

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7.30pm
Via Zoom.***

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Meeting was opened by Chair at 7.30pm

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr. Laura Lucas
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
None Declared
- 3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 10th Nov.**
Minutes were approved by all present at the meeting, as a true record. Signed by the Chair.
- 4. Matters Arising / Outstanding Actions**

Potential Footpath Byfield Road

The Clerk and Chair had an online meeting in November, with the landowner who has offered to gift a piece of land to use as a footpath round the corner before the Sports Club thus enabling safer access for pedestrians. The meeting was positive and both parties understood the situation better than before.

The piece of land, would legally need to be gifted to WCC Highways and not the Parish Council so therefore the PC need to put together a proposal for WCC with reasons for why we feel it beneficial and drawings/dimensions of the proposed site. Cllrs, Fulford, Evans and Dunkley agreed to lead this project.

Actions:

- * Clerk to contact Priors School for support if they felt it would be beneficial to the pupils**
- * Cllr Dunkley to approach a contact for help with drawings and photos**

Playground Maintenance Schedule

Following on from the ROSPA report and its recommendations the Clerk is in the process of collating 3 quotes for the works and will report back to the Council when they have been received.

6. Highways

Bollards on verges / village greens

The Council discussed the issue of residents putting their own bollards on highway verges and village greens. Overall, the Parish Council agreed they do not want to see the village scattered with differing bollards, however in certain circumstances and with Highways and PC permission they can be allowed (subject to bollards being the correct dimensions and the correct distance away from the road). Bollards that are put up without permission that lead to

damage to people or cars will make the person who put them there liable. It is therefore imperative that permission is sought prior to any works being done.

Verges

Due to the usual winter weather the verges are suffering with inconsiderate parking and are getting churned up. Each year we unfortunately have the same issues and a reminder will be communicated to the village asking them to take care when parking. It is acknowledged that the village has an increase of delivery vans at the moment due to lockdown and more cars are at home.

Clerk will contact developers in the village that are parking inconsiderately and sometimes illegally and request that this ceases.

Verges do recover well once spring arrives and due to this being a rural village with farm traffic etc. some damage is inevitable, and we are not alone.

Action Clerk

The Clerk received correspondence ~~from~~ a resident with concerns over bollards/verges/parking/potholes within the village. This was discussed and Clerk will respond directly to the resident.

Action Clerk

7. County Cllr Andy Crump update

WCC is ordering 1,000 laptops for young carers and other children struggling to home learn together with a number of wi-fi dongles with data provision. WCC is working closely with our Warwickshire schools to assess the need as we go forward. The Department of Education is also looking to provide more laptop and dongles.

The local Clinical Commissioning Group has confirmed plans for the delivery of Covid-19 vaccines to patients and those in the surrounding GP Practices. These will be delivered by the South Warwickshire GP Federation and will begin in the week commencing 11th January.

Patients will be invited for their vaccine directly, so please do not contact the Surgery. These invitations will be based on the priority groupings set out by the Government, meaning that the over 80s and those in care homes will receive the vaccinations first.

On the subject of roads, this week has not been great weather wise (icy, foggy etc.) so we must all drive to the conditions ~~at~~ this time of the year there will be mud on the road too from various construction sites, farmers' fields etc. I and local councillors are working to minimise construction mud on the road, but it is proving to be challenging for several reasons) 46% of Warwickshire roads are gritted (unofficial HS2 diversions are not), which means many side roads are not (for various logistical, time and financial reasons), therefore some will need extreme caution when being used. Also please use fog lights (any lights!) in fog, so other road-users can see you. Again, especially in foggy conditions, can runners wear something that makes it easier for other road users to see them, particularly when in country lanes with no footpaths.

Covid Tests for those without symptoms of Covid-19 are available for booking between 8.15am and 8pm, Monday to Friday and 10.15am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. The service uses the fast turnaround lateral flow test kits, which can deliver results in around an hour

Tests can be booked here:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/covidcommunitytesting>

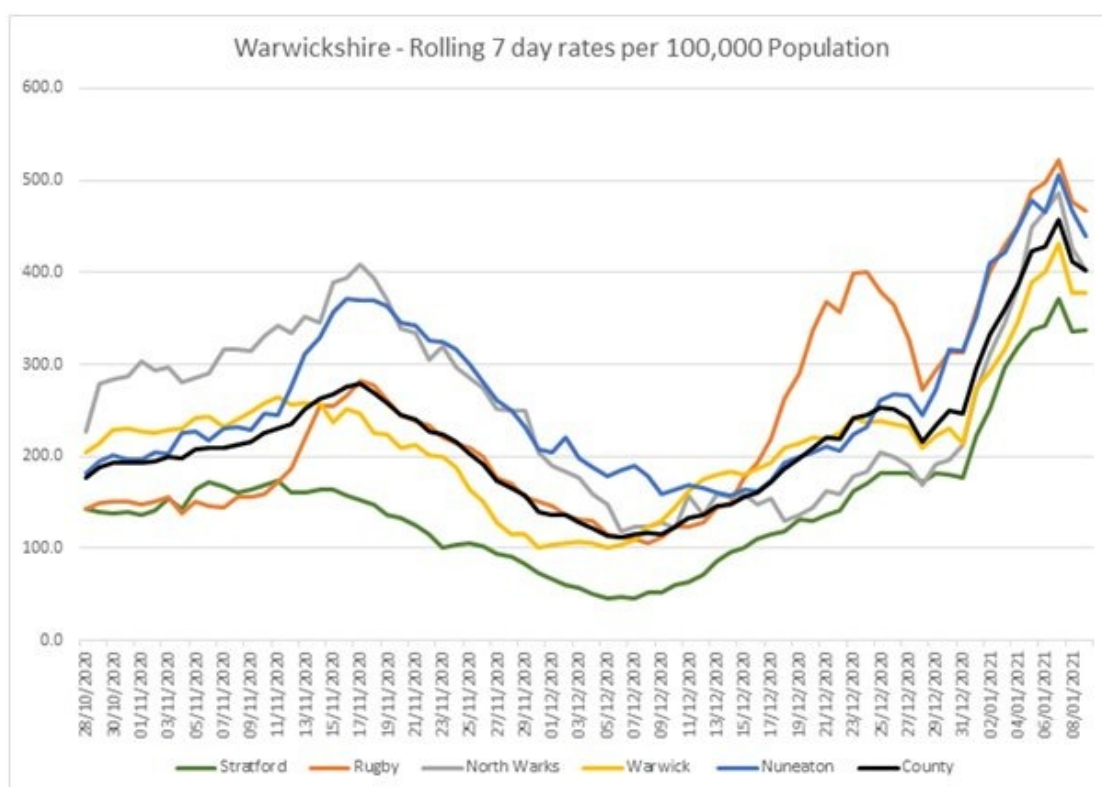
For more information or for details on the steps you need to take before attending your test, please visit

