

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm
Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road.***

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr Laura Lucas (Chair) Cllr. Pete Dunkley, Cllr. John Franklin, Cllr. David Evans, County Cllr Chris Kettle

In Attendance: Emma Hooker (Clerk)

Meeting was opened at 7.30pm.

1. **Apologies:** District Cllr Nigel Rock and Cllr. Robyn May
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 22nd November**
Minutes were approved by all present at the meeting, as a true record.
Signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising / Outstanding Actions**

The Pound

Date still TBC for meeting to discuss. Clerk to arrange a mutually convenient date and time for all parties

2023 Elections

Parish Council Elections – Thursday 4th May 2023

The Notice of Election will be published on 15 March 2023 and completed nomination papers will be required to be returned to SDC by 4th April 2023 however the Election Officer would prefer them back by 24th March.

Community Forum Meetings

Clerk is trying to organise the first meeting of 2023. So far the Church and School have responded – Clerk will chase other groups. The Meeting would be a positive action to discuss any events forthcoming such as the Coronation in May.

Volunteer Speeding Action Group

The group of 7 will be trained by the Police on the 20th January at the Village Hall and once all vetting procedures are completed they will hopefully be in a position to begin the speeding checks. Further information will be provided by the organisers once trained.

5. **District Cllr Nigel Rock Update**

GP SURGERIES

The problems with provision of a GP primary care resource at Gaydon/Lighthorne are having ripple effects over a wide area. The development plans always included a new NHS GP practice based within this new large village, but the breakdown of understanding with the Integrated Care Board of the NHS calls to question the whole ethos of planning in its wider sense. The first stage of the local plan*, considered that any new settlement should have full infrastructure but this concept has turned out to be a problem at Lighthorne. Presently, residents in the new

homes at Lighthorne are by having to register with practices in existing neighbouring areas adding to the pressure on those practices. I am working with SDC and the MP on this.

*See separate information.

BOUNDARY CHANGES & VOTER ID

You will be aware that the Boundary Commission has changed the District election boundaries locally. This has now been ratified by parliament. Ladbroke will be in a revised Harbury Ward, which includes Chesterton and Ufton. The existing Napton and Fenny Compton Ward is otherwise assimilated into new Ward called Bishops Itchington, Fenny Compton and Napton, this new large area to be shared by two councillors. It covers: Bishops Itchington, Fenny Compton, Farnborough, Warmington, Shotteswell, Napton, Shuckburgh, Priors Marston & Hardwick, Avon Dassett and Wormleighton.

The next election will be at the beginning of May, so some residents might wish to apply for a postal vote in good time. For those that decide to vote in person, they should also know that the government has controversially introduced the requirement for photo ID at polling stations. Supposedly this is to address voting fraud by 'personation'. However, there is zero record of such fraud having occurred locally and only one case documented at a polling station (in 1997). What fraud there has been nationally, were mostly by postal votes but even so, there have been only nine convictions for postal vote fraud since 1998. There is considerable concern about this change amongst election officers across the country and the government is having to provide extra funding for more staff.

Voters at polling stations will be turned away unless they produce a form of photo documentation. Acceptable Voter ID documents include: Passport, Photo Driving Licence, Older Persons or Disabled Bus Pass, Blue Badge, Voter Authority Certificate issued by the District Council.

HS2 ROAD WORKS

I have received a notice of upcoming works on the A425 at the Polo Ground near Southam. This finally will bring the temporary diversion road into use, with connection to the existing highway. Works will be carried out between 16 January 2023 and 17 February 2023. Single lane closures with temporary traffic lights will be required. Additionally there will also be an overnight closure on 6 February between the hours of 10pm and 6am. A fully signed diversion is promised.

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/notice-of-upcoming-works-a425-southam/>

Notification of Public Consultation: Monday 9 January to Monday 6 March 2023

Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils are working together to produce a **new South Warwickshire Local Plan** to cover our combined geographic area. This new local plan will set planning policies about **where**

and how new jobs, homes and infrastructure are all delivered in the context of place-shaping and addressing climate change.

