

Annual Village Meeting
Friday 26th May 2017 - 7.30pm at The Priors Hall

Annual Report 2017

Priors Marston Parish Council consists of the following councilors: - John Appleton, John Franklin, Laura Lucas, and Vivien Nind. Nick Fulford was seconded as a Councilor in September 2016 therefore there are no vacancies at this time.

Helen Keeves resigned as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer in September 2016. The Parish Council thank Helen for all her hard work during her time with us and are pleased to have welcomed Emma Hooker as the new Clerk from September 2016.

In the last year the Parish Council has: -

- ✓ Maintained and repaired the playground, including monthly safety checks and an annual independent ROSPA safety inspection.
- ✓ Replaced 7 additional streetlights with new LED technology to comply with current environmental standards bringing the total to 12 new streetlights. The village has 22 streetlights in total and we will continue to replace the old technology. We will aim to replace the further 10 lights with LED technology in 2017. Electricity consumption has reduced since undertaking this initiative.
- ✓ Reviewed and commented on 44 planning applications and attended a number of Stratford District Council (SDC) planning committee meetings
- ✓ Upheld the high standard of maintenance and cleanliness of the village
- ✓ Arranged for all white road markings to be refreshed, this has been done with only one area outstanding
- ✓ Updated and cleaned various village road signs.
- ✓ Damaged verges repaired by Highways and keep in continual contact with Highways on ways of improving verges and green areas within village
- ✓ Created a new website which is now fit for purpose and holds all legal documents, agendas and minutes to comply with the Transparency Code.
- ✓ Defibrillator Training awareness morning arranged where 30 villagers attended.

The Parish Council has a duty to protect and enhance our village and its surrounding environment wherever possible. The National Planning Policy Framework requires Priors Marston to have a village plan to help shape future development. Priors Marston has been confirmed as a Category 4 local service village and as such will be expected to provide some additional houses. The Parish Council will monitor this very closely now the SDC core strategy has been adopted. This means the Village Plan can now be updated. We have had 8 residents express an interest in updating the plan and we are in discussion with SDC to get their support in producing an appropriate questionnaire and analysis of the results to produce a fit for purpose village plan.

In the coming 12 months we aim to: -

- ✓ Review the condition of village footpaths and rights of way
- ✓ Develop a maintenance plan for all village assets
- ✓ Re-instate damaged verges
- ✓ Continually update the village website and facebook page
- ✓ Provide regular updates on the village notice board and in The Parish News
- ✓ Update Village Plan

If you have any matters you wish to raise please contact Emma Hooker the Parish Clerk
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