

TADDINGTON & PRIESTCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of a Meeting of Taddington and Priestcliffe Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 March 2020 at 4.00pm at the Bramwell Institute, Taddington

PRESENT: P. Brady, T. Ride, J. Skidmore, N. Walsh

APOLOGIES: G. Towers, J Saynor,

Agenda
a Item

- 1 **Minutes of the Last Meeting:**
Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 January 2019 be approved as a correct record.
- 2 **Urgent Items:** None
- 3 **Declaration of Interests:** P. Brady declared a prejudicial interest in item 6, in relation to Sycamore Farm.
- 4 **Village Voice:** No public was present
- 5 **Communications:** None
- 6 **Planning and National Park Matters:**
 - a) Sycamore Farm. (Cllr. P. Brady, having declared a prejudicial interest, left the meeting during consideration of this item)
Resolved: That Planning and Listed Building Applications 0220/0129 and 0131 be supported
(Cllr Brady returned to the meeting)
 - b) Gregory Court. An email of complaint from a local resident about the outside lighting had been received.
Resolved: That the complaint be referred to the National Park Authority.
- 7 **Natural Environment:**
 - a) DCC Footpath Maintenance. The Clerk confirmed that the 2018/19 claim had been submitted and that DCC were prepared to cover it. The 2019/20 claim was due to be submitted as soon as possible after the end of March and Cllr Walsh agreed to work with the Contractor on this. It was agreed that the Contractor be asked to complete work sheets as the work is done to avoid unnecessary delay

at year end in submitting claims.

b) Garden and Ground Maintenance: Cllr Walsh reported three expressions of interest. He would report as soon as he had talked to them all.

Resolved: That Cllr Walsh's recommendation be circulated to all members for comment, and that the Clerk be delegated to approved the selection of a contractor.

c) Long Lane Priestcliffe. Cllr Walsh reported that he had been in touch with the Green Lanes Association who would be making a case. Meanwhile it was

Resolved: That the Chairman and Councillor Walsh submit a formal objection n behalf of the Council to changing the status of Long Lane to a BOAT

d) Street Lighting: Noted that work still needed to give advice to residents on street light renewal.

- 8 **War Memorial.** A request had been received from the PCC for some tidying up work at the Memorial before VE Day celebrations in early May. The Chairman agreed to contact G. Towers on this.
- 9 **Litter and Dog Fouling:** Litter along the A6 is a matter for the County and District Councils. Dog Fouling, particularly in Ades Lane and up to High Well is a problem. Although the village is well supplied with eight litter bins, there may be a case for extra ones where people walk dogs.
Resolved: 1. The Chairman to make enquiries about the cost of extra bins and any criteria for location; 2. A further item for the village gmail to be produced.
- 10 **Reports from other Institute, PCC and School:** School intake of 15 this September. Church repair work, tree and storm damage.
- 11 **Website:** A review of progress. Computer, printer and extras now purchased and to be handed to the Clerk after the meeting
Resolved: 1. That the Clerk progress the setting up of the website as a priority, members to be consulted/informed on any problems/issues. 2. The Clerk to set up reserve access to the website by the Chairman, in case of emergency etc.
- 12 **Budget Update:** After taking account of computer purchase, VAT repayment, and payment of the 2018/19 DCC footpaths payment, the timing of both the latter being uncertain, reserves at year end appeared to be in the order of £2,800. The Clerk was asked to confirm this figure as soon as possible after 1 April.
- 13 **Level of Reserves:** Advice had been given that reserves should roughly equate with the possible costs of staff redundancy. The Chairman pointed, however, to the cost of elections and by-elections and to unknowns such as ash die-back and ground maintenance.
Resolved: That the Council should work towards reserves of £6,000 at a minimum.
- 14 **Banking:** The Clerk reported that banks in Bakewell and Buxton could pay in cheques to the Council and it was agreed no further

action was needed.

15 **Payment of Invoices:** Cheques were signed as follows:

Cheque No	Payable to	Items	Amount
000820	The Real Computer Shop	Computer	899.00
000821	HMRC	PAYE	115.20
000822	J Skidmore	Election expenses	137.34
000823	Bramwell Memorial Institute	Room hire	70.00
		TOTAL	1221.54

16 **Exclusion of Press and Public:**
Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from consideration of the next item as it concerns a member of staff

17 **Resolved:**

1. That an HR Committee of three Members be appointed with the following terms of reference:
 - a. To undertake the annual appraisal of the Clerk and any other staff that may be employed by the Parish Council and to agree any performance issues and work programme and appropriate targets and other issues arising from contracts of employment;
 - b. To meet the Clerk and/or other staff at any time to discuss and settle issues arising from their employment;
 - c. To recommend the Council as to its employment policies and procedures and related issues.
2. That the Committee's members be Cllr Skidmore (Chairman) and Cllrs Brady and Ride.
3. That an informal meeting be held on 24 April at 2.00pm to discuss the way forward.