

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015 AT 7.30PM

**Present: Councillors:** A Dicken (Chairman), L Burns, D Foden, T Jackson, M Leather, J Martin, K Miles, C Musgrove, K Podmore, D Rutherford, L Saint.

**Also present:** Borough Cllr P Findlow

Item		Action
49.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
	Cllr T Bailey.	
50.	<b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
	<p>Cllr Podmore proposed that the minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 be approved.                      Cllr Miles seconded the proposal                      All approved  <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i></p>	
51.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	Cllr Dicken declared an interest in the King's School and stood down from Chairmanship of the meeting for the following item, which Cllr Musgrove chaired.	
52.	<b>Presentation by Dr Simon Hyde, headmaster, re. the proposed King's School relocation to Prestbury</b>	
	<p>Dr Hyde provided a history of the school, from inception to the present day. The Derby playing fields off Alderley Road in Prestbury were acquired in 1986 and the school took over the Fence Avenue site in 1993. There were now 1,220 pupils and a purely academic staff of 270 and the turnover was £12m p.a. The size of the market for private schools of its type was a challenge as it had declined by 25% since 2008 and, in addition, North West fee levels were well below the national average. There were the extra costs of having a two-site operation. Dr. Hyde said that the governors and he believed they could provide a better school on one site and they aimed to be a regional centre of excellence. The existing facilities were often used by other bodies.</p> <p>Preliminary discussions about the move began in 2012 and a year was spent evolving a business case between 2013 and 2014. An option to buy the farmland adjoining the Derby playing fields was agreed in January 2015 and pre-planning discussions began with Cheshire Est Council in March 2015. The school required a 50-acre site and there was nowhere large enough in the Macclesfield area which was not in Green Belt. However, the new school buildings would have a relatively small footprint in the Green Belt and it would not be possible to see much of it from the surrounding area. Both existing school sites – at Fence Avenue and in Macclesfield town centre - were good for housing development. Assessments were underway on the preferred new site on transport, highways and visual impacts and an environmental assessment was being prepared. There was an intention to speak to all of the neighbours and there would be an exhibition and public consultation at the end of May.</p> <p>After his talk, Dr. Hyde answered questions from Councillors and he confirmed that he would let the Parish Council know as soon as the public consultations dates have been set.</p>	
53.	<b>Public Participation</b>	
	None.	

<b>54.</b>	<b>Clerk's Report</b>	
	The Clerk's report was noted. The Clerk agreed to check whether the Club Room at the Village Hall was available for the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllrs Jackson and Leather requested hard copies of agendas in the future.	<b>Clerk Clerk</b>
<b>55.</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment</b>	<b>APPENDIX A</b>
	Cllr Burns commented that she was expecting to see an invoice from the Cheshire Peak District Consortium for £500. This was the amount they had asked for from villages which wanted to align with their marketing campaign for the next year and this was the sum that the Council had agreed to at their last meeting. The Clerk said that no invoice had been received. Cllr. Burns then proposed that the accounts for April should be sanctioned for payment Cllr Miles seconded the proposal All were in favour <b>Resolved: That the Accounts for April should be sanctioned for payment.</b>	
<b>56.</b>	<b>Planning Reports for 11<sup>th</sup> March &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	
	The Planning reports were noted.	
<b>57.</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
	<p><b>i. Maintenance and Safety</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</b> Cllr Leather stated that she had reported a few potholes to CEC. Cllr Podmore was experiencing problems at present obtaining responses from ANSA to his questions concerning the toilet block. Borough Cllr Findlow confirmed that he had contacted ANSA and would get answers to the questions. Borough Cllr Findlow also reported that CEC were denying the promise of £6000 to the Parish Council when the transfer of the toilet block was completed. The Clerk agreed to send him evidence of this promise. Cllr Burns recalled the order of events. When Cheshire East Council had originally asked the Parish Council to take over the toilet block site, they had offered £5,000 to them to do so. However, a building survey which the Parish Council commissioned had shown that £6,000 worth of repairs were needed. A meeting had taken place on the site between the then portfolio holder for CEC in charge of environmental matters, (Cllr. Menlove), Cllr Findlow, Cllr Burns and Cllr Maurice Ireland at which the portfolio holder was handed a copy of the surveyor's report. Subsequently, CEC upped their offer to the Parish to £5,000.</p> <p><b>iii. Police Report</b> Cllr Dicken reported that the movement of the SID continues. He had received a complaint about speeding at the top of Macclesfield Road and confirmed that the SID was needed in that area.</p> <p><b>iv. Environment Issues</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>v. Footpaths</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>vi. Newsletter</b> Cllr Burns was thanked for all her hard work on the latest newsletter.</p> <p><b>vii. Community Pride</b> Cllr Jackson reported that she had spoken to CEC about further trees being planted around the village and she was meeting with them to agree areas for planting. She was asked by Cllr Burns not to propose planting any new trees on the toilet block site whilst its future was still under discussion. She said she would not.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>

