

PRESTON-UNDER-SCAR PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th November, 2019

Present: Cllr Brooks (Chairman), Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Cormack, Cllr Amsden, Cllr Knights
Clerk: Joanne Long, County Cllr Sedgewick and District Cllr Amsden

1. Apologies for absence – None

2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 18 September 2019 – the Minutes were confirmed and signed by Cllr Brooks.

3. To declare Councillors' Interests on items on the Agenda – None

4. Matters Arising and follow up since the last Meeting –

Phone Box – The clerk submitted a formal response to RDC regarding the removal of the village Telephone Box. An email was also circulated on 29.10.19 to encourage residents to complete a survey to help RDC with their final response to BT. The faulty phone line was reported to BT on 24.9.2019 and has still not been repaired. Cllr McCormack has established that the fault has not been passed to Open Reach. In light of this the clerk contacted BT via chat on 19.11.19 to report the fault a 2nd time. Resolved to continue to report the fault .

Flooding/Drainage Moor Road – Cllr Brooks, Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Cormack & the clerk had a site meeting with 2 highways representatives on 20.11.19. Highways are to further inspect the drains and culverts on Moor road along with the one outside Rock Cottage. They will also look at the build-up of vegetation which has composted down to form verges and consult with RDC as to who should clear with them.

5. Finance and Banking:

Opening Balances as at 1st November 2019

Current Account	£10,093.73
Savings Account	£ 2,252.90

It was resolved to make the following payments by BACS:

Payee	Item	Ref No	Amount
J Long	Oct-19 salary	BACS	27.5 hours*
J Long	Training Seminar	BACS	5 hours*
J Long	Phone/Internet contribution	BACS	£10.00
J Long	Expenses	BACS	£ 2.40
RDC	Election Costs	BACS	£ 75.00

The BACS payment will be authorized online by Cllr Cormack and Cllr Fletcher.

Cllr Cormack confirmed he has now received authorisation to be an approved signature on the Council's current bank account.

Cllr Fletcher confirmed that she has been notified that the Clerk has authorisation for “Read Only” access to the Parish Councils current bank account subject to presenting herself at Barclays with proof of identification.

The NS&I: In accordance with Octobers PC meeting Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Knights and the Parish Clerk have completed the appropriate forms to become signatories on the NS&I account. The paperwork was posted 24.10.19 and a response is awaited.

6. 2020/21 Budget & Precept

Following discussions and consideration, the councillors considered the 2020/21 draft budget and it was agreed that the precept value request for next year will remain unchanged at £3706.00.

It was therefore resolved to submit the precept request to RDC in due course.

7. Standing Orders Policy Review

The Standing Orders Policy were reviewed and approved by councillors.

8. The Stanney

The tree surgeon has not carried out the authorised maintenance work in the Stanney. It was therefore resolved to stand down Shaun Stockdale as the Parish Council no longer lease the Stanney from Bolton Estate.

9. Cemetery

Cllr Amsden is still to liaise with the local farmer regarding the feasibility of grazing sheep in the cemetery.

10. Village Emergency Plan

A presentation by NYCC on guidance to Emergency Plan construction preceded the PC meeting. Following discussions the councillors resolved that new Village Emergency Plan should be adopted. Cllr Knights will act as a coordinator of a working group to collate the required information to create the new plan.

11. Community Grant

Suggestions for the grant were considered but it was felt there was no requirement to proceed.

11. Dog Fouling

Consideration was given to the instillation of a dispensing station of complimentary biodegradable dog poo bags in an effort to reduce dog fouling. Tikspak have offered the Parish Council a dispensing station free of charge. Councillors resolved to accept their offer and install the dispensing station. Sponsorship of the dog fouling bags will be sought at a later time. The clerk is to co-ordinate with Tilspak in acquiring the dispensing station.

12. Planning

19/00376/Full planning permission for a new build house, conversion of a barn for use as a holiday let and landscaping, Scarthwaite, Preston under Scar, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 4AQ

An amendment to the planning application was received by the council which did not allow sufficient time for the PC to respond to. It was resolved to reply "No Comment" to RDC. Clerk to action.

13. Next Meeting

Items for next agenda:

Risk Assessment Review

Proposed time and date of next meeting:

Wednesday 5th of February 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Signed D Brooks

Date

