PRESHUTE PARISH COUNCIL 5- 2022/23

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on the 20th March 2023 at 7pm at Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge.

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

**In attendance**: Ms S Roberts (Clerk) & Wiltshire Councillor Jane Davies.

1. **To receive apologies for absence**

* Apologies were received from Cllr J Clark.

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 meeting of the Council held on 23rd January 2023 was approved unanimously and signed as a true record.

1. **Reports**

* Wiltshire Councillor Jane Davies noted the support from Preshute Parish Council for the contribution of approximately £286.00 for the speed reduction on Frees Avenue and agreed to encourage Marlborough Town Council to contribute financially.

Wiltshire Cllr Jane Davies left the meeting.

1. **Clerk’s Report**

* WALC Meeting – an additonal meeting was held which unfortunately the Clerk was unable to attend.

1. **Trees of Remembrance**

* Cllr Ian Wroth advised the Copper Beech tree has now been planted and a stainless steel commemorative plaque will be ordered to go on a Sarsen stone by the tree.
* The Oak tree to commemorate the death of Queen Elizabeth II will be ordered for next year.

1. **Traffic**

* Flooding at Clatford – Cllr I Wroth has followed up with Martin Cook of Wiltshire Council Highways following agreement to install some grips to help aleviate the flooding, these will be positioned on the right hand side. The owner of the adjacent property has agreed to keep an eye on the the flooding situation.
* Frees Avenue – the Council agreed to support the contribution of approximately £286.00 for Frees Avenue from Rockley to the Marlborough Town boundary to be subject to a speed restriction of 40mph.
* Bath Road traffic calming project - the first stage of the project (signing and road painting) is scheduled to take place in 2023. Atkins will begin a topographical survey shortly. Stage two (traffic island and raising crossing traffic light) is planned for 2024.

1. **Planning**

* **PL/2022/01267 – Lunge and horse walker rings (retrospective) – Barton Yard, Manton Estate, Marlborough, SN8 4HB.** The Council reviewed the application and agreed unanimously to support the application with the following comments: ***Preshute Parish Council raise no objection to the application but would like it to be noted this is the third retrospective application from this applicant in recent months and would like confirmation Wiltshire Council Officers will be reminding the applicant of the correct procedure for obtaining planning permission in future so this is not repeated or an inappropriate development suddenly appears.***

1. **Rights of Way**

* PRES 34 - Clatford Bottom to Manton Copse is currently blocked by barbed wire at the cow sheds.
* PRES 18 - finishes in the middle of nowhere with no apparent joining point. The Clerk agreed to contact Alison Rasey, Wiltshire Countryside Officer for her thoughts on both issues. **Action Clerk**
* Overhanging Tree by the bus stop at Clatford crossroads– the adjacent landowner has declined responsibility for the tree. The Council agreed to contact Martin Cook to request a review of the safety and health of the tree and recommended action. **Action Clerk**

1. **Council emails**

* Councillor email addresses – instructions will be distributed shortly. **Action Clerk**

1. **Coronation**

* The Council agreed to support the purchase of another tree, this time to commemorate the Coronation. Cllr J Penn agreed to look for a suitable location, possibly Temple Farm or Red Post. **Action Cllr J Penn**

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

* The Neighbourhood Plan is now 'Made', there was a very good turn-out, supported by 88% of those voting. See attached press release.
* The Covid Copse Group has not yet met.

1. **Finance**

* The accounts for the year to March 2023:

Balance carried forward from last year: £10401.87

Total receipts for the year to March 2023: £4117.38

Total payments for the year to March 2023: £6069.78

The available (cash book) balance on March 2023: £8449.47

The Council approved payments of outstanding & retrospective cheques & BACS payments:

Retrospective cheques:

200088 P Morgan – stamps for NP £68.00

Current BACS:

S Roberts – Salary March 2023

S Roberts – expenses Feb – March 2023

Friends of The Ridgeway - subs £15.00

Wessex Woodland – Copper beech £312.00

Upper Kennet Churches – printing NP 35 £7.20

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

* Covid Copse
* Review of the year
* Policy updates

The meeting closed at 8.45pm. This is the last page of the minutes.

#### PLEASE NOTE

## The next full council meeting is arranged for Monday 22nd May 2023 at 7pm at

## Manton Village Hall.

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