

PRESTBURY

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Office - The Pavilion - New Barn Close – Prestbury – Cheltenham – GL52 3LP

Prestbury Parish Council Minutes

Held on Monday 19th August 2024 at 7pm at the Pavilion, New Barn Close

Members Present: Cllrs: M Hansen (MH) Chair, S Attwood (SA), K Bishop (KB), J Gardner (JG), S Hope (SH), C Hunt (CH), L Langrish (LL), V Russell (VR), C Taylor (CT), and (following co-option) Bob Stark (BS).

In attendance: Stan Smith, Borough Councillor (SS), and 3 members of the public.

The meeting was opened at 7.03pm.

Item no.	Item	Action
24/051	Welcome by Chairman. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Councillors Nick Atty (NA), Hamish Breach (HB), Penny Kennard (PK), Peter Whitton (PW), Stephan Fifield, County Councillor (SF) and Jan Foster, Borough Councillor (JF).	
052	No Declarations of Interest.	
053	The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15 th July 2024 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 22 nd July 2024 (both previously circulated) were approved unanimously. Both sets of minutes were signed by MH as an accurate record.	
054	There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda.	
055	<p>Consider the Co-option of Bob Stark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to the co-option application previously circulated, MH invited Bob Stark to summarise his main priorities for rejoining the council: he now wished to contribute as a councillor in addition to his work as a lay member of the Planning Committee and role as Litter Picking co-ordinator. • The co-option application was approved unanimously. BS joined the meeting and completed associated paperwork for processing by the Parish Clerk. 	
056	Adjournment to Allow for Questions from the Public – no questions	
057	<p>Borough and County Councillor Reports</p> <p>Borough Councillor SS reported on his recent engagement with residents concerned about planning application 24/01353/FUL for Car Park Idsall Drive. He noted that County Councillor SF was able to consider requests for funding. MH to contact SF for details.</p> <p>Borough Councillor JF's report, previously circulated to Parish Councillors, is attached to the minutes of this meeting.</p> <p>County Councillor SF had been away all month and therefore had nothing to report.</p>	MH

058	<p>Receive F&GP Committee Report (MH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council approved the accounts for the month of August 2024 (previously circulated) with one abstention from the newly co-opted councillor. MH noted highlights from the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes meeting held on 14 August 2024: tennis income; expected CIL payments; outstanding advice from GAPTC on virements. MH also confirmed that the Admin Assistant job would be readvertised this week. 	
059	<p>Receive Allotments Committee Report (SH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On behalf of the Parish Council, SH expressed her gratitude to PK for her sterling efforts as Allotment Committee Chairman and ordinary member over many years. SH also expressed thanks for recent assistance from allotment representatives: Brian Cousins (former); David Jackson (current); Matt Osborne (interim). 	
060	<p>Receive FacMan Committee Report (JG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JG highlighted items from the minutes of the FacMan meeting held on 12 August 2024: progress on planters; removal of dog poo bag dispensers; new Roberts Road noticeboard. LL noted agreement to refurbish tennis courts. JG noted the item from F&GP minutes regarding a request accepted for a memorial bench on Barley Road Field. He commented that current charges for benches would remain unchanged. JG reported that he would seek confirmation of advice from the Fire Brigade regarding disposal of debris following the recent fire at Robson Field. 	JG
061	<p>Receive Planning Committee Report (CT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 applications considered, 1 objection, 15 with no objection. CT reported intent to propose update of Planning Committee TOR with expansion of voting members from 5 up to 7 – for endorsement at September full Council meeting. 	
062	<p>Receive monthly pavilion development and car park report and approve final phase spend on Pavilion Development project (LL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no questions on the report circulated before the meeting. The council unanimously approved the proposal to spend up to £30,000 on the final phase of the pavilion development project. 	
063	<p>Decide to implement measures in order to qualify to sign the NALC Civility and Respect Pledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the consent of the meeting, MH proposed an amendment to the proposal: To pass a resolution to sign up to the Civility & Respect pledge. In discussion, concerns were expressed that any provision for sanctions for elected members could be subject to abuse. The meeting rejected the proposal by 6 votes to 4. 	
064	<p>Decide arrangement for November Remembrance Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH and CT confirmed that they were already planning the service, including candidates for reading out names on the memorial; road closure meeting with PCSO; electricity supply. CH requested help from MH to supply names of bugler and band previously used, as well as other related documentation of the 2023 service. 	MH
065	<p>Receive report on outcome of Confidential item 050 from July full council meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MH reported on the Summary Note provided by the GAPTC facilitator for this item. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The session addressed concerns raised by a planning applicant regarding Planning Committee processes. Both parties were satisfied by the outcome: an opportunity to air concerns satisfied by the Planning Committee response. 	
066	Parish Councillor Reports: none	
067	Matters for Future Consideration (not for discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH expressed concern over the impact of potential road closures as part of A435 Cheltenham to Bishop's Cleeve Cycleway Section 2 Racecourse Roundabout to Bishop's Cleeve. 	
	The meeting closed at 8.03pm	
	Date of next meeting: Full Council Meeting 7pm 16th September 2024, venue tbc	

Cllr Jan Foster - August report

Ward matters

Planning

24/01023/FUL 23 Finchcroft Lane, demolish bungalow and build two houses. I had requested that this be debated by committee, but in the event there was no need as the applicant has withdrawn the application. However, I shall be 'watching this space'.

Other planning applications in the ward.

24/01197/FUL 20 Three Sisters Lane Two storey side and single storey front extension External insulation.

24/01224/FUL 2 Noverton Avenue Infill of a side dormer window

24/01233/FUL Revision to 23/00429/FUL 11 Coronation Road Proposed first floor rear extension. New doors and windows.

A group of councillors has been formed, of which I am a member, to review the Local Enforcement Plan. The Local Enforcement Plan lays out the policies for making sure that Planning Applications are adhered to.

Case work

Over the last few weeks, I have been contacted on a diverse range of subjects, but road safety seems to be the at the top of the list, which is of course the responsibility of the County Council. I had a meeting with District Councillor Stephan Fifield a few weeks ago to represent the views of residents who are concerned about speeding. He has told me he will ask the traffic officer to review traffic conditions around the village.

Road works

Severn Trent will be doing work on The Bank so the road will be closed from 27th – 29th August

Cheltenham

North Place Car Park

The Planning Committee have approved the development of North Place Car Park. Everyone regrets that it will mean the loss of a mature Plane Tree, but the landscaping will include 57 new trees. I made the point that it will take some time for saplings to provide habitat for the number of insects that are probably resident in the Plane Tree, and we are suffering a major insect decline, but overall there should be a huge gain in biodiversity (not too surprising as the site is currently a car park!). Also I believe it's important to encourage the development of brownfield sites to try and keep developers away from our green belt.

Consultations

The County Council is holding a public consultation on its updated Local Development Guide which closes on 29th December. Search for **LDG consultation Gloucestershire**. Or use this [link](#).

VJ Day Commemoration

This was a low-key affair with only a handful of councillors in attendance at the war memorial outside the council offices.

Surgeries

I have had a very positive reception to my surgeries at the library on the third Saturday of the month, between 10 and 12.