

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7.30pm
Via Zoom.***

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Laura Lucas (Chair) Cllr. Pete Dunkley, Cllr. David Evans, Cllr. Robyn May, District Cllr Nigel Rock, County Cllr. Chris Kettle

In Attendance: Emma Hooker (Clerk)

Meeting was opened by Chair at 7.40pm

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr. John Franklin
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
None Declared
- 3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 10th May.**
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

A site visit has taken place by Mr Hobday (Highways) and measurements taken. Action was to discuss this with Cllr Kettle regarding funding.

It was resolved before any further investigations with WCC adopting the land the PC should get a quote for the works to take to WCC for funding consideration and the question of WCC adopting the land. Action: PMPC to gain quote.

Playing fields Lease

The current 25-year lease agreement between PMPC and Priors School ends in 2027. It was agreed by all to further extend this beyond 2027 by a further 25 years. Action: PMPC to arrange lease.

Playground Maintenance

Completed works this month:

- Two new toddler swings installed by Playscapes Designs
- Several repairs to the towers completed including new safer robust flooring
- Application submitted to Stratford District Planning for the felling of the Sycamore Tree and reducing the Oak tree by 50% to open up the play area to more daylight to prevent further deterioration of the timber and flooring.
- Repairs to flooring – This has been ordered and will be completed in the very near future.
- ROSPA annual inspection booked in for September

Regular clearing of tree debris and cleaning of floor to the Playground to be organised: Action Clerk

Streetlight Maintenance

PMPC are responsible for 21 street lights within the parish. Eighteen of which have been upgraded over the last few years to new LED lights. There are 4 outstanding (Hardwick Rd and 3 on Shuckburgh Rd)

They will be changed over to LED lighting over the next several years.

Shuckburgh Rd – one of the lights have failed and the works to replace this one has been booked in and will be done in the next 12 weeks.

The Pound

It was resolved to gain three valuations for this piece of land and report back once we have this information. Action: Clerk

5. District Cllr Nigel Rock Update

123+ Waste Collections

By the time you read this most residents will probably have received food waste bins for use when the new system comes into operation after 1 August. Please do not put them out for collection before then – they will not be collected. Information on the scheme, including a collection calendar, should arrive at the same time as the bin, but I am afraid this has been a bit inconsistent. Some leaflets were inside the bin, some were posted separately. I would encourage you to have a good look at the calendar, because an eagle-eyed resident spotted a surprise. Although the blue and green bin stays as 2-weekly collection, some of collection calendar days on some routes have been revised, with the possibility of up to a week's gap at the beginning of August. You might have plan for storing an extra week's recycling during the changeover.

I have continued to ask the Council about the tricky problem of medical waste, incontinence products and disposable nappies. If you find you cannot manage the grey bin for three weeks for these reasons you can contact street.scene@stratford-dc.gov.uk 01789 267575.

I have asked the editor to put more information in the magazine as we go forward. But see: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/123-waste-collections.cfm>

Merger between Warwick and Stratford District Councils

Many people have expressed agreement with me in disappointment with the merger process and how it ended. I think this was a lost opportunity. At the Council, colleagues and I have asked for a review through the scrutiny committee to identify learning points. This is set to go ahead and I hope we will understand as much as we can about events.

HS2 Roadworks

You will have seen that there are more and more signs for diversions and road closures. Mostly these are for overnight road closures in the area at various times. These are for different reasons including surveying and moving large items. The roads affected are the A423, A361 and A425. There will also be an increase in temporary traffic signals in the area. Over the coming months, there may be some daytime closures. You can check the roadworks map at <https://one.network/uk>. I have asked for the signage for any diversions that come into place to be improved, because some of the signs have been unhelpful for obstructions that can be many miles away.

Ukrainian Refugees

I understand that a small number of families have been accommodated in local villages and I am sure they will be welcomed by our communities.

Site Allocations Plan

A revised Site Allocations Plan is out for consultation runs until 5pm on Friday 29 July.

