

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7.30pm
At The Priors Hall***

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr. David Evans (Acting Chair) Cllr. John Franklin, Cllr Robyn May,
In Attendance: Emma Hooker (Clerk)

Meeting was opened at 7.30pm

1. Apologies

Cllr Laura Lucas, Cllr. Pete Dunkley and District Cllr Nigel Rock

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on 9th May (Annual Meeting)

Minutes were approved by all present at the meeting as a true record and signed by the Acting Chair.

Outstanding Actions & Matters Arising

- Streetlight Survey has ended and the results will be emailed to those who expressed an interest in the results. The findings that 61% of the responders were satisfied the current level of lighting in the village is about right.
- Coronation Funds for commemorative tree. The money raised at the plant sale for the coronation celebrations is to be used to purchase a tree to be planted in the village (site to be decided, although the popular choice would be on Chestnut bank to replace the dead tree which was removed recently) The PC will fund the costs to plant the tree later on in the year.
- The Pound. Discussion took place on the next steps towards a potential sale of the land known as The Pound to a resident. Action will follow to agree terms before engaging a solicitor.

4. District Cllr Nigel Rock update

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Following the election, the new administration is getting to grips with planning for a number of initiatives as well as picking up work on day to day activities. These include renting out spare floor space in the council offices to generate income, restoring the customer service facility in local libraries (including Southam) which was cut during the pandemic, carrying out a review of energy and climate changes factors in our own building facilities, the re-introduction of free parking for residents of pensionable age. This latter item only affects the car parks local to Stratford because the car parks in other market towns such as Southam are already free. However we have asked if we can investigate how we could expand the concession to Warwick District if that is possible, for benefits to residents in this area. Councillors and senior officers are meeting with their opposite numbers in Warwick District to consider how to tackle long term planning policy through the South Warwickshire Local Plan.

UPPER LIGHTHORNE HEALTH CARE

Nigel Rock and Jeremy Wright MP held a meeting between the District Council Deputy Chief Exec and the NHS in attempt to move forward with GP provision for the new village at Upper Lighthorne/Gaydon. Twenty three parishes have been lobbying for action to implement this provision which is proceeding unacceptably slowly. A date for reviewing applications for GPs to run this service has now been set and we should know who is to run the GP's surgery in October, but getting it up and running is a long way off. In the meantime new patients are putting pressure on the surrounding practices in the area. Your Councillors remain concerned about the apparent slow response of the NHS to the expanding population.

ROAD CLOSURES HS2

There has been a flurry of road closure notices for HS2 affecting our area. These follow on from earlier disruption in June. They originate from the two different contractors and it is difficult to get an overall vision. We have been in touch with WCC who are attempting to coordinate matters.

1. B4452 (the road from Bascote crossroads to Harbury) 20 and 21 June, 3 and 4 July
2. B4451 Kineton Road south of Southam will be closed from Monday 10 July to Wednesday 12 July 2023, from 8am to 6pm,
3. A425 Leamington Road in Southam. will have traffic management from 8am to 6pm, from Monday 10 July to Friday 28 July 2023.
4. Also, there are plans for closures and traffic management to enable the movements of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM):
 - B4452 near Harbury 8-10 August 2023 from 9.30am to 3:30pm
 - B4451 near Deppers Bridge 17-18 July 2023 from 9am to 3pm & 31 July to 2 August 2023 from 9am to 3:30pm
 - B4451 (M40 – Bishop's Itchington) 3-4 August 2023 from 9.30am to 3.30pm & 7 August 2023 from 9.30am to 3.30pm

As ever, the notices include the contacts for the HS2 Helpdesk: 08081 434 434 or email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk. Any changes will be on www.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk Stratford District Council webpage:

NAPTON ECO FAIR

People from range of nearby local communities attended the Napton Eco Fair on 3 July. I thank everyone involved and the organisers in particular – it was an excellent event. More details on Stratford District Council webpage: [BBC Countryfile presenter attends Napton's Eco Fair | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

There is a very good video of the whole event on you tube - search youtube for Napton N.E.A.T. Eco Fair 2023 or at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZnKSDNyGk8>

County Cllr Christopher Kettle Update

Division issues

Warwickshire Highways have confirmed that owing to issues of environmental health with the piling operation, there are delays to the Fosse Way / Harbury project.

