

PRESTON-UNDER-SCAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 2017

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

Clerk: Lynn Watkinson and one member of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Amsden had sent his apologies.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 20/09/2017

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:

YLCA Reports

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NALC are recommending transparency in engaging with the public to develop the annual budget. It was agreed that the clerk email NALC to confirm that the Parish Council in 2016 had held 2 meetings to discuss the budget and priority for spending and had requested comments from those members of the public who could not attend.

The Clerk was available to attend the YLCA meeting on the 12th October when the General Data Protection Regulation would be discussed.

Village Maintenance

The Parish Council expressed their thanks to John Green, Ian Johnson and David Hall for refurbishing the bench at the East End of the village green.

More volunteers are needed and a list of jobs will be produced.

5. Draft Budget timetable

It was agreed that the budget would be considered at the November meeting so the precept could be finalised at the December meeting ready for submission by the January deadline.

The public would be specifically invited to the November meeting to allow for discussion of budgetary items. Emails will be sent out and a poster displayed.

6. Finance & banking

Since the agenda had been issued a bank statement had been received and the balance was updated.

Opening Balances: 01/10/2017

Current Account Balance: £6,172.16

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
PFK Littlejohn	External Audit	19	N/A	0.00
Lynn Watkinson	Salary Sep	20	100485	7.75 hours
Receipts				
Richmondshire DC	2 nd Instalment Precept	R2		1903.00

RESOLVED: to add Cllr Fletcher to the bank account mandate and be given full online access to the account to ensure that statements could be generated ready for each monthly meeting.

RESOLVED: to look into the possibility of the Clerk being able to access statements online to allow the reconciliation of the bank accounts.

Cllr Brooks agreed to follow these up.

The Clerk would prepare the the 2nd quarter financial report for review in advance of the budget meeting in November. A copy would be posted to the noticeboard after the Cllrs have agreed it.

7. Planning

Ref. No: 17/00058/FULL

Full Planning Permission for Single Storey Extension to Existing Dwelling | Preston Mill Cottage Wensley Station Preston Under Scar Leyburn North Yorkshire DL8 4AG – **REFUSED**

Cllr Hackett Pain reported that the Parish Councils comments on the Rock Cottage planning application are now on the Richmondshire District Council planning portal.

8. Items for the next agenda

Draft Budget – invite public to attend or send comments

Stanney & Cemetery reports

Offers for purchase of the Parish Council Petrol Strimmer by end of October

Proposed date and time of the next meeting: 7.00pm on Wednesday 15th November 2017 & 13th December.

Meeting closed 7:55

Signed **Date**