



### **21.59.2: MP Bim Afolami**

Our local MP Bim Afolami will be holding another beer mat surgery on the 8th October, this time at The Raven in Hexton.

### **21.59.3: Verges**

Councillor Frost informed the meeting that she was aware that many road verges were overgrown and causing visibility issues. Again this is partly due to driver shortages, progress is being made on cutting back verges but it will take some time.

### **21.59.4: Drains**

The Chairman raised the issue of the blocked drains in Church Lane. These have been reported many times in the last 18 months and the blockage is now spreading to drains further down the lane. Councillor Frost will liaise with Councillor Barnard on the issue.

### **21.59.5: Road Safety Camera Van**

Councillor Frost gave the Parish Council forms to request Road Safety Camera Vans which are deployed to the village to operate in areas of speeding concern.

### **21.59.6: Buses**

The clerk informed the meeting that Centrebus would no longer be running the 88 bus service from the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Councillor Frost didn't have any information on this but would look into the issue further.

Councillor Frost informed the meeting of a new on-demand bus service called Hertslynx that will be starting; however it doesn't cover Preston. She will ask write to enquire why the service doesn't reach us.

### **21.60) To adopt minutes of the previous meeting**

These were adopted and were signed by the Chairman.

### **21.61) To consider matters arising not already on the agenda**

None.

## 21.62) Finance

### Preston Parish Council - Summary Financial Report as at 9th September 2021

<b>Community Account</b>		£	£
Balance as at:	19th July 2021		<u>£ 784.57</u>
Payments authorised at meeting:			
Date	Recipient		
26th July 2021	E.on	£	30.89
29th July 2021	Clerk Wages	£	121.92
17th August 2021	Frank Gormill	£	78.96
26th August 2021	E.on	£	31.85
27th August 2021	Clerk Wages	£	143.72
9th September 2021	Money moved to Business Premium Account	£	22,700.00
		£	<u>23,107.34</u>
Monies received:			
Date	From		
2nd September 2021	Preston Trust - Gate Installation	£	128.00
9th September 2021	Glebe House Access - Land Sale	£	22,708.90
		£	<u>22,836.90</u>
Balance as at:	9th September 2021		<u>£ 514.13</u>
<b>Business Premium Account</b>			
Balance as at:	19th July 2021		<u>£ 9,730.18</u>
Payments authorised at meeting:			
Date	Recipient		
		£	-
Monies Received			
6th September 2021	Interest	£	0.24
9th September 2021	Money moved from the Community Account	£	22,700.00
		£	<u>22,700.24</u>
Balance as at:	9th September 2021		<u>£ 32,430.42</u>
		<b>Total bank balances</b>	<b>£ 32,944.55</b>

### 21.62.1: Budget

The members noted the current budget.

### **21.62.2: Online Banking**

It was agreed that Councillor Clark will be added as a signatory on the Parish Council's bank account.

### **21.62.3: Locality Budget Grant**

The £150 Locality Budget grant that we applied for has been approved and we should receive payment in the next week.

**Action: The Clerk and Councillor Clark to organise the new bank mandate.**

## **21.63) Planning**

### **21.63.1: To consider any new planning applications**

- **Reference 21/02076/FP - Land West Of Castlefield Preston Hertfordshire:**

The members agreed the Parish Council's response to the planning application.

The Parish Council noted comments emailed to the Chairman by some Preston residents when considering their response.

The members agreed the Section 106 projects that will be put forward to North Hertfordshire District Council.

- **Reference 21/02149/FPH - Orchard House Cunnells Green Preston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7UQ. Provision of vehicular access to property via dropped kerb and vehicle crossover:**

It was agreed that the Chairman will meet with the resident to discuss the application.

- **Reference 21/02569/FPH - 15 Chequers Lane Preston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7TX. Erection of single storey rear elevation oak orangery:**

It was agreed to support this application.

- **Reference 21/02253/FPH - Westleigh Church Lane Preston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7TP. Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory and removal of existing rear elevation Juliet balcony. Render to rear elevation:**

The clerk has submitted a letter of support for this application.

### **21.63.2: To note decisions and appeals**

- **Reference 21/01843/FPH – Wedelee, Church Lane:** This application has received Conditional Permission.
- **Reference 21/01876/FP – Glebe House, Chequers Lane:** This application has received Conditional Permission.
- **Reference 21/00894/FP - Sootfield Green, Charlton Road, Preston, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 7TB.** This application has received Conditional Permission.

The Parish Council noted that there was a condition on this consent that there were no permitted development rights and that any future additions must be by planning application in the interests of the character and amenities of the area. There was also a condition that the drainage strategy included in the Planning Statement and Sustainability Statement should be adhered to. This is the inclusion of a new drainage pond within the agricultural curtilage to act as a reservoir during wet conditions, diverting surface water away from Charlton Road. The sustainable drainage works will be maintained by the occupant of the barn for the lifetime of the dwelling.

### **21.63.3: To consider any other planning matters pertinent to the Parish Council**

The sale of the land for access to Glebe House was completed on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**Action: The Chairman to meet with the owner of Orchard House**

**Action: The Chairman to liaise with the Planning Officer regarding Section 106 Projects for the land west of Castlefield.**

**Action: The clerk to submit the response to the Castlefield application.**

**Action: The clerk to submit the response to the 15 Chequers Lane application.**

### **21.64) Ratification of decisions taken under the Scheme of Delegation**

All members formally agreed the recommendations made to the clerk at the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021:

- To adopt the minutes of the May meeting, and the AGM
- Non-contractual payments were authorised and payments to date were noted
- A flier was to be circulated with details of the land next to Castlefield proposal
- A recommended response to the Local Plan was agreed.
- It was recommended by the members that we adopt the suggested Freedom of Information Policy.
- It was recommended that we adopt the Covid Risk Assessment.
- It was recommended by the members that papers for all future meetings are posted online alongside the agenda for all future meetings.

#### **21.65) Clerk's Report**

Nothing to report

#### **21.66) Playground Report**

Nothing to report

#### **21.67) Hertfordshire Highways Report**

Nothing to report

#### **21.68) Cricket Club Representation**

Councillor Burleigh informed the meeting that a grant has been applied for to refurbish the kitchen at the Pavilion.

It was agreed to ask Oliver Russell to review the heating system at the Pavilion.

**Action: The Chairman to arrange to meet Oliver Russell to review the heating system**

#### **21.69) Email addresses**

It was agreed not to adopt designated Parish Council email addresses.

#### **21.70) Village Pond: Immediate Requirements**

It was agreed to ask Max Boreham to come and carry out a day's work at the pond. This will involve cutting back the willow trees at the front of the pond.

**Action: Councillor Clark to arrange for Max Boreham to undertake a day's work at the pond.**

#### **21.71) Correspondence Received**

No correspondence has been received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

#### **Date and Time of next Meeting:**

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 21st October 2021 at 8pm in the Village Hall.