

Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Monday 7th November 2016 at 7.30pm
The Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road, Priors Marston

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr. John Franklin (Chair), Cllr. Laura Lucas, Cllr. John Appleton, Cllr. Viv Nind, Cllr. Nick Fulford, Cllr. Chris Williams, Cllr. Bob Stevens & Emma Hooker (Clerk) Duncan Vercoe (Talbot Homes) Richard Walker (Senior Partner Walker Graham Architects), Sarah Brooke-Taylor (WRCC)

1. Apologies

None Received.

2. Questions from Residents

None.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Laura Lucas declared an Interest in the Planning Application 16/03246/FUL – Manor Farm, Priors Marston. Cllr Lucas lives in close proximity to the potential development and it was agreed her comments as a Councillor would not form part of the Parish Councils official response.

4. Approval of Minutes of last meeting held on Monday 12th September 2016

Approved. Proposed Cllr Lucas and seconded by Cllr Nind.

5. Sarah Brooke-Taylor – Warwickshire Rural Community Council

Sarah informed the Council that a landowner had approached the Housing Association and declared they were willing to sell land (approx. 2 acres) that they own in the village (adjacent to the Bradshaw Close development) for the use of building affordable homes. Sarah explained this was an initial enquiry whereby the views of the Parish are gathered. In principle is the Council supportive of such a development?

The Cllrs asked Sarah the following questions;

- a) As this development would be handled by the Housing Association, would they be interested in a small development such as this site. ***Sarah confirmed that they definitely would as Warwickshire Rural are keen to look at small rural sites***
- b) Do the five people currently on the register for housing within the Parish correlate with the Housing Needs Survey? ***Sarah will report back to the Clerk after further research on this. The Criteria for application for the homes would be the same as Bradshaw Close (On Housing Register, Local Connection, Currently working within Parish, close relative living in Parish or born within the Parish.)***
- c) Is there a need for such houses within Parish and can the Council see figures to back this up. ***Sarah said her experience says these schemes are always over subscribed and will report back with figures to the Clerk.***

- d) What could be done in respect of the access and pedestrian footpaths? It is dangerous for pedestrians as it is, and the possibility of further families using that road this will likely get a lot worse. ***Sarah explained as this is an initial enquiry the details of access have not been looked at yet.***

The Initial thoughts of the Council are that they require further information. Is demand there? Pedestrian access issues answered and what are the proposed materials to be used to build the properties. Once received answers on these questions from Sarah the Council will consider again.

6. Matters arising from Previous Meeting

- **Highway Issues**

The blue brick path works have been completed. Clerk confirmed Highways couldn't authorise completing the entire path at this time. The Council can, at its own cost finish the work if required.

Knotweed at Hill House. **Action Clerk.**

- **Footpath**

The Footpath audit has been carried out and circulated to Councilors via Email

- **Village Maintenance**

The outstanding Playground works have been completed by Play Scape Designs (wet pour and Sign also tidied up)

7. Village Plans

The Parish Council felt that given the size of the village, the amount of money & time required and the difficulty in getting the participation of a cross-section it would be difficult to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Priors Marston. It was agreed that updating the existing Parish Plan would be sensible, less costly and time consuming and although not as strong a document would at least provide planning authorities with an understanding of the wishes of the parish

8. Village Assets

Clerk reported that the Village Asset register has been updated and a monitoring system put in place. This will be emailed to all Councilors for information.

The Parish owns the School playing field and rent of £50 per annum has not been collected for some time. A meeting will be arranged with Cllr Franklin and the Clerk with the Headmaster Mr. Emms to discuss the way forward in regard to rent and our responsibility to contribute 50% towards the boundary upkeep. **ACTION JF & CLERK**

9. Website and Email Database

Parish Council Website

Cllr Fulford proposed he write a brief to circulate to potential web developers as to what the Council require in its website. The current site is not fit for purpose and will be easier and cheaper to start from scratch. Once the brief is circulated other

councilors are asked to comment and contribute. Cllr Fulford will work with Clerk to get this moving. **ACTION NF & CLERK**

Email Database for Village

It was agreed the Clerk could send an email to all villagers whose emails are in the Village Directory asking for their permission to use their email to communicate village news with them. Clerk will also ask for up to date emails for all villagers in the next Parish Magazine. **ACTION CLERK**

