

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 7.30pm
Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road.***

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr Laura Lucas (Chair) Cllr. David Evans, Cllr. John Franklin, District Cllr Nigel Rock, County Cllr Chris Kettle.

In Attendance: Emma Hooker (Clerk), Robyn May

Meeting was opened by Chair at 7.33pm and welcomed our new County Cllr Chris Kettle to the meeting.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr. Pete Dunkley
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
None Declared
- 4. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021**
Minutes were approved by all present at the meeting, as a true record. Signed by the Chair.
- 5. Co-Option of new Parish Councillor**
Following a vote of the Cllrs Mrs. Robyn May was welcomed to the Parish Council and the Register of Interests and Declaration to accept office was duly signed and witnessed.
- 6. Matters Arising / Outstanding Actions**

Potential Footpath Byfield Road

The situation was explained to Councillor Kettle as the new Councillor for advice on how to proceed. Cllr Kettle will take this up with the Footpath Officer Richard Barnard. Clerk will email Cllr Kettle all the paperwork.

Asset Register audit

Clerk reported on the asset audit completed on 30th April 2021.

Works agreed at the meeting:

Benches – all to be cleaned (jet washed)

Blue path – Weeding and cutting back

Notice Board – quotes for replacement

Grit bin on Hellidon Rd – Order new one.

Village Maintenance Position

Following on from the advertised position for a maintenance person for the Parish, the council received three interested parties. The Council considered these applications and have two experienced and local people on board who were also the most competitive quotes given.

Defibrillator Training

Clerk has been unable to arrange training as Community Heartbeat is still not conducting training due to Covid. Once this is eased training will be arranged for the whole village.

6. Highways

Keys Lane – Work has been completed to trim back the over grown verge.

Footpath – Sledging field. This area has been trimmed and tidied up

Rights of way have been chased several times now regarding the damaged bridge on the Millennium Way off Hardwick Rd.

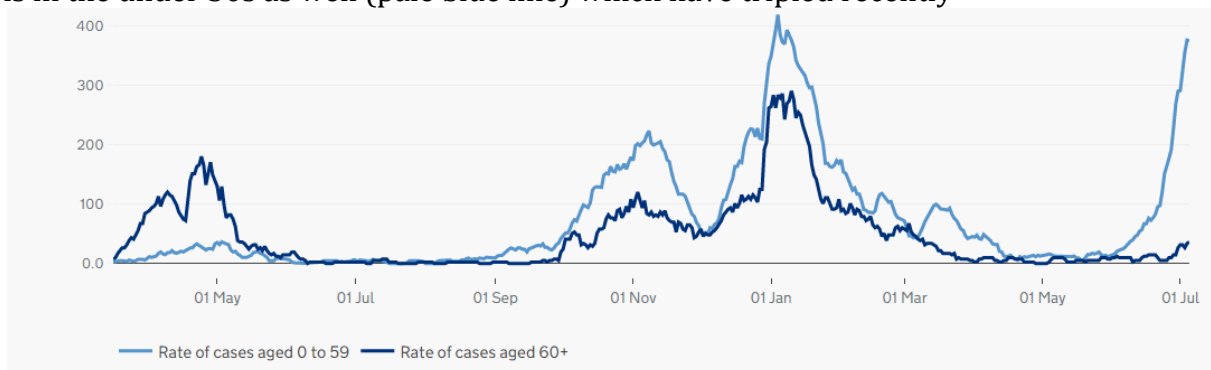
7. District Cllr Nigel Rock Update

Warwick and Stratford District Councils

Closer cooperation with Warwick District is proceeding. The first consultation phase of the joint local plan has resulted in 550 responses. The call for sites has generated 300 locations, but it is expected that some will be duplicates of those already submitted in previous embodiments of local plans. Management teams are being joined up so that there are shared heads of service across Councils, even though the Councils remain entirely separate entities at the present time. The elected leadership of the Council means there are still two Cabinets for the two Councils so the paid staff have two sets of bosses. The timetable for a decision as to whether this closer working gets translated into a full merger is December. Before then, work has to be done to investigate the implications and the wisdom of moving to a full merger.

