



# Minutes

## Ordinary Meeting of Preston on Stour Parish Council

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**Held on:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 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:** 2

40/23 **WELCOME and APOLOGIES** - DC Dominic skinner

41/23 **Declaration of Interest** - there were none to receive

42/23 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting from 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

**Proposed:** Cllr Spencer

**Seconded:** Cllr Seccombe All in favour

43/23 **Open Forum** - there were none to receive

44/23 **Alscot Estate** - Jack Kennedy informed us rebuilding of the fallen section of the wall on A3400 is now going ahead. Lower farm barn document will be circulated around the councillors and they propose to have a public consultation on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 regarding this.

45/23 **DC Dominic Skinner** - no report received

46/23 **CC Izzy Seccombe** - No report received

47/23 **ST, Mary's Church** - Hedges in new church yard and cemetery will be cut this autumn/winter. They will cut it back to the top of the current railings. Wall along the village green needs proper footings put in so are now awaiting quotes for this to be done. They are hoping to get the wall finished by December.

48/23 **Ownership of Village Greens**- No further news, Cllr Spencer will keep Council up to date with this matter. Jack Kennedy from Alscot Estate is still awaiting confirmation on this.

49/23 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Inv 13	John Cawley - Mowing	£680.00	
Inv 14	Clerk's wages	£383.75	
Inv 15	Setsquare Creative Solutions	£300.00	website

**Proposed Cllr Spencer**

**Seconded Cllr Seccombe**

**All in favour**

**50/23**

**Planning**

- i. **23/02350/TREE Lower Farm- no objection** - clerk will send response by 25/09/23
- ii. **23/02344/TREE Lower Farm- no objection** - clerk will send response by 25/09/23
- iii. **23/01400/TREE 4 Preston-on-Stour- no objection** - clerk sent response on 10/08/23 and permission was granted on 22/08/23.
- iv. **23/01947/TREE Top Lodge- no objection** - clerk sent response on 10/08/23 and permission was granted on 22/08/23.
- v. **23/02386/TREE Lower Farm Barns- no objection** - clerk will send response by 25/09/23
- vi. **23/02384/TREE Lower Farm Barns- no objection** - clerk will send response by 25/09/23

**51/23**

**Councillors Reports and items for future agendas**

- i. **20 is plenty** - Cllr Corser gave a brief update.
- ii. **Dog waste Bin** - Clerk emailed the circulation list asking for parishioners' opinions. We had a few responses of places we could put a bin and also responses saying one was not needed. Parish council agreed to no waste bin in the village due to not enough demand.
- iii. **Town and Parish Council reference group meeting** - Cllr Corser gave a brief report on this.
- iv. **Church Grant**- we will pay £500 towards the mowing of the churchyard by adding so many mows to our mowing contract.
- v. **Funding for river testing**- this will be put onto next agenda as Jack Kennedy is looking into helping in some way.
- vi. **Worse kept village competition**- Cllr Seccombe wasn't happy how the green has been left and also hedges are overgrown. PEG have not cleared the wild flower areas very well so is now looking quite untidy. Cllr Corser proposed we have a discussion with PEG to see if this matter can be resolved.

**52/23**

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

- o Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7:30pm

**53/23**

**TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The meeting was closed at **08.12pm**

**Proposed: Cllr Spencer**

**Seconded: Cllr Corser**

**All in favour**

**54/23**

**PERSONNEL and CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

**SIGNED:**