



Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Preston on Stour Parish Council

Held on: Thursday 16th March 2023 at 7:30pm
Place: Preston-on-Stour Parish Hall

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

In attendance: Laura Callow (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: 2

78/22 WELCOME and APOLOGIES - James Seccombe, CC Izzy Seccombe

79/22 Declaration of Interest - there were none to receive

80/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting from 19th January 2023 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

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

81/22 Open Forum - Nothing to discuss

82/22 Alscot Estate - No report received

83/22 DC Penny O'Donnell - DC Penny is standing down from District Council. SDC is raising the council tax by £5 (3.2%) based on a category D property therefore to £159.12. The draft South Warwickshire Economic Development Strategy has been launched for public consultation and sets out the priorities for how SDC and WDC wish to support the economy. Whilst there is no legal requirement for local authorities to prepare economic strategies both SDC and WDC recognize the importance of doing so. This has been produced to provide evidence in the preparation of the South Warwickshire Local Plan. The future of Wellesbourne Airfield has been protected and is to benefit from enhanced flying functions, generating economic growth and safeguarding jobs.

Equally welcome to local residents is that there is now NO HOUSING planned for the development of the airfield, which I have actively campaigned for over the last eight years. Plans for the proposed Code2 runway are currently with the Civil Aviation Authority for review and the new runway will have the same operating length as its existing 917m one, which is suitable for small commercial aircraft for business travel.

SDC has been allocated £2.35m of support for its refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine from the Government's £500m Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) which will be used to provide an additional 17 homes in the district both to accommodate refugees in the short term and provides a welcome boost to the district's capacity for affordable housing in the longer term. Platform Housing Group has been identified as the preferred partner to help the Council deliver these new homes which are to be purchased. SDC will be carrying out a feasibility study in partnership with WDC to help inform the future infrastructure for Electric Vehicle charging across the districts. Villagers are urged to make sure they understand the new rules which require voters to show photographic ID before voting in this year's local elections on 4th May.

The requirement to show photo ID at the polling station was introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act, which was passed last year and comes into effect for the first time this May.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online here, in person at Stratford District Council, or by completing a paper form. The deadline for applying is 5pm on Tuesday, April 25. Full report is attached to minutes.

84/22 **CC Izzy Seccombe** - No report received

85/22 **Ownership of Village Greens**- No further news, Cllr Spencer will keep Council up to date with this matter.

86/22 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- i. The financial report was discussed and agreed
- ii. Bank Reconciliation
- iii. CiLCA Training for Clerk - CiLCA Agreement was signed by Cllr Corser. Clerk confirmed her intention to remain as clerk to the Parish Council for the next 2 years.
- iv. Cutlin Way Fund - no longer needed as the Cutlin way fund so will be put towards training costs as necessary.
- v. 6 invoices were approved for payment

Inv 37	Setsquare Creative Solutions	£120.00	Replacement cheque 100839
Inv 38	Setsquare Creative Solutions	£540.00	Replacement cheque 100839
Inv 39	WALC	£36.00	
Inv 40	Clerks wages	£397.45	
Inv 40	HMRC	£28.80	
Inv 41	WALC	£36.00	

Proposed Cllr Spencer

Seconded Cllr Corser

All in favour

87/22 **Planning**

- i. **23/00501/TREE The Dell - No Objection**
- ii. **46-48 Village Green - Withdrawn** - Councillors Agreed Cllr Corser will have discussions with Estate to look into sorting the parking area next too the Village Green.
- iii. **LATE ADDITION 23/00743/TREE 16 Preston on Stour - No Objection**

88/22 **Councillors Reports and items for future agendas**

- i. **20 is plenty** - Cllr Corser gave a brief update and suggested we could use the money we get from the Solar Farm in Clifford to pay for this.
- ii. **May Election** - Election Packages from SDC handed out to all councillors in attendance, nomination papers need to be submitted to SDC in by 4th April at 4pm.
- iii. **Kings Coronation Party** - Councillors suggested we have a bring your own picnic on the green. Alscot Estate will provide the drinks. Leaflets to be handed out nearer to the time.

89/22 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

- o 18TH May 2023 Annual General meeting 7pm
- o 18th May 2023 Assembly Meeting 8pm

90/22 TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The meeting was closed at 8.25pm

Proposed: Cllr Spencer Seconded: Cllr Corser All in favour

91/22 PERSONNEL and CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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