

Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Monday 11th July 2016, 19.00
The Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road, Priors Marston

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: Viv Nind (Chair), John Franklin, John Appleton, Helen Keeves,

1. Apologies

Cllr Bob Stevens, Cllr Chris Williams, Laura Lucas

2. Election of Chairperson

September 2016 Chairperson Cllr Lucas nominated by Cllr Franklin and seconded by Cllr Appleton.

3. Questions from Residents/Correspondence

a. Village Bins

Not being emptied in the Playground and Incorrect placement on The Holloway. Discussed both with Angela Lloyd from SDC Amenity Cleaning who will resolve ASAP.

4. Declaration of Interests

None

5. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting, held on 9th May 2016

Approved. Proposed Cllr Franklin, Seconded Cllr Appleton

6. Matthew Neal – Neighbourhood Planning Officer for Stratford District Council

Presentation to the Parish Council regarding neighbourhood plans/local plans.

7. Matters arising from previous meeting

a. Highway Issues

WCC Highways visited Priors Marston to discuss various work to be completed in the village - knotweed, blue brick path, SLOW signs all agreed.

WCC Highways advised we contact Nuneaton signs to obtain a quote for a sign to be erected on the village green outside The Orchard to allow parking when on church business. Action HK

b. Footpaths

Guidance required from Cllr Bob Stevens as to who is responsible for footpath maintenance and what funds are available. Action HK

8. Village Plans

The Parish Council has concluded that further discussion and consultation is required to formalise a clear way forward for Priors Marston on developing plans for the village.

9. District and County Councilors

District Councillor – Cllr Chris Williams

Government Finance – In relation to the overall financial position of the Council, over the next three years the government has already indicated that they will be terminating the Revenue Support Grant and is consulting on significant changes to various grant schemes, which again will have implications for the Council. If such forecast reductions in funding were delivered this would seriously impact upon the Council's ability to deliver the current range of services. The Council has been proactive in meeting the challenges of austerity and is in a strong position to meet these reductions. However, the scale of these further reductions is requiring us to evaluate the Council's position. I will, of course, keep you informed of any changes that might affect the village.

Core Strategy – On Monday 11th July 2016, the full Council is meeting in Stratford, hopefully, to approve the Core Strategy. The production of this document has been tortuous with the government changing the ground rules every three months. The Inspector supported the proposals put forward during the development of this document which basically allows for some 15,500 new houses to be built over the next fifteen years and endorsed the decision to allow significant settlements at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath and Long Marston. As soon as this document is ratified any future development within the district will only be supported by the Planning Department if it is already earmarked within the Core Strategy. Let us hope that this will bring an end to developers seeking large-scale development in inappropriate areas.

County Councillor – Cllr Bob Stevens – No update at this time

10. Planning

NEW Applications

- 16/01400/FUL Ambercote, School Lane – new extension, vehicle access and garden shed (22nd July) No Objection

Appeal

- 15/04090/FUL Bicknell, School Lane – Sent objections to Planning Inspectorate

For Information

- Clarke Telecom are erecting a Vodafone base station at The Meadows, Priors Marston – No Comment

11. Finance

Bank Balance as of 30th June 2016 = £19,578.44

Receipts

PHVH £460.39

Cheque Payments May/June = £4676.61

PCC - The Parish News (May edition) £40.00

Post Office Council Tax £56.00

Grineaux Accountants £288.00

Loan £1876.10

Clerks Wages (May) £442.85

Pete Brown (May) £200.00

Chris Allen (May/June) £190.00

Zurich Insurance £763.86

Pete Brown (June) £200.00

Clerks Wages (June) £416.85

Post Office Council Tax £56.00

EON Electricity £146.95

- Priors Marston has reviewed the village Insurance Policy and by switching providers has made a saving of £400 per annum.
- The new streetlights, which have been replaced in the village, have been added to the inventory for western power. A review of the electricity charges from EON shows that the village is making a saving of £50 per quarter. We will continue to update the street lighting in 2016/2017.
- A VAT claim refund has been submitted to HM Revenue & Customs for the period 2015/2016 for goods and services used to the value of £700.

12. Parish Council Vacancies

a. Parish Councillor

Three members of the community have shown interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Parish Council is considering all applications.

b. Parish Council Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Eight applicants have applied for the position of Parish Clerk, the Parish Council is reviewing all applications and interviews are expecting to take place in July.

13. AOB

Meeting Dates 2016/2017

Re-circulate meeting dates for 2016/2017 and display on Parish Council notice board.

The meeting dates are as follows:- Monday 12 September, Monday 7 November, Monday 9 January 2017 Monday 13 March, Monday 8 May, Friday 26 May AGM, Monday 10 July, Monday 11 September, Monday 13 November

The meeting closed at 20.53

The next meetings of the Parish Council are as follows:

Monday 12th September 2016, 19.30, The Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road, Priors Marston.