

PRESTON-UNDER-SCAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2017

Present: Councillors': Cllr. Brooks- Chairman, Cllr. Amsden, Cllr. Fletcher, Cllr. Jowett and Cllr Hacket Pain.

Clerk: Lynn Watkinson, District Cllr. Amsden and three members of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence

None.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 11/10/2017

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:

Village Maintenance

The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Denis McGregor for all his efforts in refurbishing the village benches.

5. Draft Budget

To consider the draft budget for 2018-2019

Points discussed included:

Clerks Salary: it was agreed to increase the figure in the budget to £2,000.

Hedge Trimming and Grass Cutting: Dave Spenceley had agreed to keep the rates the same for 2018. The Parish Council requested to see his insurance certificate for public liability.

The draft budget was noted and a decision on the level of precept demand would be deferred to the December meeting.

6. Stanney Report

The report had been circulated to all councillors and uploaded to the website.

Sean Stockdale had confirmed he would inspect the trees on the Stanney.

7. Cemetery Report

The report had been circulated to all councillors and uploaded to the website.

Cllr. Hacket Pain noted that there is an issue with moles.

It was further noted that the Cremation Area needs weed killing, levelling and turfing with edging putting in place to tidy it up. Mr Fletcher had kindly agreed to do this in the early spring. He will also cut the hedges back.

The rubber matting in the gateway needs lifting and relaying.

8. To discuss the request for purchase of a burial plot

As the requested Burial Plot is for a resident of the village this can be processed according to the Cemetery Process Document which would be forwarded by Cllr. Jowett.

9. To determine a response to the query about access to Curlew Barn

The person requesting information had received the required information and did not require the matter discussing by the Parish Council.

10. To discuss a response to Ian Beighton with regard to Traffic Issues West Row

A resident had contacted Ian Beighton due to the lack of turning space at the bottom end of the village. Highways had inspected and suggested placing signage to stop turning.

A number of residents had responded to the consultation and suggested that the solution would exacerbate the

problem which was felt to be short term due to the current building works. Further the land put forward for the turning circle is owned by the Bolton Estate.

It was noted that a turning circle had previously been suggested at this site but had been rejected by NYCC Highways as unnecessary.

Cllr Hackett Pain agreed to respond and place a copy in the noticeboard.

11. To discuss a response to Citizens Advice request

It was agreed not to donate to Citizens advice and this would be removed from the draft budget.

12. Finance & banking

Opening Balances: 02/11/2017

Current Account Balance: £5,876.84

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 Oct	21	100486	18 hours
Dave Spenceley	Grass Cutting	22	100487	£630.00

13. To sign the Simple Servicing Authority form

AGREED to sign the Simple Servicing Authority.

14. Planning

East End Development

To consider sending a letter regarding the planning conditions at the East End Development.

A letter has been sent to the RDC Planning Department but no acknowledgement had been received.

An update on previous planning applications is as follows:

None

15. Items for the next agenda

Budget /Precept Decision

Grass Cutting

Insurance

Proposed date and time of the next meeting: 7.00pm on Wednesday 13th December 2017 & 13th December.

Meeting closed 8:15

Signed **Date**