

## PRESTON-UNDER-SCAR PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

**Present:** Cllr Brooks (Chairman), Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Cormack, Cllr Amsden, Cllr Knights  
Clerk: Joanne Long, 2 members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence** – County Cllr Sedgewick, District Cllr Amsden

**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** –

Community Grant – The clerk confirmed a poster was displayed on the notice board and an email circulated to all residents inviting suggestion and proposals for the village. Two suggestions have been received and it was resolved they will be discussed in more detail at the next PC meeting.

Phone Box – The faulty phone line was reported to BT on 24.9.2019 however it still has not been repaired. Cllr Cormack will pursue this further. RDC have confirmed that they are dealing with the BT Consultation on the Removal of Payphones and have invited comments from the PC to form part of the District Council Response to BT. It was resolved the clerk would draft an email response for approval by Councillors before replying to RDC.

**5. Finance and Banking:**

Opening Balances as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

Current Account	£10,434.98
Savings Account	£ 2,252.90

**It was resolved to make the following payments by BACS:**

Payee	Item	Ref No	Amount
J Long	Aug-19 salary	BACS	9 hours
J Long	Phone/Internet contribution	BACS	£ 6.45
J Long	Sept-19 salary	BACS	19.5 hours
J Long	Phone/Internet contribution	BACS	£10.00
J Long	Expenses – Stationery	BACS	£11.30

*The BACS payment will be authorized online by Cllr Brooks (Chairman) and Cllr Fletcher.*

The Second Quarter Financial Review has been circulated. Councillors resolved to approve this.

Confirmation has been received from Barclays Bank that Councillor Cormack has been added as an approved signature on the Council's current bank account. However Cllr Cormack reported he has not received any information to allow him access to the account. Ex-Cllr Hackett Pain and 1 other have been removed from the same account.

The Clerk is to submit to the bank the necessary forms along with the PC Final Minutes Sept, 2019 confirming authorisation in order to have "Read Only" access to the Parish Councils current bank account.

The NS&I savings account contact details and signatories on the account need to be updated. Councillors discussed and agreed the Clerk would be the contact for the account to receive the annual statement and any other correspondence from NS&I. It was also agreed that Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Knights and the Clerk would be the signatories on the account. The appropriate forms will be completed and signed by the proposed signatories and returned to NS&I to update the account records.

## **6. Council's Financial Regulations**

The Council's Financial Regulations were approved by the Councillors.

## **7. The Stanney**

The tree surgeon has not yet carried out the authorised maintenance work in the Stanney. Cllr Cormack is to chase this up.

Following an issue with dog feces in the Stanney, the Clerk contacted RDC to arrange for the erection of 3 "No Fouling" signs to be placed in or near to the entrances of the Stanney. This was completed 9.10.2019

## **8 Cemetery**

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

Cemetery Business Rates - The information required for the completion of the Cemetery Non Domestic Rates revaluation was collated and submitted by the parish clerk.

## **9. Village Emergency Plan**

Cllr Brooks confirmed he has written to NYCC to arrange a presentation offering guidance on constructing an Emergency Plan. A response is awaited.

## **10. Quarry Meeting**

The meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at 6.15pm. The Quarry Manager provided an update of the activity at the quarry. Dust remains a concern with some village residents. There were no further issues to report.

## **11. Dog Fouling**

The councillors considered the installation of a dispensing station of complimentary biodegradable dog poo bags. The Clerk is to provide more information to the councillors. Item deferred until the November 2019 PC meeting.

Cllr Brooks reported that he had received complaints from villagers regarding the kissing gate on top of the Scar being smeared with dog faeces therefore causing an obstruction to the PROW. The

residents had reported the incident to NYCC Highways department but had received a negative response. Councillors discussed the matter and it was resolved to contact NYCC Highways department expressing the Parish Councils concerns. Cllr Brooks to action this.

**12. Planning**

Councillors noted the status of the planning applications.

**13. Next Meeting**

**Items for next agenda:**

2020/2021 Draft Budget and Precept  
Standing Orders Policy Review

**Proposed time and date of next meeting:**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

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

**Date** .....