

**Preston-under-Scar Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Present:** Cllr Brooks (Chairman), Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Amsden, Cllr Cormack, District Cllr Duff, the Clerk and 1 member of the public.

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Hacket Pain and District Cllr Amsden
2. **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019**  
The Minutes were confirmed and signed by Cllr Brooks (Chairman)
3. **To declare Councillors' Interests on items on the Agenda:**  
Cllr Fletcher declared an interest in item 5 in respect of a payment of £22.00.
4. **Matters Arising and follow up since the last Meeting:**  
Road sign at east end of playpark – The sign is due to be fixed by the end of March.

Grit bin – NYCC have now filled the grit bin in the centre of the village.

2018/19 Precept – RDC responded to the query of the 6% increase of council tax for 2019/20, despite the Parish Council submitting the same value of precept as 2018/19. They explained that the village has fewer second and empty homes this year and there is an increase in the level of Council Tax Reduction (CTR) awards. All of which led to a reduction in the overall Council Tax Base, the divisor in the sharing of the precept between the properties in the Parish.

West Row faulty street light – It has been reported to RDC that the street light is going off at 8pm.

Turning circle – The turning circle area sign has now been put up on West Row.

**5. Finance and Banking**

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

Current Account £8,432.73  
Savings Account £2,252.90

**It was resolved to pay the following items by BACS:**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Ref No</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Amount</u>
K.Deakin	Feb-19 salary		BACS	15 hours
K.Deakin	Phone/Internet contribution Feb-19		BACS	£10.00
C.Fletcher	Cemetery green bin licence renewal		BACS	£22.00
D.Spenceley	Grass Cutting 2018/19		BACS	£490.00

*The BACS payments are to be set-up online by Cllr Fletcher and Cllr Brooks (for the payment to Cllr Fletcher).*

In 2018 a cheque was issued for £21.36 as payment to reimburse a resident for materials purchased on behalf of the Parish Council. The cheque was never cashed and the resident has confirmed that they have no intention of cashing the cheque. Councillors considered this and it was agreed that the cheque would not be included in the 2018/19 accounts.

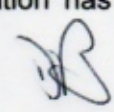
A domestic rates bill has been received from RDC for the Cemetery. The value of this bill is zero.

Read Only access – The Clerk has submitted to Barclays the completed form to obtain "Read Only" access to the Parish bank account.

NS&I Savings Account – The Clerk has received from NS&I a form, which the previously agreed signatories must sign and return to update the account records.

**6. Cemetery Inspections**

Cllr Hacket Pain has chased up the required tree work. No further communication has been received as yet.





**7. Village Emergency Plan**

Councillors considered the draft key contacts that the Clerk had collated. **It was resolved that there are no further contacts to add, so the Clerk will publish the final contacts list to Councillors and village residents.** The contacts list will also be available on the website and the notice board.

**8. ICO Annual Subscription**

The Information Commissioners Office has confirmed receipt of the renewal payment, and the subscription has now been renewed until 06/03/2020.

**9. Cemetery Green Bin**

Cllr Fletcher has renewed the licence with RDC and it has been resolved to reimburse Cllr Fletcher with the cost of £22.00.

**10. YLCA**

The annual YLCA and NALC subscription for 2019/20 has not yet been received. This item is to be deferred until the April 2019 Parish Council meeting.

**11. Quarry Meeting**

The meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 at 6.30pm. 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.

**12. Grass Cutting Contract**

Councillors considered the quote that was provided by Dave Spenceley for the 2019/20 grass cutting services. The Chairman is to email Dave Spenceley to confirm that Councillors agree to the quote, which is the same value as 2018/19, with of a maximum of 10 cuts per year.

**13. Tree work in Stanney**

This item should have been removed from the agenda. There is no action required on this matter.

**14. Planning**

New applications -  
None received

Upcoming applications -  
None to report

Update on previous applications -  
Dorlands House: No further correspondence received at present from RDC on this application

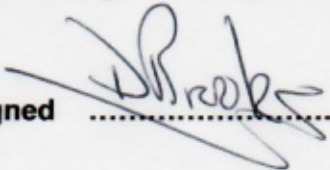
Scarthwaite: No correspondence received at present from RDC on this application

**15. Items for the next agenda**

Review of: End of year accounts  
Insurance renewals

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

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Signed 

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