

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 11TH APRIL, 2017 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors: A Dicken (Chairman), L Burns, D Foden, V Herbert, T Jackson, M Leather, K Miles, K Podmore, D Stanley.

Also present: Borough Cllr P Findlow

Item	Action
38. Apologies for absence	
Cllrs G Clewley, J Martin, L Saint.	
39. Declarations of Interest	
None	
40. Public Participation	
<p>Tom Evans, CEC, attended the meeting to speak about producing a Neighbourhood Plan. He explained that 50+ areas within the borough have completed or are in the process of completing a Neighbourhood Plan. There are three stages of completing a plan. The first stage is deciding whether or not to complete a plan. The second stage is writing the policies whilst consulting with the community. The third stage is examination of the Plan which is completed by an independent company. It is important that the community is kept aware of the process so they understand. Then CEC will formally adopt.</p> <p>There is practical support from CEC and £9000 minimum from Central Government.</p> <p>The rationale is two-fold which are democratic and growth. A Neighbourhood Plan will give us more weight in the planning process than the Village Design Statement.</p> <p>We can prepare a Neighbourhood Plan prior to the Local Plan being adopted</p> <p>Councillor Dicken requested that all councillors suspend opinion and consider the evidence and we hold a special meeting to discuss further which was agreed.</p>	
41. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March	
<p>Cllrs Burns, Foden and Martin requested some minor amendments which were agreed</p> <p>Cllr Miles proposed that the minutes of the 14th March be approved following the amendments</p> <p>Cllr Herbert seconded the proposal</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 14th March, 2017 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman following the amendments.</i></p>	
42. Clerk's Report	
<p>The Clerk's report was noted.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Civic Sunday would be held on 11th June at 11am</p> <p>Also she reported that she had received a telephone call from a Mr Russell Adams, Planning consultant who was representing the trustees of the Westbrook estate and Cllrs Dicken, Miles and herself had met with him to discuss their plans.</p> <p>Cllr Dicken reported that Mr Adams described broad outline proposals for a set of small developments on land owned by the Westbrook family adjacent to currently developed areas. These indicative developments comprised three areas of low density housing, two small areas of affordable housing and one small employment area.</p> <p>We discussed the fact that (a) we believed that there is a very limited likelihood of there being any major proposals for development in Prestbury when the local plan reaches the site allocation stage,</p>	

	<p>and (b) the fact that all of this area is in the green belt. However Mr Adams said that these were relatively small package proposals and would only be brought forward in the context of meeting local needs, for example including the provision to rectify the current shortage of family and retirement homes, the need for Prestbury to retain its attractive character and environment, and our shortage of space and facilities for community, youth and sporting use. We can expect Mr Adams to come back with more specific proposals.</p>	
43.	Accounts for Payment and financial matters	APPENDIX A
	<p>Cllr Miles proposed that the accounts for April be approved for payment Cllr Foden seconded the proposal. All were in favour Resolved: That the accounts for April should be sanctioned for payment. Cllr Dicken proposed that the Clerk's salary be increased by the statutory rate issue by NALC Cllr Miles seconded the proposal All in favour Resolved: that the Clerk's salary be increased by the statutory rate as set out by the National Association of Local Councils. Cllr Podmore requested confirmation that a quote had been received from Williams Cooper accountants for the internal audit. The Clerk confirmed that she had received a verbal quote but would have that quote confirmed in writing. Cllr Podmore also requested that the BDO report from 2015/16 would be supplied for the next meeting with all answers to questions supplied.</p>	Clerk
44.	Planning Reports	
	<p>The Planning reports were noted. Borough Cllr Findlow reported that he had called into Committee the application for Cedar Lodge. Cllr Miles reported that the Bridge Hotel were planning to lodge a planning application to change the Hotel into retirement accommodation. The restaurant would remain along with six rooms. She requested that when the application comes to the Parish Council it is considered by the Full Council. This was agreed and also the Bridge Hotel would be asked to attend a PC meeting to explain their plans.</p>	
45.	Reports	
	<p>i. Maintenance and Safety Cllr Foden reported that a large tree had come down from the land owned by the Westbrook estate onto the playing field and the Clerk agreed to contact the Westbrook family representatives to ask for it to be removed. ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety Cllr Leather reported that the flooding problem outside Streamside Cottage had not been resolved as promised by CEC so she would follow this up again. The potholes on Prestbury Lane had been filled. She also reported that the Manchester Airport air space change policy consultation is ongoing and we had approximately 3 months to complete a response. Cllr Miles reported that the pole on the side of Chelford Road had still not been removed. iii. Police Report Cllr Dicken reported PCSO Emily Blair had been appointed to cover Prestbury and she hoped to attend the next PC meeting. She had produced a comprehensive report for the previous month. He also reported on a meeting with the Police about speeding on Castle Hill and they are now issuing speeding tickets. It was reported that there had been people going house to house selling goods the previous weekend. It was re-iterated that this is to be reported to the Police immediately and the Clerk agreed to contact Trading Standards again to ask for packs about doorstep selling to be distributed to the residents. iv. Environment Issues Cllr Foden reported that the trees at the Tennis Club had not been trimmed yet as the Tree Surgeon</p>	<p>Clerk ML Clerk</p>

