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## Ordinary Meeting of Preston on Stour Parish Council

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**Held on:** Thursday 23rd September 2021 at 7:30pm  
**Place:** Preston-on-Stour Parish Hall

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

**In attendance:** Emma Owen (Parish Clerk)

**Members of the public:** 4

68/21 **WELCOME and APOLOGIES** - there were none to receive

69/21 **Declaration of Interest** - Cllr Spencer regarding planning application 21/02618/LBC/Park Farm

70/21 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

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

71/21 **Open Forum - All Things Wild** Adam Jordan attended to discuss the proposed relocation of All Things Wild, this is currently in Honeybourne over 28 acres which currently attracts 100,000 visitors annually. The new proposed site on the Campden Road is 80 acres and would be looking to increase the visitors to 750,000 annually and eventually become one of the top 5 attractions in the UK. Whilst attendees of the Parish Council Meeting recognised the value of the attraction to the local area, all had concerns as to the lack of appropriate infrastructure to cope with the increase of traffic and the negative impact to residents.

Currently Clifford Chambers Parish Council have written to the Secretary of State as currently Stratford District Council have stated that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. They intend to oppose the planning application which is due in mid-October and Adam stated he is happy to return to keep the Parish Council informed of any updates.

**YELO** - a discussion was had regarding the concerns regarding the black smoke, noise and smell pollution. Alscot Estate have been proactive in addressing this and confirmed that the site has been shut down until the issues have been resolved.

**Increase of Visitor Parking** - it was brought to the attention of the Parish Council concerns regarding the increase of visitors to the village to walk in the surrounding area and the negative impact some residents have reported to Alscot. It was suggested that Alscot and the Parish Council could work together to look at suitable solutions.

This led to a discussion and recognition of the outstanding work Alscot have achieved as part of their Bio-Diversity project.

72/21 **Alscot Estate** - a report was provided and read out by Cllr Corser

73/21 **DC Penny O'Donnell** attended and discussed the following points

- Raise awareness of current Covid scams
- VASA is available to support with Covid Booster Clinics

- Jobs Fair - an event to boost local employment which has been affected by the pandemic
- Boundary change - DC O'Donnell encouraged residents to put forward arguments regarding the proposed changes to Preston and Alderminster moving to the Quinton Ward.

**74/21** **CC Izzy Seccombe** attended and discussed the following points

- Afghan Refugees currently in the district under the Resettlement and the Asylum-Seeking Scheme's. There are currently 100 families in Warwickshire (25 per District Council) and some may not settle permanently. CC Seccombe commended the support from the community.
- Concerns regarding the shortage of staff within the Care Sector.

**75/21** **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- The financial report was discussed and amended; agreed at the meeting to follow
- Bank Reconciliation
- The following invoices were approved for payment

29/07/2021	Thomas Fox	Inv 9	£360.84	Chq 100800
27/08/2021	Thomas Fox	Inv 10	£360.84	Chq 100797
20/09/2021	Clerk	Inv 11	£569.69	Chq 100798
	Wages	Inv 11	£124.80	Chq 100799 (HMRC)

**Proposed Cllr Spencer**

**Seconded Cllr Corser**

**All in favour**

**76/21** **Planning**

- 21/02017/FUL Land at Crimscote - the Parish Council are not required to respond but for individuals to respond should they wish.
- 21/02618/LBC Park Farm - this application was supported by the Parish Council

**77/21** **UNITARY AUTHORITIES** - Cllr Corser will continue to keep members updated

**78/21** **Councillors Reports and items for future agendas**

- Warwickshire Safety Road Partnership** - Cllr Corser read report regarding survey and consultation.
- Village Signage** - A discussion was had regarding whose responsibility it was to fund signage, it was suggested to approach Tredington Parish Council.
- Consultation on proposed South Warwickshire Council** - Cllr Corser agreed to follow this up and would be happy to be supported with this.
- Website** - James Seccombe updated the members of the new website; this will be accessible to the public and is currently in the process of setting up and transferring all of the relevant information.

- v. **YELO** - currently trying to mitigate issues and is liaising with appropriate sources to find a suitable alternative.

**79/21 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

⊖ Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7:30pm

**80/21 TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The meeting was closed at **9:25pm**

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

**81/21 PERSONNEL and CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

- No items for discussion

**SIGNED:**