect

* Parks, Refuse centers and Playgrounds can remain open during Lockdown2

* COVID Hotspots are in North Warwickshire with some areas of Warwick and Leamington spiking. Stratford area has the lowest rates of COVID in Warwickshire. The advice remains stay at home, work from home if you can and ensure social distancing measures are maintained at all times

* WCC have the following help lines open

Shielding hotline – 0800 4081447

Free School Meals / support – 0800 4081448

Domestic Violence helpline – 0800 4081552

*Reports of roads not being cleaned are high mainly due to the high level of HS2 traffic and farmers in this wet weather

Cllr Crump left the meeting at 8.15pm

District Cllr Nigel Rock Update

COVID

Councillors had a briefing on this shortly before the government policy shifted from area measures, to national lockdown. The increasing trend is clear, although Stratford District has had lowest rates in the county and there has been some slight slowing of the increase recently. There is an interactive map on this web site: <https://coronavirus-staging.data.gov.uk/>

Site Allocation Plan (SAP)

You will be aware that a revised version of the Site Allocation Plan (SAP) is out for consultation. I am still studying it myself but a preliminary summary follows. The fundamental change overall in this version of the SAP is the loss of the restraint on housing sites around Southam. This is due to the stated removal of the difficulties of providing secondary schools places, which is now said to be possible to be overcome. It is not clear to me how the strain on infrastructure of Southam, including the college, has suddenly been fixed.

There are two more sites shown at Priors Marston. There are also quite a few changes nearby: Four big sites are added on this side of Southam but it removes three at Fenny Compton (but regretfully not the ones local councillors prioritised for removal) It brings in one extra site at Butt Hill Napton and reinforces the self build site in Napton, which now seems to have more houses in the proposal. Sites appearing as 'surprise' proposals in the consultation draft was a general issue, raised at a rather contentious full Council meeting on 19 October

Many Councillors were concerned about how sites got this far without local representatives having an inkling.

In response the administration stated that this is the consultation and the opportunity for input. Since the Council, I have raised the matter with the Chief Executive, as it there is a justified perception that developers are getting more access and influence than elected members.

Reserve sites will be triggered for consideration if a 5 year housing supply cannot be met. At the moment it is more than 7 years, however the government white paper proposing much more central direction over planning would remove what local controls there are and require an estimated 1675 houses a year in Stratford District. If so there will be much more pressure. Personally I am not happy about this.

The document now includes a mechanism for 'releasing' reserved sites. This is complex and I have already discussed with the Policy Manager if this could be better codified.

HS2

Locally representatives appear to have little influence over the decision to close the A425 at the polo ground for 9 months, which does not bode well for the future. I have asked Jeremy Wright:

- When (internally?) and by whom specifically was the A425 closure decision taken, noting this overturns the drawings, plans and process published more than 8 years ago?
- Why would the Gunning principles not apply to this case?

·On what basis and criteria was the decision made noting the full and complete economic environmental balance, including the extra time cost and carbon emissions implications for local persons and businesses?

When the Act went through its various stages (and was finally given the go ahead by the PM) the plan clearly showed the diversion methodology, removal of which HS2 now say there is no need to consult upon. If it was consulted upon before prior to 2013, approved and solidified in the drawings, changes of this magnitude without consultation and proper assessment fail a test of reasonableness and the Gunning principles. (I suspect a legal case could be made that would waste everyone's time money.) It just seems to me that HS2 need to be told by their paymasters (us - the taxpayers ie HMG) it is just not good enough. There is therefore a need for either the construction commissioner and/or the minister to tell them to behave, as HS2 do not seem to have got the message.

8. Planning Matters

New and Pending Applications

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

20/02301/FUL – Jacks Orchard, Shuckburgh Rd – Erection of one custom self-build and related development (08/09) OBJECTION BY PC

20/2283/LBC – 2 Priors Court The Green – Replacement front door – NO OBJ

20/2689/FUL – White Gates, Shuckburgh Rd – Front extension and replacement garage 23/10 – NO OBJECTION

20/02886/FUL – Marston Farm, Shuckburgh Rd – proposed Extension and garage alterations 06/11 – NO OBJECTION

Decisions

20/02324/TPO – The Old Vicarage , Works on several trees. (25/08)
GRANTED 7/10

20/2221/TREE – Hardwick House, Hardwick Rd – Fell Willow Tree (26/08)
GRANTED – 18/09

20/01975/LBC – 7 Priors Court, The Green – Listed building wall to be widened to create improved access (28/08) GRANTED 17/10

Owners of Leet Cottage requested a letter of support for their appeal application, which was Refused by SDC. Due to the decision to not object originally wasn't unanimous this request cannot be actioned.

Cllr Nigel Rock left the meeting at 8.30pm

8. Finances September/October 2020

Bank Balance as of 1st November - £26,314.56

Receipts

SDC Precept £9280.00

DD

1&1 Internet Services £56.52

Cheque Payments = £3127.31

Mowing/Amenities Aug/Sep £400.00

Defibrillator New batteries and pads £375.60

Playscapes Designs new climbing wall £706.80

Chris Allen Maintenance/ New Gates and fencing £678.68

Clerks wages/expenses October £635.77

Eon Street lights (2 payments) £330.46

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7.30pm