

***Priors Marston Parish Council Meeting
Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm
The Priors Hall, Shuckburgh Road, Priors Marston***

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr. Laura Lucas (Acting Chair) Cllr. John Franklin, Cllr. Nick Fulford, Cllr Viv Nind, Cllr. Bob Stevens, Cllr Chris Williams, Emma Hooker (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr John Appleton.

1. Questions from Residents

Parishioner had asked if the Parish Council would apply for an AVC for the Hollybush Inn. This records the pub as a community asset and protects it from any residential development. Cllr Williams stated that the pub would only be at risk of this if a buyer could not be found after 2 years on the market. Currently the pub is not on the market however the Council agreed this would be worth pursuing further. It will be raised on the Village Plan Questionnaire also.

2. Declarations of Interest

None Declared.

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 11th September 2017

Minutes were approved by all present as a true record and signed by Cllr Lucas.

4. Matters Arising from previous meeting

1) WRCC Housing Association

Clerk updated the Council on the response from WRCC after the Council feedback to them in regard to the potential development next to Bradshaw Close.

They are aware the footpath landowner does not want to engage with them and is under no obligation to do so. They are considering what could be done to alleviate the Parish Council's concerns over traffic speeds on that road.

2) Village Plan Update:

Clerk reported the Steering Group met on the 9th October where they reflected on the public meeting and the questionnaire was discussed. The next meeting is on 23rd November where the questionnaire will be finalized ready to submit to SDC for feedback.

3) Highways:

* The white lines on School Lane are still outstanding and no date given to the Council.

* Bollards on the village green adjacent to Church Cottage was discussed and the Council instructed Clerk to get a quote to get bollards put there to protect the green.

* Priors School parking. The Clerk and Head Teacher have both contacted traffic and safety at WCC regarding this matter. They will not look at marking the road with zigzags.

The Chair, Cllr Appleton wrote to the Head teacher on 9th October to stress the importance of safe parking near the school and concerns over the safety of pupils and residents.

The Head Teacher responded to Cllr Appleton (Letter 30th October) concurring the safety of pupils and residents are paramount to him also. He confirmed he has requested to the parents on several occasions not to park near the school but unfortunately some people continue to ignore this request.

A joint statement for the Parish News has been organized and he will send a copy of this to all parents at the school.

Discussion took place over finding a solution to the parking issue. The Council will wait to see if the situation improves after the Parish News issue and if it doesn't pressure will need to be put back onto the school to do more.

4) Street Lights.

The streetlight on the top of Hardwick Road is faulty and is on 24 hours, it is on the LED replacement programme. To get this streetlight onto a LED it will need a new bracket and service box due to corrosion.

Therefore, the street light plus its service box needs replacement, estimated costs of £827 excluding VAT, inclusive of Western Power Distribution costs. To change the streetlight complete we need Western Power to disconnect and reconnect. The Council authorized this.

5) ROSPA Report Play Area September 2017

The Annual report was disseminated prior to the meeting for Councillors to read. The playground has been assessed as medium risk, last year it was low. The main areas of concern are the rotting timber. Clerk will meet with Playscape Designs to go through report and get a quote for works. There is no immediate urgent issue to be dealt with.

6) BUAB Village boundary consultation

The draft boundaries were reported to cabinet on 31st October 2017 for endorsement to the next stage which will be inclusion in the consultation on the revised scope for the Site Allocations Plan (SAP) The Parish Council will have a further opportunity to comment on the BUAB when the revised scope for the SAP is consulted on.

Councillors wish to enter a comment in regard to land that is currently within the build area and believe should be outside. (Land adjacent to The Hermitage) Clerk to send this comment to Mathew Neal at SDC.

