

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 14th March 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, District Cllr Nigel Rock, Natalie Grist (Lib Dem Candidate)

In Attendance: Emma Hooker (Clerk) and one member of the public

Meeting was opened at 7.30pm.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Robyn May
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 9th January**
Minutes were approved by all present at the meeting, as a true record.
Signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising / Outstanding Actions**

Playground and Playing fields lease

The lease for the Playground (School Landlord) to the Parish Council and the Playing fields (Parish Council Landlord) to the School have been signed by the Chair of the PC and Head of the School for a further 25 years following on from the end date of 2027.

Streetlight Survey

Due to the increased costs of replacing old style, streetlights to new LED lights the Parish Council would like to survey the village to hear views on the overall street lighting policy in the village and explain costs of this to the Parish Council.
Clerk to organise.

SWLP

Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils **South Warwickshire Local Plan consultation** ended on 9th March. Parish council submitted its comments online and can viewed at swlp@warwickdc.gov.uk

Community Forum Meeting

The meeting was held and chaired by the Clerk of the PC on the 2nd March at the Hollybush. Representatives from The Priors School, Church, WI, Village Hall and the Coronation Committee were present.

Annual Village Meeting to be held as last year, in the village hall from 7pm on Tuesday 16th May

Priors School - 175th Birthday celebrations on 25th July 11-3pm

Easter Sunday Church service will be Gillian's last and everyone is encouraged to attend to thank her for her service to the Parish.

Oxford Welsh Choir will perform at the Church again on the 25th November
Sunday 7th May there will be a service for the future of the King

Priors Litter Picking

After a successful litter-picking event held last year, another is being held on Saturday 11th March

Manor Open gardens are on 16/17th June and the WI are providing tea etc.

Coronation Committee 6th and 7th May

Dot and Sue attended on behalf of the organising group for the forthcoming King's Coronation. Many ideas were discussed and they will be communicating these to the village in due course.

2023 Elections

Parish Council Elections – Thursday 4th May 2023

Nomination packs were handed to Councillors for completion by the end March at the latest. Election notice is available to see on the noticeboard and website.

5. District Cllr Nigel Rock Update

BUDGET

The District Council set its budget on 27 February based on the Administration's proposals. This is for a council tax rise of £5 for a band D property applied to the district council element of council tax. Liberal Democrat opposition proposals to increase the resource for planning enforcement were accepted and included in the budget. Other suggestions from the opposition: a zero carbon fund for community buildings and village halls, encouragement of solar PV, and an economic support officer, were turned down, although these would have been included in the overall budget figure that was agreed.

The council tax is therefore as follows:

	Precept	Increase
Napton	£89.23	2.2%
Fenny Compton	£67.7	-9.2%
Priors Marston	£63.53	0.5%
Priors Hardwick	£26.09	-18.5
Ladbroke	£43.07	13.3%
Harbury	£107.45	7.9%
Southam	£105.75	16.4%

The Lib Dem opposition made a proposal for a review of the collection of 'medical' waste in the grey bins for residents with extra need, such as stoma products, incontinence products and adult nappies. It was hoped that such a system might be extended to infant nappies in this proved feasible. The administration did not accept this proposal, but following on from the Council meeting I had further informal discussion with other councillors to ensure this is kept on the agenda.

HS2

I have been advised that there will be disruption on the A423, between Ladbroke and Southam:

Traffic lights from Wednesday 15 March to Friday 17 March 2023, between 8am and 5pm.

Road closure from 8pm on Friday 17 March to 6am on Monday 20 March 2023, 24-hours a day.

Traffic Lights on Monday 20 March and Tuesday 21 March until 5pm.

There are also plans for lights and closures between Wormleighton and Boddington in coming weeks and months. This is likely to be very disruptive for local residents as there are no easy bypassing routes. I am in repetitive contact with HS2 contractor EKFB to minimise the disruption, which is due to connecting the realigned roadway at the Stoneton Lane/Wormleighton Road junction by the heave trail site. I have asked if there is any possibility of phasing the working differently, which in itself is difficult to avoid both harvest traffic and school transport in the summer when the longest closures are likely to happen.

