

PRESTON-UNDER-SCAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st June 2017

Present: Councillors': Cllr. Jowett (Chairman), Cllr. Hacket Pain, Cllr. Fletcher, Cllr. Amsden, Cllr. Brooks and District Cllr Amsden.

Clerk: Lynn Watkinson.

1. To receive apologies for absence

None received.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 17/05/2017

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. To declare Councillors' interests in items on the agenda

Cllr Brooks declared an interest in item 6. Finance & Banking.

4. Clerk's Report, matters arising and follow up since the last meeting

The clerk's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was taken as read. Points discussed further included:

County Cllr Karin Sedgwick

Cllrs agreed that they would like Cllr Sedgwick to visit and dates of future meetings should be forwarded to her.

Quarry Visit

Cllr Brooks produced the following report:

"Further to an invitation from the quarry manager, on the 5th June two councillors and a resident of the village visited the quarry. The key purpose of the visit was to see the dust suppression facilities which had been installed. The manger drove us round the site and we were impressed by how well it was laid out. We were shown the water sprays installed on the crusher trays, the water spray curtain at the entrance to the loading bay and the mobile water spray which is used when working individual piles of gravel. The quarry has a mobile water bowser which is driven around the site as necessary spraying water to reduce the dust. Although water supply has always been an issue in the quarry, the problem is has been alleviated as the quarry now has its own bore hole. The manager noted that in respect of dust suppression, the Preston quarry was the most advanced of the Tarmac quarries. He assured us that he intends to continue to work to minimise dust problems."

Cllr Hackett Pain circulated the following report about general maintenance issues in the village:

"Two of the headstones that were vandalised in the cemetery (Hutchinson/Horner) have now been righted and appear stable. The headstone for Ada Comley is still on the ground.

I have spoken with Gary Hudson (RDC) who tells me that they cannot do anything to eradicate the rabbits in the play park and do not consider the rabbit holes to be a safety concern. However he sent two men out on Monday to see if the holes need filling in.

I have contacted NYCC again about the footpath sign outside the hall. This will be chased up with Andrew Hall and Andy Brown who are the two rangers responsible for our area and they will get back to me.

The 30mph sign at the top of Light Lane, that had been damaged, has now been repaired.

I have also reported that the two weight restriction signs, that are near the junction from the Tank road, these need repainting and may help to prevent large vehicles using that route into the village."

The Councillors have received some feedback from questions put to Peter Featherstone (RDC Planning), Dan Gracey (Architect) and Gary Swarbrick (Developers) about the proposed development of six dwellings at the East End of the village.

Mr. Featherstone explained that affordable housing regulations would be met by discounting two of the properties by 20% with any fractional balance going into the RDC affordable housing fund. A separate contribution from the developer would be used as an amenity contribution to the village.

The material objections to the previous plans raised by Highways have now been nullified by the agreement of certain conditions. Mr. Gracey showed his proposal to widen the access along the track to East End Cottage and

assurances were given that the developers would be required to present a scheme of work which would clearly lay out how the work would be organised to enable access to the site with the minimum disruption to the village. This could include a limit of the size of vehicles being permitted. The type of heating has yet to be decided, but will most likely be oil.

Questions regarding facilities for the storage and delivery of fuel and for the collection of household waste are still under consideration. Measures to discourage 'nuisance' parking on the new visibility spur adjacent to the existing highway will also be considered. The Planning Department works within its area of expertise and specialist areas such as Highways and Drainage are referred to the appropriate organisation for assessment. It is unlikely that the plans will be referred to the Planning Committee.

5. To agree the end of year accounts and complete the External Audit Forms.

The Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 was completed and signed.

The Accounting Statement 2016/17 was approved and signed.

6. Finance & banking

Opening Balance at 01/06/2017:

Current Account Balance: £4,735.79

Savings Account Balance: £2,226.19

RESOLVED: the following items were approved for payment and the cheques were signed:

Payee	Item	Reference Number	Cheque No	Amount
Cllr Brooks	Insurance	12	100478	£280.57
Lynn Watkinson	Salary May	13	100479	25.25 hours

7. To consider an application for grant funding from the Transparency Code Fund

The circulated Transparency Code Grant application was authorised for submission.

8. Planning

To receive an update following the meeting with Peter Featherstone.

New plans, which addressed issues raised at the meeting with the architect and Peter Featherstone, would be sent out by the architects. The deadline date had been deferred.

The following planning had been received since circulation of the agenda, with a deadline of 4th July.

Full Planning Permission for New Slate Pitched Roof to Replace Existing Felted Flat Roof Above Kitchen including Installation of 3 Rooflights and 3 Windows to Front Elevation, 3 Rooflights and 3 Windows to Rear Elevation and Sliding Doors to West Elevation at Station House, Wensley Station, Preston Under Scar, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 4AF.

Parish Councillors had no objections to this planning application.

As this planning had not been an agenda item it was agreed that residents could respond directly to the planning department with any issues.

An update on previous planning applications is as follows:

None received.

9. Items for the next agenda

Stanney

Cemetery

Pensions Regulator

Proposed date and time of the next meeting: 7.00pm on Wednesday 16th August 2017

Meeting closed 7:40

Signed Date