The purpose of the consultation is to seek the views of residents, businesses, developers, infrastructure providers, community groups and all other stakeholders on how we should plan for the future of South Warwickshire up to 2050. We are still at the early stages of the process (stage 2 of 8) and further public consultations will follow. **This consultation sets out a number of ideas and asks a series of questions. We want your views on the ISSUES we raise and the OPTIONS we propose as possible solutions.**

There are a **number of pieces of technical evidence** that have been produced to inform the Local Plan as it moves towards adoption. Further evidence will be produced as the plan progresses and we would welcome your views on the evidence that is currently available.

Alongside this Issues and Options consultation we are running a **second 'Call for Sites' exercise** providing an opportunity to submit land/sites to us for a variety of uses that can be assessed and considered through the plan-making process. Land which was submitted in the first Call For Sites exercise in 2021 should not be submitted again unless there are changes to the boundary or the proposed use.

This second consultation follows the first consultation we undertook in summer 2021, the 'Scoping and Call for Sites consultation', which explored the broad content of the Local Plan and seek suggestions for development sites through the call for sites request. We have analysed the responses to that first consultation and this is available to view in the [consultation statement](#). The feedback has been used to inform the content of this Issues and Options consultation.

This email is being sent to key consultees across the area, and those individuals who have requested to be notified of planning policy consultations undertaken by either of the two Councils. You may receive this notification more than once if you are registered on the current planning consultation databases of both Councils.

How to View the Consultation

The best way to view the consultation document and supporting evidence is online at www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/issuesandoptions This webpage also a short video explaining in greater detail what the consultation is about. Paper copies of the consultation document are also available to view at:

Stratford-on-Avon District Council offices (Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX)

Warwick District Council offices (Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa, CV2 5HZ)

Main public libraries across Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick Districts. Please check the opening times at your local library before visiting.

Paper copies of the document can also be purchased from the District Councils.

The District Councils will be hosting a number of both in-person and online question and answer sessions throughout the consultation period to enable people to find out more and ask any questions. Visit www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/issuesandoptions to find out more and join one of the sessions.

How to Comment

Information on how to comment on the Issues and Options consultation or submit a site in the Call for Sites is included within the consultation document itself and on the website at www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/issuesandoptions **The Issues and Options consultation is a long document, and as such you do not have to read, or even respond, to all of it if you do not wish to. You may wish to focus on the topics you have a particular interest in.**

The easiest way to respond is online through our consultation portal. Within this portal you can more easily navigate the document to find and respond to the topics that interest you. This is a new portal that is being used for the Local Plan so unless you have previously commented on a Warwick District Council consultation you will need to sign in to make your comments. You can access the online portal at the following webpage: www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/issuesandoptions

If you are unable to comment using the consultation portal, you can email us your responses. When emailing your responses please **clearly state which question(s) you are responding to**. A comprehensive list of all the questions can be found online. If you do not identify which question you are responding to it will be very difficult for us to take your response into account. You can submit your response to **either:** swlp@stratford-dc.gov.uk or swlp@warwickdc.gov.uk

If you do not have access to a computer you can post your responses. When posting your responses please **clearly state which question(s) you are responding to**. A comprehensive list of all the questions can be found online. If you do not identify which question you are responding to it will be very difficult for us to take your response into account.

You can submit your response to **either:**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

The SWLP Team, Stratford -on-Avon
District Council Elizabeth House,
Church Street,
Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX

Warwick District Council

The SWLP Team Warwick District
Council Riverside House,
Milverton Hill,
Leamington Spa, CV32 5HZ

Please be advised that responses to this consultation and call for sites need only be submitted to ONE council. All responses will be shared between Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils for the lawful reason of undertaking this task. Further information on how we will handle your data is available in our [privacy statements](#).

The consultation on the Issues and Options consultation runs from Monday 9 January to Monday 6 March 2023.

If you have any queries regarding this consultation please contact us at swlp@stratford-dc.gov.uk (or call 01789 267575) or swlp@warwickdc.gov.uk (or call 01926 456525).

6. County Cllr Chris Kettle Update

HS2 – Road closures reported including the bridge at Wormleighton.

