

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm
At The Priors Hall***

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Laura Lucas (Chair) Robyn May, David Evans,

In Attendance: Natalie Gist (District Cllr), Sarah Brooke-Taylor –WRCC

Emma Hooker (Clerk)

10 members of the public

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. Apologies

John Franklin, Pete Dunkley, District Cllr. Nigel Rock

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Evans Planning application

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on 12th September 2023
Minutes approved by all present at the meeting as a true record and signed.

4. Outstanding Actions & Matters Arising

- **Coronation funds for tree**

The weeping Birch has been planted on the Green at Chestnuts Bank. Well done to Maggy Thompson and helpers for holding another successful plant sale and raising the funds for the tree to commemorate the new King.

- **PCC (Parochial Church Council) request for funding support**

The PCC wrote a letter to the PC asking for an annual contribution of £200 to help with the increasing costs of keeping the footpaths within the Churchyard clear and safe for pedestrians. The PC agreed in principle to contribute as requested however, Clerk will investigate the cost efficiency of looking at getting someone to commit to clearing all footpaths within the village on a more regular basis and including the churchyard in the brief.

- **Volunteer Community Speed Watch – Correspondence**

Following on from the last PC meeting, the PC received a letter from the group confirming their concerns as outlined at the meeting 12/9 and their proposals. These, as agreed at the last meeting have been forwarded to Warwickshire County Cllr Chris Kettle. All funding and budgets for road safety and highways is held with WCC and not the PC.

The PC have agreed to look at holding another traffic survey (Last one was in 2019 and the data received concluded that speeding was not an issue) This will be a radar monitoring system held over 2 weeks 24/7 monitoring all 5 roads coming into the village. The PC have assured the group they will be consulted and involved as much as possible as to where the radars are situated on the roads. There is a cost to do this and once we get prices from WCC we will discuss it and keep everyone updated.

The PC listened to the concerns of the group and reiterated the limit of powers that the PC hold and referred back to the last meeting minutes on what Cllr Kettle had said what would be and what would not be possible.

Data is the key to driving any conversation on speeding issues and as it stands after the Police have surveyed, the community speeding group have surveyed and the previous 2019 data report the village do not have data to say that speeding is an issue. Once the Radar traffic survey is completed, the data will be shared with the village and WCC for further guidance on what can and cannot be done. Timings for the survey depend on when WCC can complete the survey and road/weather conditions.

5. WRCC Warwickshire Rural Community Council)

The PC welcomed Sarah Brooke Taylor to the meeting who was here to discuss the village holding another housing needs survey. The last survey was done in 2015 so we are due another. The PC are responsible for distributing the surveys (they can be completed online) which they can do through the Parish magazine distribution. The survey will give us an idea on the housing needs for parishioners and will assist the PC with reacting to planning applications and using the survey as evidence of what local people need in the village. The results are fed into Defra and go towards making Government policy. The PC need to give 2 weeks' notice and will let Sarah know when we wish to start the process.

6. District Cllr Laura Gist update

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

STRATFORD ON AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

The New Council Plan

Thank you for all of your comments on the new Council plan, which will guide the administration for the next four years. The results from the public consultation have been collated and the plan is being amended to take account of the comments. It is intended that the new Council plan is confirmed at the December Council meeting.

Stratford on Avon Community Climate Change Fund

On Monday 6 November, Cabinet approved the setting up of a Stratford on Avon Community Climate Change Fund. This is an opportunity for parish councils, as well as properly constituted community and charity groups to apply for grant funding for green initiatives in their local community. The fund will be for £100,000 in two tranches with £50,000 being in the first tranche. Bid will be invited for allocation by March 2024. We will let you have further details once the scheme goes live.

