

## PRESTON-UNDER-SCAR PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**Present:** Cllr Brooks (Chairman), Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Cormack, Cllr Amsden

A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr Hacket Pain. Thanks were expressed for all of her hard work, dealing with everything from the cemetery bins to reporting problems to Highways Department, during her 12 years in office.

#### **1. Apologies for absence - None**

**2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 19 June 2019** – the Minutes were confirmed and signed by Cllr Brooks.

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

**4. To co-opt a new Councillor** – Cllr Fletcher proposed Ben Knights be co-opted onto the Council, this was seconded by Cllr Cormack. **It was resolved to co-opt Ben Knights onto the Council**

#### **5. Matters Arising and follow up since the last Meeting –**

Details of the RDC Consultation – review of Polling districts and places have been placed on the website

Following Cllrs Hacket Pain's resignation Councillors will need to take on the various tasks she undertook. This includes checking the cemetery bins have been emptied, the Cemetery and Stanney quarterly reports etc. It was agreed that the next Cemetery and Stanney reports will be carried out jointly by Councillors so that everyone is aware of what is required. Councillors will monitor things such as bin emptying etc and report any problems to all other Councillors.

Grass cutting – it was noted that the grass had become rather long before cutting, indeed not all areas have been cut, including the cemetery. Due to the recent floods it was agreed to monitor this position.

Recent floods - during the recent floods there were several issues with regard to blocked gullies, culverts and vegetation preventing water accessing these on Moor Road. Fortunately on this occasion no major damage occurred. **It was resolved to contact Highways to advise them of the situation and express our concerns.**

#### **6. Finance and Banking:**

Balances as at 1 July 2019, Current Account £8,661.98, Savings Account £2,252.90

##### **Payment:**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Amount</b>
PC Websites	Website Host	BACS	£130.00

**It was resolved to make this payment**

Following Cllr Hackett Pain's resignation **it was resolved to remove her from the Bank Account and to add Cllr Cormack to the Account.** Cllr Fletcher will obtain the necessary forms to action this.

The First Quarter Financial review had been circulated. **Councillors resolved to approve this.**

#### **6.a. 2019 Village Meeting**

The Village Meeting was held on 19 June 2019. The meeting recommended the following matters for consideration by the Parish Council:

The Stanney lease should be allowed to lapse. See agenda item 7

RDC Green Spaces Consultation should be followed up with village input. A group of 4 volunteers had worked on this. As a result 10 areas had been identified:

The play area and surrounding green spaces

The Village Green at East end of the village

Green verges at main entrance to South of the village

The Stanney

The Old Quarry

The Scar

Condenser Wood

Spring Wood

The Garth (entrance to Spring Wood)

Village pavements

Garth Hill

The appropriate forms had been completed, together with a montage of photos for each area and submitted to RDC. The Council expressed their thanks to the volunteers for their work.

Mill Lane – Highways have strimmed the vegetation around the safety posts.

#### **7. The Stanney**

The tree surgeon on his recent inspection of the Stanney identified several trees with deadwood hanging over the footpath. He suggested that the deadwood be removed at an estimated cost of £240. **It was resolved that this work should be undertaken and Cllr Cormack will arrange this.**

Councillors considered the Stanney Lease and **resolved to allow the Lease to lapse. Cllr Brooks will contact the Estate to arrange a meeting to discuss this.**

**8. PC Website Accessibility** – legislation requires the PC website to be fully accessible by September 2020. Councillors considered the implications of this and **resolved to defer this for the time being.**

#### **9. Planning**

##### **New Applications:**

19/00476/ Full – Full planning permission for siting of an external boiler (Grant External Vortex 21-26 KW) and oil tank (DESO SL 1000BT) and garden wall to screen oil tank from highway and public view (retrospective) at Curlews, Preston under Scar, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 4AH

19/00476/LBC – Listed Building Consent to replace 20<sup>th</sup> Century casement windows to the South elevation with Yorkshire sliding sash windows at 2 Preston Mill, Wensley Station, Preston under Scar, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 4AG

**The Council had no objection to these 2 applications and it was resolved Cllr Brooks would respond accordingly**

**Upcoming applications:**

None

**Update on previous application:**

19/00270/Full planning permission for new build house, conversion of a barn for use as a holiday let and landscaping, Scarthwaite, Preston under Scar, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 4AQ. PC comments sent 20 June 2019. Decision awaited.

19/00270/Full planning permission for siting of oil tank and boiler, replacement doors and windows. Underscar, Preston under Scar, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 4AQ – decision awaited.

**10. Next Meeting**

**Items for the next Agenda**

Stanney and Cemetery Reports

Quarry Meeting

Policy review

**Time and date of next meeting:**

**Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 7pm**

**Signed D Brooks** .....

**Date** .....