



Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Preston on Stour Parish Council

Held on: Thursday 25th March 2021 at 7.30pm
Place: Online

Present: Cllrs Will Spencer (Chair), Anna Corser (Vice-Chair), Elizabeth Jonsson, Lester Smith

In attendance: Emma Owen (Parish Clerk) and DC Penny-Anne O'Donnell

Members of the public: 0

22/21 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

James Seccombe was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments and sent apologies.

23/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared in any item of business on the agenda

24/21 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 25th March 2021 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

Proposed: Cllr Spencer **Seconded:** Cllr Corser **All in favour**

25/21 OPEN FORUM

26/21 ALSCOT ESTATE - there was a report provided from Alscot for the meeting and read out by Cllr Corser, this will be attached to the minutes.

27/21 DC PENNY-ANNE O'DONNELL attended and was able to update members on

- An update on the Scrutiny Committee
- Impact that Covid has had on the area with regards to lost revenue from tourism and unemployment, there remains a significant amount of people on furlough.
- Council Tax increase
- Merging of Stratford and Warwick District Council, streamlining services to meet demands
- Meeting green targets
- Climate Change Committee
- DC Penny-Anne O'Donnell has invited members to participate in all consultation's and welcomes feedback
- A discussion was had regarding an incident of fly tipping and councillors were asked to send in details so this could be dealt with
- Parking charges to be reviewed
- Pop Up Business School was well attended
- Members of the public are advised to notify staff if they are exempt from wearing masks and to bring their own hand sanitiser as some premises have had theirs stolen.
- The Housing Market is buoyant
- The consultation for the Gypsy and Traveller is continuing. PC O'Donnell requested that Elizabeth Jonsson email her feedback.

28/21 **CC IZZY SECCOMBE** - was not in attendance at the meeting and it was agreed the Parish Clerk would contact her to see if CC Seccombe wished to provide a report.

29/21 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- i. there was one payment made as per the financial report.
- ii. Bank Reconciliation
the financial report and bank reconciliation had been circulated and was agreed
- iii it was agreed that payment to the Clerk for salary and expenses will be made as soon as this has been calculated and the amount agreed by email.

Proposed Cllr Spencer

Seconded Cllr Corser

All in favour

30/21 **Planning**

- i. **20/03593/TREE Church House (response submitted 13/01/2021)**
- ii. **20/03401/ FUL Lower Cottage (response submitted 25/01/2021)**

31/21 **UNITARY AUTHORITIES** - Cllr Corser will continue to keep members updated

32/21 **VILLAGE GREEN** - it was agreed that the damage done to the village green was a concern and potential risk to members of the public. It was suggested it would be helpful to put up a notice and probably some tape warning people to keep off the affected area of the green.

33/21 **Engagement Letter** - it was agreed that Kenneth Dunn would be sent an Engagement Letter following the process for the audit to take place.

Proposed Cllr Corser **Seconded Elizabeth Jonsson** **All in favour.**

34/21 **Insurance Renewal** - it was agreed that the insurance would be renewed with Zurich and this would be looked at again prior to being renewed in 2022

35/21 **Stratford-upon-Avon Investments** - it was agreed that the Parish Council would not make formal comment on this.

36/21 **Holding of Annual Parish Council Meetings and Annual Assembly** - it was agreed that these would be held before the Parish Council Meeting in May. This will be held as two separate meetings and Parish Clerk will upgrade Zoom package to accommodate this.

37/21 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

⊖ Thursday 27th May 2021 at 7pm and 8pm

38/21 **TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The meeting was closed at **8:45pm**

Proposed: Cllr Corser

Seconded: Elizabeth Jonsson

All in favour

39/21 PERSONNEL and CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

- No items for discussion

SIGNED: