



# Minutes

## Ordinary Meeting of Preston on Stour Parish Council

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**Held on:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022 at 7:30pm  
**Place:** Preston-on-Stour Village Hall

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

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

**Members of the public:** 4

116/21 **WELCOME and APOLOGIES**

117/21 **Declaration of Interest** - there were none to receive

118/21 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 & EOM 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

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

119/21 **Open Forum** - village Hall committee member mentioned the Queens Jubilee wasn't on the agenda and wanted to know if we were doing anything. James didn't feel it needed putting down as an item for the agenda until all parties had had a discussion. James is currently in communication with Emma Holman-West about this. Will is doing a beacon on the top of the hill on the Thursday. Agreed the village hall will drive it and the parish council will support where possible.

120/21 **Alscot Estate** - was unable to attend; a report was provided.

121/21 **DC Penny-Anne O'Donnell** - was unable to attend

122/21 **CC Izzy Seccombe** - was unable to attend.

123/21 **Village Green Questionnaire** -

124/21 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- i. The financial report was discussed and agreed
- ii. Bank Reconciliation
- iii. Look into the bank charges, Will is going to speak with HSBC and Laura is going to look into electronic payments and speak with WALC about online banking.
- iv. 4 invoices approved for payment.

Inv 14	Village Hall	£40
Inv 15	WALC	£15
Inv 16	WALC	£30
Inv 17	Parish Clerk	£654.60

## 125/21 Planning

- i. 21/04048/FUL 46-48 The Green - This was discussed at EOM on 14/02/22 and the decision of objection was submitted to SDC.
- ii. 21/04111/LBC 46,47 & 48 Village green - This was discussed at EOM on 14/02/22 and the decision of objection was submitted to SDC.
- iii. 22/00813/TREE - Support the application - All in favour, clerk to send response to SDC.

The following two items were added to the agenda as details were received after the agenda was issued.

- iv. 22/00706/TREE 46 Weeping willow - Support application - All in favour, clerk will send response to SDC.
- v. 22/00678/FUL Applegarth - Support application - All in favour, clerk will send response to SDC.

## 126/21 Councillors Reports and items for future agendas

- i. **WALC Subscription** - All agreed to re new the subscription as it is a necessity to the parish council. Laura will enquire and inform every one of the costs.
- ii. **Zurich Insurance Renewal** - Elizabeth looked into this last year and found Zurich to be the best priced for what we need so all agreed to renew. Renewal is due on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 costing £292.20
- iii. **Village Green** - James had a meeting with Ron & Margret and they have proposed an alternative to what was there the previous year. After feedback from the Village Green Questionnaire, they have proposed a reduced size in the area they want to use for biodiverse activity. PEGS plan is to cultivate it and put wild flowers there to bring more colour. The proposed PEG area was approved for this year and the mowing schedule would be amended for the year. All agreed it is a good compromise, will mow all of green for the first mow of the year then around the wild flower areas thereafter. PEG have said they will take responsibility for the clearing of the area once the wild flowers are finished. PEG will remove the brambles under the lime tree and plant wild flowers in the space.

NO MOW MAY - this was discussed and will not be going ahead. The green will be mowed in May, also asked if a mow can be done before May Day. proposed PEG area was approved for this year and that the mowing schedule would be amended for this year.

- iv. **20 is Plenty** - Cllr Corser attended a Zoom meeting and gave us an update on the matter. She will keep everyone updated on the progress.

## 127/21 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- ⊖ Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7:00pm
- ⊖ Parish Assembly Meeting at 8.00pm

## 128/21 TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The meeting was closed at **8:36pm**

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

**129/21    PERSONNEL and CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

- Laura and Will signed Employment contract.

**SIGNED:**