6. District and County Councilors Update

Update District Councilor Chris Williams

1. **Administration** - The main pressure at the District Council is establishing facts for next year's budget. Central government has indicated that the original plan to return business rates to the authority is not now proceeding. This has presented a financial shortfall, which, I suspect, will result in a tax increase.
2. **Cash Windfall** – SDC received a windfall of £1 million thanks to the legal agreement with Orbit Housing. The cash was received from a 50% share of the proceeds from the sale of derelict garage sites across the district. The Council is

looking to invest this cash into affordable housing and a Working Group is evaluating options to decide where it can have the most benefit for residents. Orbit has confirmed that they have not disposed of any of their properties in Priors Marston.

3. **Policy** - The Council is actively involved in Housing Activity in Rural Areas. The approach to delivering homes for local people in rural areas is endorsed and the focus continues to evaluate those communities that have yet to meet the standard set by the District Council. A number of parishes continue to be fearful about housing being imposed on them and they are adopting and 'wait and see' approach as the Core Strategy beds down.
4. **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 and Southam. If this realignment occurs Priors Marston would have a new MP from Rugby and Southam. 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 still be part of the Napton & Fenny Compton Ward at the District Council.

Update County Council Cllr. Bob Stevens

The Consultation on the Closure of the Children's Centers has concluded and a compromise was agreed. The closure will be staggered and not all will close straight away.

Home to School Transport consultation will close in 2019. The question is what is a safe route to school and can children walk to school?

Southam College remains an outstanding school and is in the top 20% of schools in the county. It is now in a MAT alongside Bilton High School.

7. Planning Matters

NEW Applications

17/02563/Old Potash Farm – Swimming Pool and Tennis Court 22/09 NO OBJ

17/02798/TREE – Church Cottage – Reduction T1, T2 T3 Trees –13/10 NO OBJ

16/03154/FUL – Land north of Welsh Road – Construction timber stable and Ménage – 31/10 NO OBJ

17/02825/FUL – Land Shuckburgh Road – Erection one dwelling 08/11 OBJECTION

17/03295/TREE – T1 Maple reduction of 40% 21/11

17/03075/FUL – Land School Lane – Erection one dwelling 22/11

Pending Decisions

17/01373/FUL Cosy Nook, Keys Lane – 2 Storey extension 08/09 NO OBJ

Decisions

17/01836/FUL Lynwood, Hellidon Rd – 2 Storey side extension –GRANTED 15/09

17/02036/FUL Hardwick House, Hardwick Rd – Stone wall over 1m, extension garage and carport – GRANTED 06/10

17/02538/TREE Dutch Gables, Shuckburgh Rd T1 Crab Apple reduce by 50% - NO OBJ PPC GRANTED 03/10

17/01893/FUL Site corner of School Lane Erection of 2 dwellings WITHDRAWN18/09

17/02590/FUL – The Old Cowshed, Upper Boddington – Change of use Ag Land to garden – GRANTED 02/10

8. Finance

Bank Balance of 1st November 2017 £27,133.69

Cheque Payments October = £ 2232.20

Clerk Wages (September) £399.60

E-ON Electricity £185.30

Chris Allen Maintenance £159.50

Pete Brown Mowing (September) £200.00

Village Hall Hire (September) £20.00

Playscape Designs £1188.00

ROSPA Annual Report £79.80

9. Correspondence

Priors School has requested permission from the Parish Council to erect gym equipment within the sports field. The Council agreed in principle however would like to see the equipment and the preferred site before authorizing. This is dependent on the School winning a lottery grant to get the equipment.

The lease of the playground was discussed and will be decided upon at a later date.

10.AOB

Community Car Service.

Southam Town Council have contacted the Clerk to ask if we would contribute towards their voluntary transport scheme which taken parishioners to GP, Hospital appointments etc. Clerk to discuss with Malcolm Monkhouse who runs a service currently to see if he needs support in this area.

Christmas Lights (Memorial)

Clerk to ask if the owners of Swiss Cottage are happy we use their electricity again this year for the lights.

The Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is as follows:

8th January 2018 at 7.30pm – The Priors Hall