	<p>had staffing difficulties at present.</p> <p>v. Footpaths Nothing to report</p> <p>vi. Newsletter The next newsletter is ready to be published and delivered during April.</p>	
46.	To receive reports concerning Cheshire East Council (CEC) issues including the Poynton Area Community Partnership, Local Service Delivery and Devolved Services & to report on Greater Manchester Planning matters	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that there had been a report on Granada Reports that evening that the Chief Executive of CEC, Mike Suarez had been suspended pending investigation. Borough Cllr Findlow confirmed that was correct.</p>	
47.	Development Project Progress	
	<p>i(a). Tourism (external) Nothing to report</p> <p>i(b). Tourism (internal) Nothing to report</p> <p>i(c) Village appearance and Community Pride Cllr Herbert reported that she had met with the Scouts and they are keen to help with Parrott's Field by planting bulbs and generally cleaning and also to litter pick along the River Bollin. She also reported that she had met with volunteers at Henry's and thirteen people turned up following a Facebook/Twitter appeal for volunteers being made. This had been a very productive meeting and she would prepare a list of jobs to be completed by the volunteers. There was a discussion about planting at the station and working together for the benefit of the village. It was agreed that a meeting between the Amenity Society and the Parish Council would be arranged with Cllrs Herbert, Jackson and Miles.</p> <p>ii. Make best use of toilet block site Cllr Podmore reported that he had met with the Architects and they intend to submit the planning application at the end of April, then a planning number would be allocated to that application fourteen days later. The Virgin box has been designed into the scheme and hopefully they will produce a map of where the cables are laid from that box. Cllr Martin had met with the Bridge Hotel and they had confirmed in writing their promise of funding for the car park. He will meet up with John Griffiths in the future. Monies set aside for this scheme in previous years to be confirmed by the Clerk</p> <p>iii. Access and use of Parrott's Field. Cllr Miles reported that the gate had been delayed but it will be on site by 27th April. There is one tree still to be removed and the entrance sign will not be completed by the end of April. Cllr Herbert reported that Cllr Martin had requested that she look into obtaining a tree carving. She was meeting with one carver the following week and she had spoken to another that did not seem interested in completing the job.</p> <p>iv. Working together Cllr Dicken reported that relations between the Church and the Council were improving but there is a lack of communication between other groups within the village and we needed to keep trying to solve this lack of communication.</p> <p>v. Event Management Cllr Miles reported that the summer event was definitely being held on Sunday, 2nd July between 3pm and 7pm. There would be abseiling down the Church tower, Vintage cars, Donkeys, Pet Zoo, Painting competition and 28 stalls. The Committee would meet one more time to finalise details. Cllr Stanley reported that she had met with the businesses which was successful but they needed to meet once more to discuss the stalls.</p> <p>vi. PR Publicity and Social Media The following on Facebook and Twitter continue to increase.</p>	<p>VH, TJ & KM</p> <p>Clerk</p>
48.	Representation of the People Act 1918 – Celebrations for 2018	

	Cllr Miles reported that it would be the 100 year anniversary of women been given the vote. She asked could we celebrate this milestone of democracy? Any ideas please speak to her	
49.	To discuss the purchase of a Bench for the Playing Field	
	Cllr Jackson proposed that a picnic bench and 4 benches be purchased for the playing field as currently there is no seating on the field Cllr Foden seconded the proposal 6 for, 1 abstention <i>Resolved: that a picnic bench and four benches be purchased in the sum of £1000.</i>	
50	To discuss how we can improve team working within the Parish Council	
	Cllr Herbert reiterated that we cannot ask other agencies to work together if the Parish Council cannot work together. Councillors present agreed that we should set an example in this respect.	
51.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	The Civic Sunday reception would be held at the Church as it was the previous year.	
52.	Review of meeting	
	It was felt that the meeting was too long.	

Chairman