10. District and County Councilors Update.

Cllr Chris Williams

Finance

Stratford District Council is waiting for the Autumn Statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer later this month before deciding the next stage of developing their budget proposals for the next financial year. They have carried out a series of public consultations throughout the District to try to find out which measures are more acceptable than others. There is a clear opinion that essential services should be retained. Hopefully at the next meeting Cllr Williams will be able to indicate in which direction SDC is moving with its budget preparation

Boundary Reviews

There has been much confusion about the current steps that are being taken in Parliament to reduce the number of MPs from 650 to 600. It appears that the present constituency of Kenilworth and Southam could disappear if the proposals are accepted and be realigned with Rugby/Stratford. If this realignment occurs Priors Marston could have a new MP.

The composition for the new Constituency is a numerical compilation, not geographical. This realignment of constituencies does not affect either the County or District boundaries and Priors Marston will be part of the amended Feldon Division in the County Council election to be held next year.

Cllr Bob Stevens

The County Council's budget is being worked on currently. Warwickshire CC is looking at finding a further saving of £20 million, on top of the £90 million already found. This may mean making difficult decisions on funding cuts that may not be popular

HS2 is moving forward and will be most likely being approved in January. A community grant worth £15 Million will be available for communities to apply for projects if approved.

Road Diversions update given. J12 completed and the B4100 diversion ongoing.

Southam College will soon be an academy and control its own admissions.

11 Planning – New Applications

- 16/03164/FUL – Land off Welsh Rd West – Construction of stables and Ménage (deadline for comments 14/11)
The Parish Council agreed to object to this application on the grounds that horses will be left unattended there and due to the unsuitability of the narrow access road for large lorries etc.
- 16/03432/TREE – Ivy Cottage – Fell T1 unknown species (14/11)
No Objection
- 16/03234?AGNOT – Northfields Farm – Erection of building for livestock (7/11)
No Objection
- 16/032461 – Manor Farm – Demolition of agricultural building to build 5 new dwellings (16/11)
The Council is in agreement in principle, to the site being developed. Some concern over all the properties being 5 bedrooms (Preference to a mixture of 5/4/3/2 beds) and the affect on parking and drainage on Hardwick Road. Full comment from the Councilors will be submitted before the 16/11 deadline.

Representatives from Talbot Homes and the Architects were present at the meeting and were able to assist in questions from the councillors around drainage, parking and refuse.
- 16/0349/TREE – Rose Cottage, Southam Rd – Fell of Willow, Acers and shrubs (16/11)
No Objection to all but the Willow Tree Fell. It was felt this would not obscure the light to the property, given the distance from the house.
- 16/03484/TREE – Moffatts, The Holloway, Fell of Poplar Trees (18/11)
No Objection

11. Finance

Bank Balance as of 30th September 2016= £26,490.43

Receipts = £8,800

SDC PREQ001315 £8,800

Cheque Payments September/October = £2579.72

WALC Membership £182.00

Pete Brown (September) £200.00

Grant Thornton (Audit) £120.00

WALC (Training EH&NF) £90.00

Wages (HK September) £205.20

Wages & Expenses (EH September) £504.28

Chris Allen (July/Aug/Sept) £239.00

Playscape Designs £470.21

EON Electricity (Oct) £169.43

Wages (EH October) £399.60

12. CORRESPONDANCE

- Letter received from the Chairman of “Keep the Horton General” Campaign to the Council asking for support in rejecting losses of certain services at the hospital. Council agreed to support with an email to the Oxfordshire CCG Commissioning Group as our parishioners use the Horton. **ACTION CLERK**

13. AOB

Defibrillation Awareness Session.

Cllr Nind thanked the Clerk for organizing the very successful Defibrillation Awareness Session in October. 30 people attended the session and the feedback was very positive by all that attended. Clerk to look at starting a VET scheme where we supply the ambulance service with names and numbers of up to 10 residents that can be called on to collect the Defib machine and take it to where its needed if the caller is unable to leave the patient.

The meeting closed at 21.05pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

Monday 9th January 2017 19.30, The Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road,
Priors Marston.