

Preston on Stour Parish Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Preston On Stour Parish Council held at Three Parishes Millennium Hall, Preston on Stour, Warwickshire on Thursday 5th July 2018 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Mrs. A. CORSER, Mr M. JENNINGS and Mr W.SPENCER (Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE: Not recorded.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Prof R.REED and Mr L SMITH.

2. Declarations of interests

Councillor Spencer expressed an interest with regard to planning application number 18/01800/LBC.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the Annual Meeting on 24th May 2018 were previously circulated by the Clerk and were **ACCEPTED** as a true record.

4. Public participation

None.

5. Parish Council Reports

Mr JENNINGS reported that the improved village website is now up and running.

Broadband- There is to be a meeting later this month with the group looking into this and Izzy Secombe. The hope was expressed that a representative from Alscot Estate and their current provider would also be present to clarify their future intentions thus preventing further delay.

Mr SPENCER reported that there is apparently an area of subsidence on the edge of the lane going down the side of The Cottage. He stated it was probably due to the bin lorry and other heavy vehicles pulling over to that side to avoid the conifers opposite which are now narrowing the road space. Mrs CORSER agreed to request Alscot Estate to assess and address this issue.

6. Reports from other organisations

There were none, but Mrs CORSER reported that although there was nothing new to say following her recent liaison meeting with Alun Rees he appeared to be very positive with regards to the Estate supporting the broadband initiative.

7. Planning

The following actions were **RESOLVED** and up-dates noted:

Application no.	Proposal	Address	Agreed comment or up-date
18/00402/FUL	Single storey extension to existing building	Avigen Ltd.	Support application
18/01799/LBC	Repairs to the weir at Atherstone	River Stour	Support application
18/01800/LBC	Repairs to roof	Priest Cottage, Preston on Stour	Mr Spencer had declared an interest. Meeting was not quorate for this item, so no decision made.

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8. Financial Administration

- a. No responsible financial officer in post.
- b. **RESOLVED** to pass the following payments:

Mrs Jonsson (Former Clerk) Salary	£570
Thomas Fox Mowing	£313.20
Village Hall Hire for PC Meetings	£25
ICO (Data Protection Registration Fee)	£40
St Mary's PCC Churchyard Maintenance contribution	£500
Previous payments made but not previously recorded:	
04/02/18 IT and Print Ltd	£731.96
31/03/18 Village Hall Hire	£50

9. Correspondence

The list of correspondence was noted.

10. Grant for Mowing St Mary's Churchyard

RESOLVED to grant £500 to St Mary's Parochial Church Council towards the cost of mowing the churchyard under Section 137 LGA 1972.

11. Parish Clerk

Sadly Elizabeth Jonsson who has done such a wonderful job since she took on this difficult role has felt unable to continue. The Parish Council wish to place on record their sincere thanks for the valuable contribution she has made.

It was agreed to advertise the vacancy, initially on the WALC website and then to explore other possibilities.

12. Items for Future Agenda and Items of Information

Members requested that the following items be added to the agenda of the next ordinary meeting:

- a. Telephone box; and
- b. Derelict buildings

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be an Ordinary General Meeting on Thursday 27th September 2018 at 7.30pm at the Three Parishes Millennium Hall.

There being no further business the MEETING CLOSED.