I have been in further contact with the contractors about light pollution from their sites.

Elections

These are unusually complicated because of the government's instruction to introduce photo ID (unnecessarily in my view) as well as boundary changes. At the risk of repeating myself, I would recommend getting a postal vote. Online you can apply at <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/apply-vote-post> and return the completed form to Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 6HX. Alternatively, e-mail a scanned copy to elections@stratford-dc.gov.uk. If you are not on line, I can give you a form.

Annoyingly for us, electors without a photo ID can go in person to the council offices in Stratford to get a special ID. This is hardly much use to residents over here, which I have pointed out to the senior staff.

6. County Cllr Chris Kettle Update

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

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.

Works have started on painting the carriage way with speed prevention markings.

Budget

WCC increase 3.94% this year which means a £560 million pound spending allocated for 23/24 and £40 million on new services

Avian Flu

This is still a big concern locally and a reminder that the restrictions in place still apply.

Warm Hubs

The County continue to receive funding which they are disseminating locally to help ensure help is getting the vulnerable people in the county.

7. Highways

Pleasing to see the new road markings (Speed prevention markings) in the village and the refreshing of the white lines after the PC requested these works. Further improvements will happen and Cllr Kettle has assured us this will be chased through the agreed funding.

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) - Objection
- 22/00451/OUT – Chestnut Bank Field – Demolition of all buildings one new dwelling with detached garage change of use from Agricultural to residential – No Objection
- 22/03861/FUL – Balintore, Keys Lane first floor extension 21/12 – No Objection
- 23/00263/COUQ Barn east of Byfield Rd – conversion of agricultural barn to one dwelling – Objection (28/02)
- 22/02891/REM – Land in Ambercote- Reserved matters landscaping re 22/02120/VARY– No Objection (2/3)
- 23/00443/TREE Castle Folly, Hellidon Road – Maples trees reduce by 1 meter – No Objection (9/3)
- 23/00093/LBC – Cedars Farm, The Green – Install 7 solar panels to roof – No Objection (9/3)
- 23/00444/TREE – Merryweather cottage, Hardwick Rd – Reduce ash tree No Objection (9/3)
- 23/00285/FUL – The Coach House, Chestnut Farm – change of use from holiday let to one single dwelling (24/3)
- 23/00674/TREE – Church Cottage School Lane – reduce apple tree crown 25% - No Objection 08/03
- 23/00491/FUL - Agricultural building, Welsh Road – Convert building to holiday let 09/03

Decisions

- 22/02120/VARY – Ambercote, School Lane- Variation to design to a 3 bed two storey dwelling 27/01 GRANTED
- 22/02051/FUL – Land behind Japonica – new visitor car park space 02/09 10/02 GRANTED
- 22/02050/FUL – Land Behind Japonica conversion of barn – REFUSED
- 22/03463/COUQ – The Meadows, Southam Rd – Change of use from Agricultural and develop 4 new dwellings 06/01 13/01 GRANTED
- 22/03621/TREE – The Willows, Shuckburgh Road - Fell 2 willow trees and pear tree and birch tree 12/01 25/01 GRANTED
- 22/03717/TREE – Bicknell, School Lane – Walnut tree prune 20/12 27/01 GRANTED

9. **Finances January/February 2023**

Bank Balance as of 1 March 2023 £21,613.66

Receipts- £46.03

Eon credit £46.03

DD = £154.86

1&1 Internet £83.86

Campaign to Protect Rural England £36.00

Data Protection £35.00

Payments = £2123.05

Npower £167.64

Pete Brown Mowing x2 £400.00

Staff Salaries x 2 £1018.40

The Helping Hand Co £437.28

WCC Street lights annual maintenance £91.73

HSBC monthly charge £8.00

10. **AOB**

The second Litter Picking event was held on 11 March, a decent turn out with lots of litter collected in just an hour. The next one will be organized in the summer. Thank you to everyone who came out and did their bit.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

9th May Annual Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 16th May – Annual Village Meeting

At The Priors Village Hall

7.30pm All Welcome