

MINUTES OF MEETING

Name of Meeting	Ordinary Princethorpe Parish Council Meeting
Date, Time and Venue of Meeting	Thursday 26 th November 2019 at 7.30pm in Our Lady's School
Meeting Chair	Cllr Andy Cook (AC)
Minute Taker	Mrs Helen Stewart (HS)
Attendees	Cllr William Ratcliffe (WR), Cllr Phil Brown (PB), and Cllr Kevin Spencer (KS) 6 members of the public
Apologies	Cllr Chris Glasspool

Public Forum

Sheep Dip footpaths – HS to report to WCC Highways

Trees outside school – HS to report to WCC Forestry Department

Vegetation in the brook

Requirement to resurface the entrance to school – HS to report to WCC Highways

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1.	Apologies Cllr Chris Glasspool.	No Action	
2.	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.		
3.	Minutes from Last Month's Meeting The minutes were signed by Cllr Cook as a true and accurate record of the meeting which took place on 26 th September 2019. Cllr Ratcliffe sought clarity on two items. Item 12 - referred to a discussion regarding 'making Sheep Dip Lane two ways again.' For clarification it is not the intention of the Parish Council to request that the road be reverted to its dual direction status. Item 13. The poppy wreath was ordered and a donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion agreed.	No Action	
4.	Actions from the minutes The Clerk informed the Parish Council that there are currently no grants available to local authorities to produce Neighbourhood Plans. It was agreed to look at this matter again in the New Year.	No Action	
5.	County & Borough Councillors Issues There were no representatives of County or Borough present.		
6.	Planning Matters There were no planning applications to consider.		
7.	Playground Inspections The playground equipment at Fosse Crescent has been inspected and a report produced. All highlighted issues are of low or very low grading which do not require the Parish Council to take any action or make any amendments to the playground. Some of the swing seats are worn, and there was a discussion that the cost for replacing these could be considered within the budget setting for the next financial year.	No Action	
8.	Community Litter Pick It was agreed that Cllr Ratcliffe would lead a litter pick on 21 st March 2020. HS to advertise in the Pendulum, noticeboard, Facebook and the website.	HS	09/01/2020
9.	Trees It was agreed to engage a tree surgeon to inspect the trees belonging to the Parish Council along Fosse Way near playing field. There was a conversation regarding ownership of other trees within the village. Cllr	HS	09/01/2020

	Cook informed the assembly that during a recent meeting Richard Haycock, (WCC Highways) it was noted that the trees by school need assessment. HS to follow up this matter with Mr Haycock and the Forestry Department at WCC.		
10.	<p style="text-align: center;">Flooding</p> <p>On 14th November the brook along Leamington Rd flooded again, and caused damage to some homes. The school and college were forced to close. Prior to that Cllr Cook met with Mark Banning and Richard Haycock of WCC to discuss the potential flooding issues. They looked at the brook in detail and the culverts. Mark's view is that the brook is not overgrown within the village however there are other restrictors. Princethorpe is in the Environment Agency's six year plan. The school and college closures impact on the education of 1000 children, and on the daily lives of their parents and teachers. When the Leamington Rd is flooded it causes a delay to emergency vehicles as they cannot use that route. The suggestion of a large holding pond located the other side of Sheep Dip Lane was talked about but the Parish Council do not own land nor does it have the resources to carry this suggestion through. Mark Banning gave advice on mitigating the damage flooding can cause. Based on Cllr Cook's report to those assembled it was agreed that the lack of railings, carpet of vegetation and low hanging trees are health and safety concerns. It was agreed that HS should request a meeting with Princethorpe College and Our Lady's School to discuss their concerns about the flooding and brook management and discuss possible solutions to ease them. There was a conversation regarding planning application in Stretton on Dunsmore (R17/1767) to build 67 homes on a greenbelt site (north of Squires Rd.) Individuals are encouraged to respond with their concerns about the proposed development having a negative impact on Princethorpe's flooding issue.</p>	HS	09/01/2020
11.	<p style="text-align: center;">Speed Watch</p> <p>Marton Parish Council tentatively approached Princethorpe Parish Council to ask if it might join its already established Speed Watch Team as they have a group of (as yet untrained) volunteers who are keen to undertake traffic monitoring within Marton but do not have access to a speed gun. HS reported that she had floated this idea with the representatives of the Stretton and Princethorpe Speed Watch Team who were not currently keen to extend the group, as arranging the rotas for two villages is already quite challenging. This may change in the future if more members from Princethorpe and Stretton can be recruited.</p>	No Action	
12.	<p style="text-align: center;">Cemex</p> <p>Cllrs Ratcliffe and Brown attended the Cemex Community Liaison meeting on 11th November 2019 and gave the following update. The pink trucks have been replaced with a different type of HGV who are still operating within their permitted hours schedule. Those trucks will be filling quarry with rubble from HS2 but Cemex gave assurances that it will not increase the traffic. Finally, there is a Community fund available to charity groups within the area, however no group from Princethorpe has ever applied. It is not open to Parish Councils.</p>	No Action	
13	<p style="text-align: center;">Correspondence</p> <p>There has been no correspondence received.</p>	No Action	
14a	<p style="text-align: center;">Finance</p> <p>The payments for November are:- £475.59 – Helen Stewart (Salary)</p>	No Action	

	£93.60 – TCL Group – (Playground Inspection) £292.04 – HMRC – (PAYE payments for 3 months)		
14b.	It was agreed that Cllr Spencer should approve the payments along with the clerk for the month of December.	No Action	
15.	Any Other Business The street lights are dim on the Leamington Rd. Trash catcher has been cleared and debris needs collecting.		
16.	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of Princethorpe Parish Council will take place on Thursday 9 th January 2020 7.30pm Our Lady School. 12 th March 2020 14 th May 2020 - AGM	No Action	

Meeting closed 9pm.