

Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Monday 16th March, 19.30
The Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road, Priors Marston

MINUTES

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

1. **Apologies:** Laura Booth, Brett Smith, Elton James
2. **Questions from Residents**
 - a. Fly Tipping Report from Stratford District Council -
10/15 bin bags have been dumped on highway near to Willow Farm, have been reported to Environment Agency but not their land as on highway. Also some burnt items there. Address given is Welsh Road, Marston Doles – HK to Investigate
 - b. Cleaning of Road/Village Signs -
Can you please ask the PC what can be done to wash the various signs from time to time. The ones on Byfield Road are utterly filthy. They give visitors the impression that this is a village that doesn't care what it looks like. And of course that isn't true – HK to speak to Pete Brown
 - c. Land Registry has been informed that Mrs Janet Moore is formally registering a piece of land in Priors Marston via Howkins & Harrison.
3. **Declaration of Interests**
None declared
4. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting, held on 12th January 2015**
Approved. Proposed JA, Seconded JF
5. **Matters arising from previous meeting**
 - a. Highway Issues
Holloway Flooding
No update from the flooding team - HK to contact Michael Green/Paul Rimen and copy in Cllr Stevens

School Road Kerbing
Patching has been completed, awaiting timeframe for kerbing to be installed – HK to action

Signs/SLOW
Signs have been installed, awaiting one SLOW sign to be re-instated – HK to action

Bus Shelter Fruit Trees

Awaiting assessment from WCC Forestry as to the safety of the trees. Cllr Appleton added if trees are deemed unsafe then we should ask for suckers to be left so that the trees can re-grow in time – HK to action

Horse Chestnut Tree School Lane

Awaiting assessment from WCC Forestry on the health of this tree – HK to action

The Orchard

The stone obstructions have been removed

b. Defibrillator

The telephone box has been de-commissioned, waiting for the paint to arrive so the telephone box can be re-painted in red and all agreed to go ahead and place the order for the defibrillator and box – HK to action.

c. Village Greens

HK is currently completing all the necessary paperwork required by Land Registry.

d. Footpaths

Val Brown – Public Right of Way Team advised that

- if the surface of the footpath requires maintenance then it is WCC/Highways responsibility

- if it is side growth, hedges & trees, it is the land owners responsibility for maintenance

It was agreed that we should inspect all footpaths & rights of way and report back on condition. VN agreed to contact Paul King to see if this was something he could help with.

6. Elections

Article has been written for the Parish News. Notice to be displayed on the village noticeboard from Monday 23rd March, informing the public of how to apply to become a parish councillor for Priors Marston.

For current Parish Councillors nomination papers are required to be hand delivered w/c Monday 23rd March – HK to action

7. Housing Needs Survey

Priors Marston Parish Council agreed to conduct a further housing needs survey (last survey 2004) to establish current housing requirements and then to update the Parish Plan accordingly – HK to action

8. District and County Councilors – update

Cllr Chris Williams – District Councillor

The Government Inspector has concluded the Public Examination of the District Council's proposals put forward in its Core Strategy. He indicated that the final Report would be issued, probably, in June of this year.

The District Council Budget proposals were debated on Monday 23rd February 2015. Despite having lost over a £1 million from the government, it was agreed that there will be no increase in Council Tax. As a direct result of sharing some of the operational costs of the Council with other authorities there will be no cuts in any of the services offered by the District Council.

Cllr Bob Stevens – County Councillor

The Care Act - looking at the care of older people with annual assessments comes into force 1st April.

HS2

Local petitions have come to an end and HS2 has all party support at the moment. Likely costs 50 Billion +. The next step is the 3rd reading, which will take place around Christmas time.

9. Planning matters and local plan update

Planning applications currently with SDC

- 15/00249/TREE Oakhurst, Byfield Road
T1 Robinia Psuedoacacia reduce crown to 4m high and 3m wide
- 15/00284/TREE Hardwick End, Hardwick Road
G1 Conifer x5 fell and replace with mature hedge
- 14/03605/FUL The Leys, Hardwick Road
Retrospective permission for stables and kennels
- 15/00401/TREE Meadow Views, Shuckburgh Road
H1 Leylandii (approx 30 trees) fell or reduce
- 15/00453/TEL28 Verge, Hardwick Road
Installation of 1 x DSLAM Cabinet
- 14/03580/AGNOT - The Grange, Hardwick Road, Priors Marston, Southam
CV47 7SG - A new building for agricultural storage
- 14/01469/FUL – Pig Coates, Welsh Road, Priors Hardwick – Change of use of existing barn known as Pig Cotes to a single residential dwelling

- 14/02640/FUL – 15/00546/FUL - Chapel End, Keys Lane - Erection of 1 no 2 bedroom dwelling with associated car parking and hard and soft landscaping
- 14/03375/FUL - Meadow Gate Farm , Shuckburgh Road, Change of use of land for the permanent stationing of a mobile home for residential occupation by a rural worker

10. Finance

Reviewed spending year to date, budget for 2014/2015 £21,530 and year to date spend is £19,131.56.

11. Correspondence

None

12. AOB

Village Emergency Plan

HK has updated the plan and is waiting for feedback from JF

Crime Prevention Talk

It was agreed that the Parish Council would plan both a Crime Prevention Talk and Crime Prevention Marking Day, where property such as bicycles, lawn mowers, and power tools can be securely marked. HK to organize events as soon as possible.

Cheque Signatory

Brett Smith & Viv Nind are currently the two signatories for Priors Marston Parish Council. This situation will be reviewed after the elections.

The meeting closed at 20.40

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 11th May 2015, 19.30, The Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road, Priors Marston