

**PRESTON-UNDER-SCAR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

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

**1. Apologies for absence - None**

**2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 7 August 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 –**

Cllr Brooks reported that RDC had approved a new £300,000 community grant pot to fund community and social projects. The money will be directed at community groups and charities to support new projects and improve facilities for local people. It was agreed that the clerk will circulate this information to residents for any proposals.

Phone Box – A notice has been placed in the phone box by BT giving notice to remove it. RDC have been informed and are dealing with it along with other removal notices throughout the District. Cllr Brooks stated that the telephone does not work. It was agreed that the clerk would report the fault to BT.

Rubbish Bin at the east of the village is frequently left unemptied. It was agreed the clerk will take on the task of reporting any instances to RDC.

**5. Finance and Banking:**

Opening Balances as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019:

Current Account £8,531.98\*

Savings Account £2,252.90

\*An error was noted on the agenda regarding for the current account figure as a payment for £130.00 approved at the last PC meeting was made

**To consider and if appropriate to resolve to make the following payments:**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Amount</b>
None			

Read Only Access to the council's online Current Bank Account by the Parish Clerk was considered and approved. The clerk is required to complete and submit the necessary bank forms to Barclays Bank.

Progress was reported on the removal of ex Cllr Hackett Pain's signature on the Council's Current Bank Account and the addition of Cllr Cormack to the said account. Final confirmation of the completed procedure is awaited from Barclays Bank.

The NS&I savings account contact details and signatories on the account need to be updated. Councillors discussed and agreed that the Clerk would investigate who are the current authorized signatories on the account. The Clerk will also obtain the necessary forms to action any alterations.

Councillor Training Publications - Completed

## **6. The Stanney**

The Stanney inspection report had been circulated to all councilors and uploaded to the website.

Cllr Cormack reported there was an issue with dog feces. Councillors considered the erection of a dog waste sign. The Clerk will investigate if there are signs available from RDC.

## **7 Cemetery**

The Cemetery Regulations were approved by the Councillors.

The cemetery inspection report had been circulated to all Councillors and uploaded to the website.

It was noted that the cemetery was not presently well kept. The councillors discussed if it would be appropriate to allow sheep to graze the cemetery and the implications of such. Cllr Amsden is to liaise with the local farmer regarding the feasibility of this. Councillors considered if the black bin should be removed and replaced with a "Take your litter home with you" sign. It was resolved to defer this for the time being. Cllr Fletcher volunteered to empty the bin.

Cemetery Business Rates - A request for information has been received. It was agreed that the Clerk will collation the required information and action the appropriate response.

## **8. Village Emergency Plan**

Councillors considered the need for creating a Village Emergency Plan following the recent unprecedented local floods. The councillors agreed it would be prudent to explore this further. Cllr Brooks will arrange for NYCC to give a presentation offering guidance on constructing an Emergency Plan. The councillors agreed the village residents and those of Wensley should be invited to the presentation.

## **9. Planning**

Councillors noted the status of the planning applications.

## **10. Next Meeting**

### **Items for the next Agenda**

Quarry Meeting

Financial Regulations Policy

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Review

**Time and date of next meeting:  
Wednesday 16 October 2019 at 7pm**

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

**Date .....**