Road closures are arising from the movement off site of Dorothy the HS2 tunnel boring machine from Ufton To the M40 junction 12.

The Fenny Compton speed limit and vehicle survey on Wharf Road and Station Road have demonstrated a need to extend the 30 mph to beyond the entrance to the Homes England with a proposed 40 mph upto the A423.

I still have funding for further road related schemes in my delegated highways budget. But whilst these are discretionary grants, any proposal is subject to professional scrutiny by the Highways teams and schemes that do not accord with normal highway protocols will not be accepted.

There have been continued complaints from numerous residents about the working by Hi-speed broadband cable laying subcontractors. Whilst they will have to have obtained a permit from WCC to work either on the public highway or on footpaths, these are private contractors laying cables for internet suppliers for profit.

Hi speed broadband

WCC has been following up reports of poor surface restoration work and unsafe working practices, and has withdrawn some companies permits temporarily, WCC is not responsible for the work being done. Residents need to follow up any damage or loss of services caused by the works with the companies themselves. WCC is not in a position to compensate residents themselves.

Flooding

The challenges of the flooding protection in Fenny Compton scheme has been raised with the WCC flooding team again and an on-site meeting is being arranged.

Councillor Grant Fund

The first window has now closed for the WCC Councillor Grant Funding. As part of the 23/24 budget this amount has been increased to £8,000 per County Councillor. The deadline for any second applications will be later in the year.

General issues

Sustainable Warwickshire Podcast (Twitter and Facebook)

The latest episode of the Sustainable Warwickshire Podcast explains Climate Change Adaptation and what it means for Warwickshire.

Armed Forces Day 2023 (Twitter and Facebook)

Armed Forces celebrations in Warwickshire begin next week with the hoisting of the Armed Forces Day flag at 10am Monday 19 June at Shire Hall, Warwick ahead of Armed Forces Day on Saturday 24 June.

Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4257/warwickshire-shows-its-support-for-armed-forces-day>

Let's Talk Volunteering Podcast (Twitter and Facebook)

A new episode of the Let's Talk Warwickshire podcast has been released, this time with a focus on volunteering.

Find out more and listen:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4249/let-s-talk-volunteering-new-podcast-episode-available>

Utility bill support (Twitter and Facebook)

Warwickshire residents struggling to pay their utility bills can look to the county council for support.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4248/utility-bill-support-from-warwickshire-county-council>

Enhanced mainstream provision for pupils with SEND (Twitter and Facebook)

New specialist resourced provisions (SRP) offering an additional 40 places to support children and young people in Warwickshire with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) have been given the go-ahead.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4266/plans-to-enhance-mainstream-provision-in-warwickshire-for-pupils-with-send-approved-by-cabinet>

5. Planning Matters

New and Pending

22/03132/FUL Land adjacent to Keys Lane Erection of single self build and garage – PENDING

23/00874/FUL Front porch and single storey extension- Moreton Cottage, Shuckburgh Rd - PENDING

23/01399/TEL28 – Western Power New Pole Hardwick Rd/Green Junction – Info only

23/01765/TREE – Grange Cottages, Hardwick Rd – Poplar Tree Fell – No Objection

Decisions

23/01203/LBC – Beech Cottage, Hellidon Rd – Replace two first floor windows. - GRANTED 04/07

6. Finance May and June 2023

Bank Balance as of 1 July 2023 £ 29,136.35

Receipts- £8993.18

Priors Hardwick VILF	£460.39
The Pound rent	£250.00
CIL SDC funds	£8282.79

DD = £1913.30

1&1 Internet	£37.20
Public Works Loan	£1876.10

Payments = £3064.35

Pete Brown Mowing	£200.00
Staff Salary x3	£1527.60
Zurich Council Insurance annual	£913.75
Grineaux Accountants end of year	£348.00
K Mingard	£59.00
HSBC Charges x2	£16.00

The meeting concluded at 8.00pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

Tuesday 12th September

At The Priors Village Hall
7.30pm All Welcome