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/covidcommunitytesting>

Posted this on Friday (in case you've missed this)

Tips / Recycling centres in the area remain open as well as Country parks and Play areas.

District Cllr Nigel Rock Update



Stratford District continues to have the lowest rates in Warwickshire, but rates around Southam having previously been the lowest in the district are now the highest – about 25-33% above the average for district.

The vaccine programme for our area has been something of a major difficulty for local councillors with very poor communication from the South Warwickshire CCG. It is due to start this week somewhere 'secret' in Southam! It is not being done through GPs but organised by the CCG. People should not contact the NHS or GPs to ask for a jab they should be contacted as prioritised, but contact methods are a major concern.

Village Traffic

I have had a number of conversations with HS2 and their contractors about traffic. Although HGV movements are regulated by the Act of

Parliament, light van and vehicle movements are less constrained and I have been working with WCC and HS2 on this to stop light vans coming up the Welsh road and through Priors Hardwick. I am told this has now been fixed.

I have been working – with the late Bob Stevens - on a speed limit for Priors Hardwick since spring 2019 (!) and the signs are now up.

Green Bin Collections

From 1st April charging for green bin garden waste collection is to go ahead. The proposed charge of £40 had been deferred from earlier in 2020, after widespread opposition. I and my colleagues opposed this change as we believed that the charge was fund-raising exercise not justified by the financial position. I am also concerned about the impact charging may have on the volume of garden waste which is recycled and the pressure on local recycling centres, but more details on the new system can be found in the Council magazine that is being delivered to homes at the moment.

If you want to keep having your green waste collected you can sign up between now and 28 February for a first year's discount of £5 to £35 for the year. www.stratford.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call 01789 260628.

Stratford is investigating new collection arrangements for the longer term in coordination with Warwick District Council called a 123+ system. This would involve:

- One weekly separate food waste collection
- Two weekly mixed recycling collection in a wheelie bin, plus garden waste service (which unfortunately would still be chargeable as described above)
- Three weekly general residual waste black bin collection

It is early days on this idea with a three week cycle instead of two weekly, and possible government action is another variable factor in all waste collection arrangements. It seems to be taking a long time for central government to say what they are going to do, having given an indication of supporting more waste recycling.

Other

Changes at Southam Police SNT - PC Jamie Chiltern is taking over from PC Matt Simms who moves to the rural crime team. Insp. Alison Wiggin at Stratford will also be moving to rural crime.

A gypsy and travellers policy documents is out for consultation. Also on Planning Policy, work is starting on a joint core strategy with Warwick District.

A proposal tabled yesterday by the Stratford Cabinet to consider charges for parking in market towns was withdrawn after some pressure from local councillors.

Cllr Andy Crump left the meeting at 8.45pm

8. Planning Matters

New and Pending Applications

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

20/02886/FUL – Marston Farm, Shuckburgh Rd – proposed Extension and garage alterations 06/11

20/3553/TREE – The Orchard, Vicarage Lane – Leylandi Fell 11/12

Decisions

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

20/2283/LBC – 2 Priors Court The Green – Replacement front door – GRANTED 01/12

20/2689/FUL – White Gates, Shuckburgh Rd – Front extension and replacement garage 23/10 – WITHDRAWN 17/12

20/3400/TREE – Driftwood, School Lane – Honey Locust remove – GRANTED 22/12

20/3213/COUQ – The Meadows, Southam Rd – Change os use of 2 barns for 4 dwellings – GRANTED 17/12

Cllr Nigel Rock left the meeting at 8.55pm

8. Finances September/October 2020

Bank Balance as of 1st January - £22,465.48

Receipts =£2308.53

Priors Hardwick VILF £460.39

SDC Precept £1848.14

DD =£1913.30

1&1 Internet Services £6.00

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Public Works Loan £1876.10

Cheque Payments = £2825.40

Pete Brown Mowing/Amenities Oct/Nov/Dec £600.00

Clerks Wages Oct/Nov £920.00

Cllr Training (planning) £30.00

ROSPA Inspection £278.40

Poppy Wreath £17.00

Chris Allen Village Maintenance Nov/Dec £980.00

All Councillors agreed the Precept for 2021/22 to remain the same as last year at £18,560

The meeting concluded at 9.03pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom
Access ID can be obtained via the Clerk