



# Minutes

## Ordinary Meeting of Preston on Stour Parish Council

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**Held on:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7:00pm  
**Place:** Preston-on-Stour Parish Hall

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**Present:** Cllrs Will Spencer (Chair), Anna Corser (Vice-Chair), James Seccombe

**In attendance:** Laura Callow (Parish Clerk)

**Members of the public:**8

26/23 **WELCOME and APOLOGIES** - CC Izzy Seccombe,

27/23 **Declaration of Interest** - there were none to receive

28/23 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual & Assembly meetings from 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

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

29/23 **Open Forum** - Water quality in the rivers, river Avon is being tested. It is thought it would be a good idea for the river Stour to be tested and wanted to know if Preston parish council would be interested with helping with the costs. £200 for the kit which would cover the first year than £50 the following year for consumables. PEG are happy to do all the testing weekly all year round. Cllr Dominic Skinner has offered to help with this in case there is a grant to help. PEG will communicate with Cllr Dominic Skinner. Cllr Spencer agreed to put this onto next months Agenda. Jack Kennedy from Alscot Estate is part of the rivers trust and they fund these types of projects so he will enquire to see if this is something they can help with too. Positive comments were given on the grass cutting.

30/23 **Alscot Estate** - George West Funeral is taking place at ST. Marys Church and at the hall after on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 12pm.

31/23 **DC Dominic Skinner** - Following the recent change of control at Stratford District Council the new Liberal Democrat Administration has appointed Cllr Manuela Perteghella as Parish Council Champion for the District. This role has several objectives: to raise awareness and have regard of issues affecting Parish and Town Councils within the District Council; to be the first point of contact for Parish and Town Councils in the event of concerns relating to dealings with the District Council (liaising with the ward member as appropriate); to ensure that Parish and Town Councils views are taken into account when the District Council undertakes consultation; to encourage joint training events; and, perhaps most importantly, to facilitate discussions in relation to the possibility of devolving services to parish councils. Cllr Susan Juned would like to come and visit the various wards of the district. This is an opportunity for the new leadership to discuss the key issues for our area and meet residents, local groups and organisations. There is no set format for these meetings, so if your community group would like to meet with Susan let me know and we shall arrange a meeting in

the coming months. Pension age permits brought back to Bridgefoot car parks and if enough uptake will roll out to other car parks. Costs about £50-60. A review of the service will be undertaken in August (on the anniversary of the introduction of the 123 plus service). This will ensure any outstanding issue of refuse service are addressed. The full report is attached to these minutes.

**32/23 CC Izzy Seccombe** - No report received

**33/23 Ownership of Village Greens-** No further news, Cllr Spencer will keep Council up to date with this matter. Jack Kennedy from Alscot Estate will look into this and update us at our next meeting.

**34/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- i. The financial report was discussed and agreed
- ii. Bank Reconciliation
- iii. 3 invoices were approved for payment

Inv 9	John Cawley - Mowing	£680.00	
Inv 10	Clerk's wages	£398.75	
Inv 11	Village Hall Hire	£24.00	
Inv 12	Will Spencer	£28.75	Stationary

**Proposed Cllr Spencer**

**Seconded Cllr Seccombe**

**All in favour**

**35/23 Planning**

- i. **23/01268/LBC 48 Village Green - No Objection** - response was submitted on 17/06/23
- ii. **23/01423/TREE The Cottage -No Objection** - response was submitted on 17/06/23
- iii. **23/01430/TREE Top Lodge - No Objection** - response was submitted on 17/06/23
- iv. **22/03753/FUL Woodyard - No Objection** - response was submitted on 29/06/23
- v. **23/01325/FUL 48 Village Green - Objection** - The following statement was submitted on 03/07/23. 'The parish council objects to this proposal as it compromises the setting at the rear of this iconic building as seen from the highway. We consider that the proposed bin store is too high and suggest that if the ground level was reduced a little, then the bins would only stand a high as the present fence. The proposed pathway would be acceptable; however, we consider that to enclose it with a 1.8m fence would make it into a passageway through which it will be difficult to move household items to nos.47 and 46. The temporary wattle hurdle fence panels which have recently been put in place would seem to be a more acceptable solution.'
- vi. **23/01625/REM Newey Young Plants Ltd - Supporting** - Clerk will submit this response by 04/08/23

**36/23 Councillors Reports and items for future agendas**

- i. **20 is plenty** - Cllr Corser gave a brief update.
- ii. **Dog waste Bin** - Clerk presented councillors with the costing of having a dog waste bin installed in the village. Debated where we would put one that wouldn't look sightly. Clerk to send email on the circulation list asking the residents where they think it should go. If any responses come back, we will add to next agenda.
- iii. **Stationary Cars** - Cllr Corser will speak to people she sees in the village leaving their vehicles running and advise them on the pollution it is causing.
- iv. **Finding Councillors** - we will add a poster onto the website and put it back onto the notice board.

- v. **Church Grant-** We will look at adding the church yard to our mowing contract or another way of helping. Will add to next Agenda.
- vi. **Church-** Wall along the village green is due to start in August. Hedges will be cut in September. Paths up to the village green will be cleared before winter. Cllr Spencer was all for the church paths being done.

**37/23 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

- o Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

**38/23 TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The meeting was closed at **8.04pm**

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

**39/23 PERSONNEL and CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

**SIGNED:**