



Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Preston on Stour Parish Council

Held on: Thursday 16th November 2023 at 7:30pm
Place: The Three Parishes Millennium Hall, Preston on Stour

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

In attendance: Laura Callow (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: 4

55/23 WELCOME and APOLOGIES - DC Dominic Skinner and CC Izzy Seccombe

56/23 Declaration of Interest - there were none to receive

57/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting from 21st September 2023 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

Proposed: Cllr Spencer

Seconded: Cllr Seccombe All in favour

58/23 Open Forum - A member of the public spoke about the state PEG had left the village green and explained the reason for it looking untidy for a few days. PEG also offered to maintain around the tree on the village green. There were concerns mentioned about the proposed 5 dwellings at Lower Farm Barns with the amount of extra traffic at the dangerous junction between the drive and Preston Lane. These concerns also included the conditions of the current road and how badly the road edges are eroded making passing hazardous. The state of the road and verges leading from Preston village to Lower Quinton were also raised.

59/23 Alscot Estate - Alscot hosted a delegation of Councilors to review the work carried out with the existing and future bio-diversity net gain (BNG) projects together with the Estates ambition to achieve Net Zero status. This year the Estate plans to plant 5,000 trees and focus on the reinforcement of existing hedges, some of which will require a large area of 'gapping up'. Part of the Atherstone Airfield SUA4 is a 48 Acre site allocated for Employment in the Stratford Local Plan. Preparation of Pre-Application documents are complete and are about to be submitted to the LPA. The aim is to provide a sustainable commercial development in a rural setting, with excellent access, which provides the potential growth for existing and new businesses in the Stratford upon Avon area. After a long period of planning, work on the repairs to the Estate wall adjacent to the Main Gates began recently. Weather permitting, it is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Full Report attached to minutes.

60/23 DC Dominic Skinner - Report attached to minutes

61/23 CC Izzy Seccombe - No report received

62/23 ST, Mary's Church - Andrew Holman-West (churchwarden) mentioned the Laurel hedge along the churchyard has been cut back but the other hedges will be done in January. The wall contractor has been delayed and the footing will be done by hand not machine so will take longer than expected. There

is a wedding at the church on 9th December so they will have a tidy up around the church area and scrape the paths beforehand.

63/23 Ownership of Village Greens- Jack Kennedy from Alscot Estate informed us the Estate has taken advice and reported that the Estate has completed its investigations concluding that the Land Registry shows that the land is owned by Alscot Estate. The Parish Council will have to review its position regarding the maintenance of the greens.

64/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- i. The financial report was discussed and agreed
- ii. Bank Reconciliation
- iii. 2 invoices were approved for payment

Inv 16	John Cawley - Mowing	£340.00	
Inv 17	Clerk's wages	£360.00	

Proposed Cllr Spencer

Seconded Cllr Seccombe

All in favour

65/23 Planning

- i. **23/02658/LBC The Cottage, Preston-on-Stour -no objection-** clerk will submit response by 20/11/23
- ii. **23/02682/FUL The Cottage, Preston on Stour - no objection-** clerk will submit response by 20/11/23
- iii. **23/02948/TPO Woodyard, Atherstone Airfield, Atherstone-on-Stour - no objection -** clerk will submit response by 20/11/23.
- iv. **23/01794/OUT 376 homes LMA - Object -** Clerk submitted response on 12th October. Preston-on -Stour Parish Council objects to this proposal as it will cause extra traffic on the already overloaded B4632. The promised southern relief road has not materialised and there is no firm plan and timescale for provision of education and health care. If the development is approved in the future, then it should be a requirement that all homes are fitted with solar panels.

66/23 Councillors Reports and items for future agendas

- i. **20 is plenty -** Cllr Corser had no update.
- ii. **Banking -** Cllr Spencer has looked into changing over to Lloyds bank online banking. He gave a brief explanation of what we would need to do to move over. All agreed for Cllr Spencer to pursue this further.
- iii. **Funding for river testing-** PEG have funded this for the first year but would like the Parish Council to help fund it the following year.
- iv. **Town and Parish Councils reference group-** Cllr Corser will circulate a report from the zoom meeting.

67/23 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- o Thursday 18th January 2024 at 7:30pm

68/23 TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The meeting was closed at **08.44pm**

Proposed: Cllr Spencer Seconded: Cllr Seccombe All in favour

69/23 PERSONNEL and CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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