Winter Warmth Funding

New funding options are available to help residents with keeping homes warm and the cost of energy bills. There are three schemes: HUG2 (Home Upgrade Grant) which is funded by the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero, and the Energy Support Fund and Physical Intervention Fund, both funded by Stratford on Avon District Council. A link to the press

release and further advice and information is here: [Winter warmth grants now available from Stratford-on-Avon District Council | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Live & Local

The Live & Local Proposal for the Moving Pictures scheme has been received for the 2023 – 26 period. This scheme facilitates live performances in community halls in smaller towns and villages and is vital for our rural communities. Currently fifteen venues in Stratford District use the Moving Pictures service hosting their own film clubs with regular screenings throughout the year. We would like to remind parishes of the scheme so that they can make full use of it.

Podback Scheme

This scheme is free recycling of coffee machine pods will be available to residents from 20 November 2023. Podback will supply bags for storage of used containers and Biffa will collect these bags with their regular round for blue bins. They will be deposited at WCC household waste centre where Podback will collect the pods for re-use.

Stratford on Avon Gateway Masterplan Public Consultation

The Stratford on Avon Gateway Masterplan Framework Supplementary Planning Document is presently out for public consultation with it closing at 5pm on Friday 1 December. Please let us have your views. Further information is here:

[Stratford-upon-Avon Gateway Masterplan | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY

At a recent meeting of the Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel, the Police and Crime Commissioner did emphasise the importance of residents reporting all crimes to 101. This allows the police to gather data and to direct resources as necessary.

6. County Cllr Christopher Kettle Update – Not in attendance

7. Planning Matters

New and Pending

- 23/00874/FUL Front porch and single storey extension- Moreton Cottage, Shuckburgh Rd – PENDING(PC NO OBJECTION)
- 23/02105/FUL – Change of use holiday chalets to independent school – North Farm Fisheries – PENDING (PC OBJECTION)
- 23/02395/FUL – Demolition of existing garage add 2 storey ext. Orchard `House, Manor Fm Ct PENDING (PC OBJECTION)
- 23/00263/COUQ – Appeal – Barn Byfield Rd for residence App - PENDING (PC OBJECTION)

- 23/02291/FUL – New Agricultural building – The Meadows – PENDING (PC NO OBJECTION)
- 23/02531/FUL – Extension first floor and car port – Beechcroft, Shuckburgh Road PENDING (PC NO OBJECTION)
- 23/02830/FUL – Rebuild and Extend existing outbuilding Jasmine Cottage, Hardwick Road – PENDING 14/11 (PC OBJECTION)

Decisions

- 23/01149/FUL Proposed conversion of existing outbuilding to annexe – Chapel End Keys Lane GRANTED
- 23/01962/LBC – Install 10 solar Panels – Cedars Farm - GRANTED
- 23/02136/FUL – Land adj. Fir Tree Cottage Hellidon, Solar farm for Hellidon Lakes – GRANTED
- 23/02450/TREE – Reduce Apple tree 3 mtr – 1 Grange Cottages – GRANTED
- 23/02429/LBC – Timber frame replacement Church Cottage GRANTED
- 23/02551/TREE – Cypress tree remove, Old Post Office – GRANTED
- 23/02661/TREE – Ash reduce 5 mtrs – Corrimore, School Lane – GRANTED

8. Finance September and October 2023

Bank Balance as of 1 November £34,084.88

Receipts- £9280.00 SDC Precept

DD = £56.52

1&1 Internet £50.52

1&1 Internet £6.00

Payments = £1962.96

Nigel Whitehead Maintenance £200.00

Pete Brown – Mowing x2 months £400.00

Staff salaries x 2 months - £1018.40

N Power £218.56

Royal British Legion £20.00

The Priors Hall hire £90.00

HSBC Charges x 2 months £16.00

7. AOB

A request from a Parishioner had been received to hold CPR training through a Charity they know at the village hall. The PC discussed this and feel it more beneficial to hold defibrillator training again, as it has been a while since the last one. We can combine this with the School if possible. Clerk to look into. The CPR training is a great idea and will be supported by the PC in advertising the event if it goes ahead.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

Tuesday 9th January 2024

At The Priors Village Hall
7.30pm All Welcome