

Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Monday 13th July, 19.30
The Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road, Priors Marston

DRAFT MINUTES

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

1. Apologies

Elton James, Cllr Bob Stevens, Cllr Chris Williams

2. Election of Chairperson

September Chairperson Cllr Elton James, nominated by Cllr Franklin and seconded by Cllr Lucas

3. Questions from Residents

a. Speeding

We have taken advice from WCC Highways and installed new signage and slow on the road signs. HK to investigate a flashing speed type sign, which will be placed on the Southam road when entering the village. See below for further work.

b. Dog Fowling

Dog fowling in the field adjacent to the telephone box, the owner is asking residents who walk their dogs in this field not to leave their dog poo in the hay field as his sheep eat it. Please pick it up and pop it in the bin. Thank you

c. Overgrown/Overhanging Paths

The path by Blackdown Cottage is nearly closed from both sides

There are low hanging branches by the vacant land adjacent to school lane and over the footpath opposite the war memorial at the bottom of the road to Hellidon. Cllr Franklin to speak to both home owners and ask them to trim their hedges.

4. Declaration of Interests

None Declared

5. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting, held on 11th May 2015

Approved. Proposed Cllr Lucas, Seconded Cllr Nind

6. Matters arising from previous meeting

a. Highway Issues

Holloway Flooding

The flood team has been in touch with a plan of action; they have arranged a site meeting with WCC Highways to talk through his investigations to-date.

Following that, the extent of any further works required to the system will be known and the appropriate responsible individuals/organisations notified.

School Road Kerbing

Patching has been completed and highways have been contacted to ascertain timeframe for kerbing to be installed, confirmed 12-16 week timescale.

Signs/SLOW

Signs have been installed, awaiting one SLOW sign to be re-instated, confirmed 12-16 week timescale.

Cllr Appleton advised of a sign, which had been knocked down, on the Hardwick Road, HK has reported to WCC Highways and has been fixed.

Trees

Gavin Callard – WCC Forestry

Has advised WCC does not have an up to date tree database for Priors Marston.

However the village will be assessed and documented by the end of the year, and reviewed every five years.

Cllr Appleton added he has an earlier tree map for Priors Marston and will circulate. Also HK to investigate the process for homeowners when wishing to trim/remove trees, which trees are protected and include an update on the next Parish News.

b. Defibrillator

All equipment and paint has been delivered, meeting with Chris Allen on Monday 20th July to discuss telephone box renovation and update electricians as to timescales and arrange installation asap

7. Housing Needs Survey

All comments from councilors collated and updated, further review and amendments to be coordinated by Cllr Franklin and circulated to the parish councilors before the next meeting.

8. District and County Councilors – update

Cllr Bob Stevens – County Councillor

Grants

The WCC community grants scheme (£5000 per Councillor) for the benefit of their community organisations has just been launched and you should be receiving details shortly. Rules are similar to previous years.

HS2

The select committee continues and is now hearing Buckinghamshire's petitions. This will continue into the autumn and then the London Boroughs. They expect to finish around Christmas.

Schools and School Transport.

At present, despite the predicted developments in the Southam and Feldon area, local primary schools have sufficient spaces to meet the predicted demand based on planning applications granted to date.

Secondary education is a problem and Southam College has been forced to accept an appeals ruling to admit 323 pupils this September. Their PAN (Pupil admission number) is 210 but realistically they could accept up to 270. Subject to a cabinet decision to grant another £1 million for improvements extended facilities will be built during the summer holidays. The governors are monitoring the situation closely.

Greater Birmingham Authority

WCC are involved in discussions about the make up of local government based on the Governments Devolution agenda. Warwickshire has 3 options.

1. Join in with a greater Birmingham authority and Coventry and Solihull.
2. Form a separate authority with Coventry and possibly Solihull.
3. Create a joined up agreement with surrounding shire authorities Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Leicestershire. The debate continues.

Cllr Chris Williams – District Councillor

Apologies for absence and no updates since the previous meeting.

9. Planning matters and local plan update

June/July planning decision update

- 15/00547/FUL Yew Tree Cottage – Application Granted
- 15/01079/FUL Forget Me Not Cottage – Application Granted
- 15/00945/FUL Gable End – Application Granted
- 15/00401/TREE Meadow Views – Deemed Consent
- 15/01632/TREE Hollywell House – Deemed Consent
- 15/01566/FUL Swiss Cottage, The Holloway – Application Granted
- 15/00992/FUL Bicknell, School Lane - Withdrawn

Planning applications currently with Stratford District Council

- 15/02042/FUL Hardwick Grange, change of use to a care home
- 15/02043/FUL Oakwood, First Floor rear Extension
- 15/01804/FUL Beech Cottage, garage extension – Pending consideration

10. Finance

Bank Balance as of 31st June 2015 £20,150.73

- Money received June/July
Stratford District Council (amenity cleaning & grass cutting) £1129.08
2015/2016 VAT £583.07
- Cheque Payments June/July
Chris Allen (April) £87.00 Village maintenance
P Brown (April) £245.00 Amenity cleaning & grass cutting
Post Office Council Tax (14/05/15) £55.62
Loan (village hall re-payment) £1876.10
Post Office Council Tax (14/06/15) £56.00

11. Correspondence

None

12. AOB

Street Lighting

Proceed with the replacement of three street lights with replacement LED fittings and bulbs at locations:

- Shuckburgh Road - Lamp posts 1 + 2
- Hellidon Road - Lamp post 1

Street Lighting Costs - 3 replacements to LED type £1600

Village Community Rubbish Bin Review

The village has 6 community bins, a review has taken place as to the frequency of which the bins are emptied and the parish council is considering replacement bins and a weekly bin collection supplied by Stratford District Council costing £100.97 per annum per bin.

Current Bin Locations

Bus Stop, War Memorial, Priors Hall, The Holloway/Corner of School Lane, 2 x
Playground (review do we need 2 bins?)

Priors Marston Parish Council AGM

Councillors advised an April date would be preferable for the AGM, HK investigate dates and circulate for comments.

The meeting closed at 20.52

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 14th September 2015, 19.30, The Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road, Priors Marston.