

Great and Little Preston P.C.

Annual Meeting Notes.

Welcome.

On behalf of Great and Little Preston Parish Council may we wish all present a warm welcome and thank you all very much for attending this evening.

Agenda Items

Village Hall

The Hall is now very successful thanks to the continued effort and hard work of the Management Committee.

The Hall is used by all age groups as follows:

Baby Sensory Class

Luncheon Club

Afternoon Tea and Dance

Ballroom Dancing

Preston Players

Choir

Karate Groups

In addition it is also the focal points for public meetings and is used for Local Elections and will be used forthcoming General Election on the 8th of June 2017

We should all thank the Management Committee for their effort and devotion over the years. If anyone would like further information about the Committee, or would like to hire the Hall, please contact the Bookings Clerk, Janet Winn on 0113 2869288.

Broadband

The PC have worked hard behind the scenes with respect to the village's broadband connection and speed, this is currently served by the BT cab 19 at the end of Ramsden Street.

We have lobbied BT Management throughout the year and we are promised that this will be resolved this year,

Fibre/Virgin, we are all seeing the road markings in the village which suggest that they are close to bringing the Fibre connection into the village. This is an alternative to BT and should be considered.

We will continue to pursue a solution to this problem but also ask for support by the community by registering their interest and complaints with the relevant people.

Site Allocations

Proposed New Housing Development to the North of St. Aiden's Estate HG2-131 (3100B)

This proposal has gone quiet and therefore the P.C. are in discussion with L.C.C. This is a very contentious issue and the majority of the residents on the estate truly believe that "Access/Egress" would be a major problem leading to more highway problems in the village. This is ongoing

Litter-pick

The litter pick on the 9th of April was well-attended; good bonding event for parishioners; community spirit; pie and peas refreshments afterwards provided and well received. LCC provided a pickup collection service on the day.

Fly-tipping/littering - Cllr Bentley is the point of contact if anyone wishes to report incidents, we should all be vigilant in an attempt to stop this activity from spoiling our village.

Dog-fouling - although not perceived as a huge problem in the village, there remains a minority of dog owners who fail to clean up after their pets. In the Meadow bins are provided at both entrances. We are actively trying to attract more people to use the Wildflower Meadow. We have seating at various points.

Wildflower Meadow upkeep – The PC have now secured funding from Tesco Bags and LCC to improve the entrance to the Wild Flower Meadow from the White House Estate entrance. The money will be used for Gates, Fencing and the Path/Road surface repairs. Groundwork Pride will be carrying out the work.

We have also contracted Charles Hurst the local farmer to cut the meadow grass and hedges twice per year along with the Parish field off Preston Lane

Preston Lane (School Parking) - After constant lobbying by the PC we are now seeing Planning Notices displayed on the telegraph pole opposite Woodend Cottage informing of "No Waiting At An Time" restrictions to be introduced on Preston Lane to the South of the Woodlane Junction for a distance of 242 metres, basically both sides of the whole of Preston Lane to Brigshaw Lane.

St Aidan's Country Park - (Transfer of Control)

The Country Park has recently been taken over by the RSPB and formally opened on the 17th of April. A new tarmac surfaced car park has been prepared, laid, white lined and is now completed and in use. It is still unclear whether there will be charge or not.

We are still in discussion with LCC regarding the parking in Astley Lane.

Proposed Telephone Mast on the Cricket Field

The P.C. strongly objected to the application which has been refused by LCC.

On the other side of the coin we are hearing complaints from residents regarding the mobile telephone reception around the village, we would welcome our resident's opinions for and against on this obviously contentious matter

Great and Little Preston in Bloom

The in bloom committee and helpers continue to do splendid work around the village, they have recently planted 150 new trees around the woodland areas.

Thanks to all concerned in making our Village is a great place to live.

Great and Little Preston P.C. Website

Malcolm Webster's son, Alistair along with Cllr Hanson manage the website and have updated the site to make it more user friendly. Cllr Hanson is the PCs contact with Alistair on a day to day basis on all matters.

Media Matters

Cllr Hanson has opened a Twitter and Facebook account on behalf of the PC and we are gaining followers every week/month

Proposed Traveller Site in Hollinhurst

The PC and local residents have lobbied LCC and as a result the Planning application has been turned down. We are unsure whether there will be an appeal or not. It has been noted that the Pota Loo toilets have been removed.

Dave Bath.

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