



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2013 IN THE ELDERS COMMUNITY CENTRE, ST AIDANS ESTATE, AT 18.00 hrs**

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The Meeting was conducted by the Chairman with the Clerk present.

Those present:

Cllr Wallace (Chairman) and the Clerk.

Electors:

Mrs Margaret Street, Mr Robert Unwin, Mrs Betty Shakespeare, Mr Len Shakespeare, Mrs Carol Thrower, Mrs Wendy Eastwood, Mrs Joan Dowding, Mrs June James.

**APOLOGY;** Cllr. Webster

**1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME:**

Chairman welcomed all for attending. All present were issued with the minutes of the 2012 Annual Parish Meeting and the Chairmans Report for 2012-2013

**2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2012:**

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

**3. CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

The report was in the form of a booklet. A copy is attached to the minutes and published on the Parish Council web site.

**4. OPEN FORUM:**

Regarding Infant School building – Mr Unwin asked if Parish Council could push the owner to give a definite time when alterations are to take place as the building is becoming more and more dilapidated.

**Regarding Cricket ground** – Mrs Dowding asked who was the owner. Chair informed her that the owner of the Snooker Club also owned the ground.

Mrs Dowding asked if Cricket would continue and was informed that the Cricket Club would be allowed to remain, so long as they continued to play cricket on the ground.

**Regarding Jubilee Gardens and Meadow Walk** – Mr Unwin asked if VHM and PC would be able to put up signs for both.

Chair informed him this would be followed up.

**Regarding Strategic Housing Land Assessment Availability. (SHLAA) – Residents present at the meeting were concerned about this matter.**

Mr Unwin suggested the setting up of an informal group and proposed that those members present should set this up.

The Chairman explained to those present that if the Parish wished to register as a Neighbourhood Area it must be led by the Parish Council. A Community led group can only be set up in a non Parished Area.

With the present strength of the Parish Council and the apparent lack of interest in filling the vacancies there is no way the Council could take on a Neighbourhood Plan.

After discussion it was proposed and agreed by the electors that the Parish Council should call a Parish meeting to discuss the SHLAA and Site Allocation proposals and our options.

Chairman agreed to make enquiries with LCC neighbourhood planning advice team and also to invite Local Councillors to attend if meeting could be arranged.

Mrs Wendy Eastwood asked if anything could be done regarding the speed of traffic on Berry Lane, near to the entrance to St Aidans estate, as traffic comes round the bend so fast, that cars exiting the estate onto Berry Lane find it difficult and dangerous.

It was reported that the passageway past the Elders onto Berry Lane is very bad due to litter and dog fouling. Request made regarding the clearing of this.

Mrs Thrower and Mrs Eastwood asked if Security cameras could be placed around the Elders, to prevent undesirables from congregating there. Residents of sheltered housing properties near to the building feel threatened by the behaviour of these people.

Mrs Street requested siting a seat on Whitehouse Lane near to the entrance to Whitehouse Crescent.

Mrs Shakespeare mentioned that cars are being parked by residents on Berry Lane, near to the junction of Berry Lane and Preston Lane.

Chairman agreed to follow this up.

Mr Haigh, who joined the meeting at 18.50 stated that he felt that the Chairmans report should be used as a Village Newsletter

Mr Unwin suggested possibly including contact information and useful website links on the back page.

Chairman thanked all those present for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed at 18.55hrs

Chair.....

Date.....2014