

PRESTON-UNDER-SCAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th April 2017

Present: Councillors': Cllr. Jowett (Chairman), Cllr. Hacketpain, Cllr. Fletcher, Cllr. Amsden, Cllr. Brooks.

Clerk: Lynn Watkinson.

1. To receive apologies for absence

District Councillor Amsden.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 15/03/2017

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

None

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:

Electronic Planning

The Clerk informed the Council that the new planning application notifications were emailed in the format of the old covering letters with a link to the on-line application. It was agreed to invite Peter Featherstone to attend prior to the next Parish Council meeting at 6pm on the 17th May and invite representation from neighbouring Parish Councils who may have an interest.

Website People Counter

It was agreed not to proceed with a people counter.

Pest Control

Cllr Amsden reported that rabbit eradication had occurred in the play park.

Grass Cutting

Cllr Jowett thanked Cllr Amsden for repairing the lawn mower. Cllr Brooks noted that the grass had been cut twice so far this year.

5. To review the asset register for inclusion on the Parish Council website to meet the Transparency Code Compliance standards.

The Clerk confirmed that the website required a copy of the asset register to achieve compliance with the Transparency Code. The Clerk was asked to forward the relevant section of the Transparency code to Councillors.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Jowett and Brooks to review the asset register for approval at the May meeting.

6. To discuss actions required to make safe the area adjacent to the derelict building on the Stanney.

The Parish Council has erected warning signs at the access. The landowner had noted that any fencing erected to secure the site would be on Parish Council land.

Councillors approved the landowner's proposal to erect a fence.

7. To consider David Ashforth continuing as Internal Examiner.

David Ashforth has requested that he be referred to as an Internal Examiner.

Cllr Jowett proposed that David Ashforth be asked to continue as Internal Examiner, seconded by Cllr Hacketpain.

AGREED: by Council.

8. To approve the updated Financial Regulations.

Councillors approved the updated Financial Regulations for implementation with immediate effect.

9. Finance & banking.

Opening Balances: 01/04/2017

Current Account Balance: £3,039.94

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
Lynn Watkinson	Salary Mar	9	100475	14.5 hours
YLCA	Subscription	10	100476	£55.00

Cllr Brooks noted that he had expected the final quarter review to be presented. The Clerk reported that the March bank statement was awaited before this could be produced and the Clerk did not have the necessary authority to change the account settings to receive statements.

Cllr Jowett agreed to go into the Leyburn branch to arrange paper statements to be sent to the Clerk.

10. Planning

The following planning had been received and circulated:

17/00058/FULL

Full Planning Permission for Single Storey Rear Extension at Preston Mill Cottage, Preston Under Scar, Leyburn, North Yorkshire.

RESOLVED: The Council has no objection to this application.

The Clerk to email this response to the Planning Department and to also mention some observations relevant to the application.

An update on previous planning applications is as follows:

Eco Build at Preston Spring – update

The planning application for photovoltaic panels had been approved as had the wall sample. A channel would need to be dug along the lane for piping.

11. To set a date for the Annual Village Meeting

Councillors agreed to hold the Annual Village meeting at 6pm prior to the Parish Council Meeting at 7pm on the 21st June 2017

12. Discuss items for the May agenda. This will also be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Asset Register review

4th Quarter Review and End of year accounts

Consider Insurance quotes.

Date and time of the Annual General Meeting: 7.00pm Wednesday 17th May 2017

Meeting closed 8:15

Signed **Date**