Covid

Covid case rates continue to rise very substantially with around 266 cases per 100,000 across our District, with this area slightly higher than that. You might be interested in the data from <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/cases?areaType=ltla&areaName=Stratford-on-Avon> but the summary is that Stratford district, having bounced along at 10 cases (per 100,000) or below through most of April and May, it is now reported that the rate has risen to under 50s to 375. There are starting to be increases in the under 50s as well (pale blue line) which have tripled recently



Digging down into the data shows the really big rise is in fact in under 35s - and the 20-25 age group is running at 850 in the last week. One can only hope the vaccination age range coming down will control this, but I note that the 15-19 age

group is even higher at 1270, a cohort which of course is presently not on the vaccination schedule.

Bids

The District Council has put some bids in for funding of Stratford town centre regeneration. I felt constrained to comment that east of the district was being forgotten again, earning a modest rebuke from the leader.

HS2

Cllr Kettle and myself visited the HS2 site at the polo ground on Friday 2nd July in an attempt to assess the timing of the reopening of the A425. At present, HS2 estimate that road will be reopened in early August, but the road surface condition will be less than perfect. There will be plant crossing points with traffic lights. Once reopened there will be further road closure of the minor roads around, which relate to deferred works. The Welsh Road from Bascote to the Fosseway is a likely early target for this.

8. Country Cllr Chris Kettle Update

Delighted to be joining Priors Marston Parish Council as your new County Councillor.

Key issues for the community

- HS2 – Verbal update
- Highways
- Flooding

My Committees

- Regulatory
- Audit and standards
- Pensions
- Health and Horton Hospital - Joint HOSC

Other issues

- Corporate parenting

Community safety role – Cllr Kettle spoke on the area wide problem of County Lines drug trafficking. The sad reality is that even in small villages like Priors Marston we are not immune to this problem. Cllr Kettle stressed that the village are alert to any suspicious vehicles/activities and when these are witnessed to take details and report to the Police (999 if a live incident) or 101 as the Police are keen to build up local intelligence.

A consultation on Planning Enforcement is live and deadline is 19th July. Clerk alerted the Cllrs to the fact no email or information has been received regarding this. Cllr Rock said this is why the response has clearly been so low. Cllr Rock will advice and send the link.

9. Planning Matters

New and Pending Decisions

21/00058/OUT – Ambercote, School lane – New 3 bed dwelling – Objection.
21/01696/FUL – Ambercote , School Lane – demolish existing kitchen and replace – Objection 16/06
21/0913/VARY – Land adj. Drfitwood vary to application 19/02137/FUL 21.06 - Objection
21/01565/VARY – Winterberry Cottage, School Lane vary to landscaping 22/06 – No Objection
21/01745/FUL – 3 School Lane – erection of single storey garage at side of house 21/06 - Objection
21/02034/LBC 21/01578/FUL – Hollybush Inn . Erection of 2 sail canopies and various outside lighting – 29/06 – Objection to part – will email planning officer with concerns.
21/02044/TREE – Hawthorns Key Lane, Maple –Pollard – No Objection

Decisions

20/02301/FUL – Jacks Orchard, Shuckburgh Rd – Erection of one custom self build and related development (08/09) Granted 17/6
21/00227/TPO – 1 Priors Court, T1 Ash remove lower branches – 17/02 No Rep - Granted
21/00356/REM – Land to the rear of Japonica – approval of reserved matters 10/03 – Objection – Granted 16/06 Planning committee
21/00949/TREE – 1 Turvins Meadow – Ash Tree reduce in height – No Rep - Granted
21/01468/TREE – Chapel End , Keys Lane – Poplar fell – Granted

10 Finances May/June 2021

Bank Balance as of 1st July 2021 £20,653.58

Receipts =£ 460.39

Priors Hardwick Vilf £460.39

DD =£37.20

1&1 Internet £37.20

Cheque Payments = £3,758.48

Staff wages/expenses April/May £939.99

Mowing Pete Brown April/May £400.00

Public Works Loan £1876.10

WCC Street Lighting Maintenance £139.64

Grineaux Accountants year end £324.00

K. Mingard Village Maintenance £78.75

The meeting concluded at 8.48pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

Tuesday 14th September 2021

At The Priors Village Hall

7.30pm All Welcome