

PRESTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Tuesday November 26th at the village hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Whymark , Tasker, Crispin Moyes , Humphreys, Diable, Saw and the Parish Clerk, Kay Shorter.

1. Apologies:

- i. Apologies from Cllr Korwin as out of the country and Robert Lindsay due to being in hospital

2. Declarations of Interest:

- i. No pecuniary interest, other registered interest or non-registerable interest for the Agenda under discussion;
- ii. no gifts of hospitality received;
- iii. no requests for dispensation for any interest for the Agenda under discussion

3. Minutes of meeting s

Minutes of meeting held 24th September 2024 signed by chair

4. Public Forum. No members of the public at the meeting

5. Clerk's Report:

Payment since last meeting

20/11/24 Salc for payroll services 22.80

20/11/24 top marques for printing PPP

24/09/24 parochial council to maintain the churchyard £1,000

24/09/24 Village Hall trustees £1,000

24/09/24 Village Hall for rental for Parish Council meetings

24/09/24 refreshments for litter pick £25.00 paid to Kay Shorter

24/09/24 Zurich Insurance £304.00

01/10/24 Clerks Salary and office allowance for July – September £628.44

After several attempts at opening a bank account to enable us to make payments by BACS it seems that Nat West no longer offer this service free of charge, the monthly charge would be £20.00 per account making it nearly £500.00 per annum to run the 2 accounts we have. I made an official complaint the over the conversations with bank staff whilst trying to open the account they have given conflicting replies to our request, this has led to a £500 credit being added to our account by way of compensation.

Following from this it has been established that with agreement of the council the Standing orders can be amended to show that a BACS payment can be paid by either the RFO or the chair with a pre-set limit without a second authorisation needed. This limit was proposed by Cllr Whymark and seconded by Cllr Humphreys to be £700.00.

6. District Councillors report

Cllr Saw's report can be found on the Village website

She was asked if in the new food waste bin we will be getting later in the year if pet food can be put in, Cllr Saw will get back over this. She also suggested that we approach local Parish Councils that are setting up People and Place plans which are less involved than a full Neighbourhood plan. Cllr Humphreys would like to see Neighbourhood plan presentation

7. Cllrs Matters

Cllr Whymark has had a tree report for the maintenance of the trees on the village green which she did in conjunction with the tree warden. This quote to be discussed at next meeting, clerk to obtain another quote if possible.

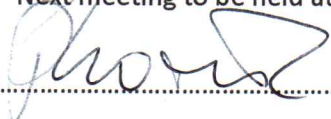
8. Planning matter

No planning matters this meeting

Meeting ended 9.03

Next meeting to be held at 7.30 on 21st January

Signed.....



Date.....

21/01/2025