58.	<p><b>To receive reports concerning Cheshire East Council (CEC) issues including the Local Enterprise Partnership, The Local Area Partnership (LAP), Local Service Delivery and Devolved Services</b></p> <p>Cllr Burns reported that many local authority activities were in suspension until after the elections. Workshops had been arranged in mid-May for the Local Plan and the inspector running the Local Plan examination in public (EIP) had agreed to an extension of a month to the suspension of the EIP to allow for the elections. It was now expected that it would re-start in September.</p>	
59.	<p><b>Development Project Progress</b></p> <p>Cllr Dicken stated that all the topics below were producing too much work for councillors and suggested that a special meeting be arranged so that the topics could be prioritised. The Clerk would arrange a date for this.</p> <p><i>i. To engage the business community and fill empty shops.</i> Cllr Dicken reported that a second meeting of the working party was due to be held the following week.</p> <p><i>ii. Future of the Toilet Block/Community Facility</i> Cllr Burns reported that the working party now consisted of herself, Cllrs Bailey, Leather and Saint. They would have the results of the topographical survey the following week. An e-mail had been received from Carol Hamilton concerning the toilet block site and parking and she had prepared a response. Cllr Dicken suggested that the letter not be sent and a small group would meet with Mr Griffiths. Six voted for this and three against. The group would consist of Cllrs Dicken, Miles and Saint with Cllr Leather in reserve. Cllr Podmore reported that he had received no response from ANSA concerning his questions about the upkeep of the toilet block and Borough Cllr Findlow agreed to follow this up.</p> <p><i>iii. Village appearance and volunteers.</i> Cllr Musgrove reported that two new volunteers had come forward but more volunteers were still required. Cllr Dicken reported that he had offered to attend an Amenity Society meeting to speak about the need for volunteers but was turned down. Cllr Miles requested volunteers to keep the playground clean and tidy.</p> <p><i>iv. Event Management and Parrotts Field.</i> Cllr Miles reported that she cannot find any by-law preventing full use of Parrott's Field. She requested that the use of Parrott's Field be re-negotiated with CEC. She also explained that the playground is padlocked at the moment but, unfortunately, it was being used. She had had a meeting with Wicksteed who had supplied and installed the new playground equipment and they had agreed to re-do part of the flooring and replace one of the items as it did not work. She hoped that it could be fully opened Mid-May. April Green had sent a proposed new logo for the Youth Club which was found to be unacceptable.</p> <p><i>v. To receive a report on the Xmas Party.</i> Cllr Miles apologised as the accounts were not available but she would produce them at the next meeting.</p> <p><i>vi. To discuss holding a Summer Street Party.</i> Cllr Miles explained that this would not happen this year but she would send out invitations to all stakeholders in the next month to a meeting concerning the Xmas party where an agreed format would be arranged.</p> <p><i>vii. Improve Prestbury Station</i> Cllrs Burns and Leather had met with representatives from Network Rail and Northern Rail at the station. It had been a very positive meeting and everybody had agreed that work needs doing including the car park. Cllr Leather reported that work had started. A new gate had been installed, the waiting rooms had new plasterboard and had been skimmed and the ivy had been removed. It was confirmed that Northern Rail had identified Prestbury station as one where there should be car parking charges applied. However, the representative from Northern Rail who she and Cllr Burns had met with had said he had recommended putting back that proposal because of the poor condition of the car park.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>AD, KM &amp; LS</b></p> <p><b>KM &amp; JM</b></p> <p><b>KM</b></p> <p><b>KM</b></p>

<b>60.</b>	<b>Photography for marketing campaign</b>	
	<p>Cllr Burns brought to the Council's attention that, following their decision to join the Cheshire Peak District Consortium/ Visit Cheshire marketing campaign, it had become apparent that up-to-date professional photographs of the village were needed. She had spent some time sourcing images but could not find any of a high enough quality which showed the village as it currently was. She had already submitted material for a Prestbury page which was now on the Visit Cheshire website – as referenced on the back of the newsletter – but it was currently accompanied by out of date images. There had been a lot of changes in recent times and these needed to be captured. Three quotes had been obtained for a full day's work. One photographer had priced himself out of the equation. The other two were similar but one of these came particularly recommended. She therefore suggested that the Council accept his quote which was for £500 for a day's work. Councillors suggested that the photography should not all be done on one day but should be split up into two half days and carried out at different times of the year. This was agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Dicken proposed that £500 for the photography be approved with the recommended photographer. Cllr Musgrove seconded the proposal.</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p><b><i>Resolved: That up to £500 be spent on photographs of the village for the Marketing Cheshire Campaign.</i></b></p>	
<b>61.</b>	<b>To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon</b>	
	<p>The cutting schedule for the cutting of the field behind the Village Hall for 2015/2016 from ANSA had been received and this was agreed.</p>	

**Chairman**