A Cllr asked if HS2 are going to repair the damage to the roads and verges especially noticed from Hardwick to Wormleighton

Cllr Kettle: These are Northamptonshire Council Roads, however Cllr Kettle confirmed there is an obligation to repair and the Team at WCC are focused on HS2 work and ensuring the contractors do what is required of them.

Highways

Road repair season is upon us. Due to new health and safety regulations roads are now being closed for at least 24 hours for the work to be completed safely on pot holes etc.

Road safety Audit

Cllr Kettle has agreed to use his funding following the Parish Councils request to finance the road safety audit on Southam Road and the works agreed following this audit:

The works include a full lining refresh of existing lining, maintenance works including sign cleaning and the replacement of missing/damaged signs and some vegetation cutback, and the introduction of carriageway gateway markings to Southam, Hardwick and Shuckburgh Road where speeds are shown to warrant their introduction.

The Council are appreciative of this funding (approx. £8000) and thanked Cllr Kettle. The date for the works to be completed are still TBC.

7. Highways

Road Closures in the village:

4th February – School Lane (Severn Trent)

Street Lights

Three street lights on Shuckburgh Road are currently not working.

Clerk to report to WCC

The street light on Vicarage Lane is faulty and after WCC inspection we have been informed this needs to be replaced. The Parish Council have paid for two new street lights in a short period of time and it is concerned that another is needed. Council agreed to look into the need for streetlights in all areas and will seek guidance from the PCSO and WCC regarding obligations for street lights.

8. Planning Matters

New and Pending Decisions

- 22/03132/FUL – Land Adj. Keys House, Keys Lane - Erection of single self-build dwelling and garage (5 bed) (5/12/22)
- 22/02120/VARY – Ambercote, School Lane- Variation to design to a 3 bed two storey dwelling
- 22/00451/OUT – Chestnut Bank Field – Demolition of all buildings one new dwelling with detached garage change of use from Agricultural to residential – Pending -27/05
- 22/02050/FUL – Land behind Japonica – Conversion of existing barn to a dwelling 07/10
- 22/02051/FUL – Land behind Japonica – new visitor car park space 02/09
- 22/01020/VARY – Ambercote – Variation of conditions (stone)
- 22/03463/COUQ – The Meadows, Southam Rd – Change of use from Agricultural and develop 4 new dwellings 06/01
- 22/03621/TREE – The Willows, Shuckburgh Road - Fell 2 weillow trees and pear tree and birch tree 12/01
- 22/03717/TREE – Bicknell, School Lane – Walnut tree prune 20/12
- 22/03861/FUL – Balintore, Keys Lane first floor extension 21/12

Decisions

- 22/03389/TREE – Yew Tree Cottage, Keys Lane – T1 Beech tree crown GRANTED 15/12
- 22/02729/TREE – Chapel Cottage, Hellidon Hill – Hawthorn prune – GRANTED
- 22/0417/LBC and 22/02959/FUL – The Low House Demolish and rebuild wall and create new parking space (Withdrawn Jan 22)
- 22/03428/Full – White Gates, Shuckburgh rd – Side extension for office and bedroom – GRANTED Jan 22
- 22/03463/COUQ – The Meadows, Southam Rd – Change of use from Agricultural and develop 4 new dwellings 06/01 Granted 16/01

9. Finances November/December 2022

Bank Balance as of 1st January £23,845.54

Receipts- £460.39

Priors Hardwick Village Hall Fund £460.39

DD = £1917.30

1&1 Internet £41.20

Public Works Loan £1876.10

Payments = £4343.21

Royal British Legion wreath £20.00

Pete Brown Mowing Oct & Nov £400.00

Nigel Whitehead – Fell tree, Oak Tree Reduction & lights £860.00

HSBC monthly charge x 2 £16.00

Clerks Salary expenses Nov & Dec £1317.30

Curry's replacement laptop Clerk office equipment £1078.00

Simon Ducker – Xmas tree lights £21.44

WCC – Street light replacement Shuckburgh Rd £1490.47

10. AOB

South Warwickshire Local Plan

As reported in Cllr Rocks' report. Clerk to arrange a separate meeting for Cllrs to comment on the report and submit prior to 6th March.

The meeting concluded at 8.25 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

Tuesday 14th March

At The Priors Village Hall

7.30pm All Welcome