

## PRESTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 21st November 2023 at the village hall at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllr Korwin, Cllr Tasker, Cllr Whymark, Cllr Crispin Moyes, Cllr Humphreys, Cllr together with the Parish Clerk, Kay Shorter. 15 members of public present.

#### 1. Apologies:

- i. Apologies from Cllr Diable who had work commitments

#### 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. District Councillor, Deborah Saw's report

Councillor Saw was not able to attend the meeting as she had another meeting, she did not send a report for this meeting.

#### 4. County Councillor, Robert Lindsay's report

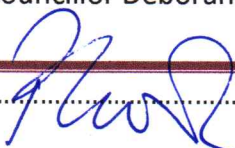
Report for Preston Parish Council by Robert Lindsay, Suffolk County Councillor for 21.11.23  
Bid now to get new bus services. The county council have some new money from central Government they have to use for new or extra bus services within a short time frame. Unusually they are asking communities (parish councils) to bid in conjunction with operators. There are several potential bids that could improve bus options near Preston. Katherine Davies, sustainable transport officer for Babergh is attempting to coordinate the various bids by parish councils. Contact her if you have any thoughts.

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The 379 Hadleigh to Bury bus (once a week on Weds) via Hitcham and Thorpe Morieux. I have asked operators Go Ahead (Hedenhams) if it can be expanded to a daily service with changed timings to meet 9 to 5 working day and West Suffolk college start and finish times. It is important to evidence demand so if you know of people locally that might use such a service, do let me know. GoAhead interested but awaiting meeting date. 753 Sudbury to Bury – Lavenham PC are planning to bid to improve this service with more capacity at rush hour to meet demand from college students and an evening service. The 461 Hadleigh to Stowmarket. Potential to bid with operator HCT to expand this from twice a week to five days a week with timings to meet the West Suffolk college Kura bus service from Stowmarket. West Suffolk College are v interested and are gathering data for potential pupil demand for me for this or the 379 route. 111 Hitcham to Ipswich – daily but only three services – frequency could be double with an extra bus and it may be possible to persuade Mulleys to start this from Stowmarket rather than Hitcham. Cllr Brearley investigating. 112 Bildeston to Sudbury – Bildeston and Brent Eleigh PCs are liaising with GoStart to see if a fortnightly route could be run from Sudbury to Bury and back, via Bildeston. Deadline for bids is 20 th December. Details and online form here  
<https://www.suffolkonboard.com/news/bus-service-improvement-plan-where-should-the-money-be-spent/>

Foodbank and community support Bildeston food bank is now supporting 39 families from several different villages including Monks Eleigh, Nedging and Hitcham. Together with your district councillor Deborah we are exploring ways to help roll out the Bildeston model out

Signed..... Date.....



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