It includes a range of policies and proposals relating to:

- Reserve Housing Sites (These have been reduced to two in our Ward one in Napton and one in Priors Marston)
- Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding
- Built-up Area Boundaries
- Employment Enabling Sites
- A46 Safeguarding
- Specific Site Proposals

Letters are being sent to properties that are located within and in close proximity to sites identified in the Plan

Cllr Nigel Rock

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Cllrs do not have any further comment of the Site Allocation Plan.

6. County Cllr Chris Kettle Update

HS2 are still, seemingly randomly, closing roads for topographic surveys, but WCC officers are doing their best to control both the timing and length of such closures. The HS2 Commissioner, Sir Mark Worthington, was due to visit local elected members at the end of May but this was postponed owing to a clash with the funeral of a fellow County Councillor.

Planned works along sections of A425 Leamington Road, Southam Two-way temporary traffic lights are planned to be in operation along sections of A425 Leamington Road from Monday 13 June 2022 until Friday 29 July 2022, 24 hours a day, each day, including weekends.

It will not be long before the TBM is taken out of the South Portal of the tunnel and, in parts, removed back to the north Portal to commence boring the second tunnel.

Ukrainian Support Project

WCC is the lead authority in providing support to Ukrainian refugees.

As at 25th May, 408 Ukrainian guests have arrived in Warwickshire (based on their visa status). A further 615 guests have been matched to hosts in Warwickshire, meaning the total number of guests could rise to 1,023. Warwickshire has a total of 396 matched hosts. There is a facebook page for sponsors, (Warwickshire Homes for Ukrainian Sponsors) and a Ukraine helpline 0800 408 1447.

Warwickshire CAVA is collaborating with WCC to establish a directory of offers of help & support from local organisations to signpost to those involved in supporting Ukrainian guests & host families.

7. Planning

New and Pending Decisions

22/00451/OUT – Chestnut Bank Field – Demolition of all buildings -one new self build dwelling with detached garage change of use from Agricultural to residential – Pending -27/05 No Objection

22/00809/FUL – Honnesberie Shooting Club, The Grange – Extension to clubhouse – No Objection – Pending

22/01734/TREE – Oakdene, School Lane – T1 Pear Removal, Cherry and Damson tree reduce 0/5 meters – No Objection

22/01846/TREE – Priors Playground - T1 Oak tree reduce 4 meters, Fell T2 Sycamore Tree - Support

Decisions

22/00337/8/9/40/41 FUL – Rear of Japonica Several Amendments –GRANTED 15/06

22/01082/TREE – Parish Council – Memorial Green Oak Tree lift and lower crown – GRANTED 16/05

21/03940/FUL – Hollybush Cottage – New log store and shed – GRANTED

22/01056/LDE – Little Pinum – Holiday let change to permanent - REFUSED

Enforcement cases

Rear of Japonica - Possible encroachment onto public footpath and gates on access to development 22/00223/DESB0C

Development Formerly Grassmere – several encroachments reported

Ambercote – Gate access over village green – Cllrs decided to write again to owner reiterating that the PC do not give permission for access but will not take any further action at this time.

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8. Finances May/June 2022

Bank Balance as of 1st July 2022 £31,274.52

Receipts = £ 5905.92

Pound Rent £250.00
Priors Hard VILF £460.39
HMRC VAT rebate £319.38
SDC CIL @4876.15

DD =

1&1 Internet £6.00 & £31.20

Payments = £5107.52

Staff Wages/Expenses (April, May, June) £1525.17
K Mingard Village Maintenance £143.55
Zurich Insurance £810.70
Pete Brown Mowing (April, May) £400.00
Public Work Loan £1876.10
Grineaux Accountants £324.00
HSBC Charges (May, June) £13.00 & £15.00

9. A.O.B -

Village Communication

Discussion took place on how we communicate village events to the villagers on the email database. Disclaimer to be added to all emails to ensure it is clear that as a Parish Council we do not endorse any event/commercial business information and we are information forwarding only on behalf of the business's/Groups to which we believe would be of interest/benefit the community.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

Tuesday 13th September 2022

At The Priors Village Hall

7.30pm All Welcome