PRESHUTE PARISH COUNCIL 2 - 2022/23

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on the 26th September 2022 at 7pm at Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge.

**Present:**  Cllr P Morgan (Chair), Cllr I Wroth, Cllr J Penn & Cllr J Clark.

**In attendance**: Mrs S Roberts (Clerk)

1. **To receive apologies for absence**

* Apologies were received and approved for Cllr H Wroth, Cllr S Mills and Wiltshire Councillor Jane Davies.

1. **To receive declarations of interests**

* None.

1. **Items to be taken in private session**

* None.

1. **Minutes of the previous meetings**

* The minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23rd May 2022 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on29th June 2022 were approved unanimously and signed as a true record.

1. **Clerk’s Report**

* Operation London Bridge – following the very sad news of the passing of our Queen, the Clerk implemented Operation London Bridge, this is the protocol in place in the event of the death of the Monarch. Wiltshire Council had a book of online condolences and the local churches had books available. A statement of condolence from the Chair of the Parish Council was placed on the website during the official perid of mourning.
* Training – the Clerk advised all councillors present about Finance for Councillors Training delivered through WALC.

1. **TRAFFIC**

* Flooding at Clatford – Cllr I Wroth has spoken with the occupants of the cottage whose land requres a trench digging to aleviate the flooding issue. A meeting should be set up with Martin Cook from Wiltshire Council Highways and the owner of the cottage to discuss the way forward. **Action Cllr I Wroth**

**Cllr J Clark joined the meeting.**

* Frees Avenue – A recent Atkins study commisioned on behalf of Marlborough Town Council recommended the full length of Frees Avenue from Hackpen Hill to the Marlborough Town boundary be subject to a speed restriction of 40mph. The councillors discussed the proposal and consideration was given to the suggestion of the implementation of the 40mph from the Rockley East junction. The councillors agreed to support the Atkins recommendation of 40mph for the full length subject to cost. Cllr P Morgan agreed to contact CATG to confirm Preshute PC decision and request an indication of costings. **Action Cllr P Morgan**

1. **Rights of Way**

* Cllr Simon Mills was not in attendance and will provide an update at the November meeting. **Action Cllr S Mills**

1. **Website**

* Website – the Clerk continues to update the website and information about councillors to go on would be appreciated and photos if agreed.
* Councillor email addresses – instructions will be distributed once it is clearer how to administer these.

1. **Tree of remembrance**

* The Council agreed it would now be appropriate to have two trees planted, one for the Jubilee and one to mark the death of the Monarch. A Horsechestnut tree had previously been agreed for the Jubilee and the Council agreed an Oak tree would be appropriate for her memorial tree. **Action Cllr I Wroth & Cllr J Clark**

1. **Neighbourhood Plan (NPWG) & Covid Copse**

* Following the Regulation 16 Consultation there had been notable responses from Wiltshire Council and Marlborough College. The report from the Independent Examiner and Wiltshire Council and the NPWG response to them is available in full on the website. Thank you to Ian Mellor and Cllr Peter Morgan for their hard work in pulling the responses together.
* The Covid Copse Group have not yet met and should be encouraged to do so.

1. **Finance**

The accounts for the year to September 2022:

Balance carried forward from last year: £10401.87

Total receipts for the year to September 2022: £4117.38

Total payments for the year to September 2022: £2228.51

The available (cash book) balance at September 2022: £12290.74

The Council approved payments of retrospective cheques:

200063 Kennet Valley Hall – room hire £60.00

200064 S Roberts – salary August 2022

200065 Martin Bell – share of computer support £17.14

The Council approved payments of outstanding cheques:

200066 S Roberts – Salary September 2022

200067 S Roberts – expenses June–Sept 2022

200068 P Morgan – laminating pouches for NP £9.99

* Donation requests – a written request has been received from Victim Support and request for donations to the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust and the Trussell Trust. The Council considered the requests and agreed to a donation of £100 each to the Bobby Van and the Trussell Trust.
* The Council considered funding requests for 2023/24 ahead of the Precept setting and budget at the November meeting. The Covid Copse, 25% of speed implementaion at Frees Avenue and possibly some funding for the Neighbourhood Plan if not yet complete were recommended.

1. **Agenda items for the next meeting**

* Covid Copse
* Frees Avenue costings
* Neighbourhood Plan
* Signage and Stiles
* Budget 2023/24
* Set Precept 2023/24

The meeting closed at 8.55pm. This is the last page of the minutes.

#### PLEASE NOTE

## The next full council meeting is arranged for Monday 14th November 2022 at 6.30 pm at

## Kennet Valley Hall – Lockeridge.

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