


MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESTBURY ON 9TH APRIL 2013 AT 7.30PM

Present: **Councillors:** A Dicken (Chairman), L Burns, D Hawkins,
M Ireland, T Jackson, M Leather, K Miles, C Stott, S Turner.

Apologies for Absence
Councillors J Davies, D Foden

Item	Action
1	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March
	Cllr Jackson proposed that the minutes of the 12 th March be approved Cllr Ireland seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 12th March should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman</i>
2	Declarations of Interest
	None
3	Public Participation
	None
4	Clerks Report
	The Clerks report was noted. The Clerk reported that QEII sign for the football field was faulty and would be replaced. Cllr Burns mentioned that United Utilities needed to be contacted again concerning the continuous flooding of sewage on the football field and Cllr Findlow agreed to speak to CEC concerning this. The Clerk handed back correspondence that the Parish Council had had with United Utilities to Cllr Findlow. PF
5	Accounts for Payment APPENDIX A
	Cllr Turner proposed that the accounts for April should be sanctioned for payment Cllr Hawkins seconded the proposal All were in favour <i>Resolved: That the Accounts for April should be sanctioned for payment.</i>
6	Planning reports for 13th March & 3rd April APPENDIX B
	The Planning reports were noted.
7	Reports
	<i>i. Maintenance and Safety</i> Cllr Ireland reported that the bench on Castle Hill had been removed as it was in a dangerous condition but he had been unable to remove two of the brackets but did not think there was a safety issue but requested a second opinion on this. <i>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</i> Cllr Leather reported that she had received a reply from CEC concerning the repair of the lights from the station to the village and that reply had stated that the lights were inappropriate and suggested that they are replaced with 5 metre high lights. Following discussion it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Neil Ditchfield, Lighting Engineer to discuss this matter further and Cllr Ireland agreed to accompany Cllr Leather to this meeting when arranged. ML ML & MI It had been confirmed that the street cleaning facility will be transferred to Ringway Jacobs. Following


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	<p>discussion it was agreed that a letter should be sent to CEC stating our dissatisfaction with Ringway Jacobs.</p> <p>Cllr Jackson reported that the potholes had been filled in on Butley Lanes.</p> <p>Cllr Findlow asked for views on the road maintenance agenda to be sent to the clerk and she will forward to Cllr Findlow. He also reported that the crossing cannot be painted until the weather turns warmer as it is a special paint that needs warmer weather to set/dry.</p> <p>iii. Police Report</p> <p>Cllr Dicken reported that the Police noticeboard had been updated.</p> <p>iv. Environment Issues</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>v. Footpaths</p> <p>Cllr Ireland reported that the new Kissing Gate for the path at the Golf Club had been collected and is due to be installed shortly</p> <p>vi. Newsletter</p> <p>Cllr Turner reported that the newsletter would be delivered later that week.</p>	Clerk
8	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	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that she had written a letter concerning extending the 20mph limit within the village but because of all the changes of staffing and management structures at CEC she was unsure who the letter should go to so had forwarded the letter to Cllr Findlow. Cllr Findlow confirmed that he had forwarded the letter to the appropriate people and he agreed to chase this up. The letter requested a meeting on site and Cllr Leather confirmed that she would attend any site visit. However, so far there had been no reply.</p> <p>She had heard that CEC had been told by an independent survey to produce 5000 more houses than was originally consulted on and she had asked for this survey to be put in the public domain</p> <p>Cllr Findlow said that he had pointed out to officers that the independent report on the evolving Local Plan which had recommended an increase in the housing numbers would have to be placed in the public domain as part of the evidence base in due course anyway and therefore it might as well be published now.</p> <p>Cllr Hawkins reported that we were still waiting for costings from CEC for the installation of the Speed Indicator Device.</p> <p>Cllr Jackson reported that she would be attending the next LAP meeting the following day.</p>	PF
9	To receive an update on the progress with the transfer of the Toilet Block	
	<p>Cllr Ireland reported that there were still problems with the Wayleave for the communications box which was on the land. A letter had been sent to CEC which had been acknowledged but there was no reply yet. Cllr Findlow reported that he had enquired about this and he had been told that it was the hands of external solicitors.</p>	
10	To discuss the Tennis Club and our responsibilities	
	<p>Cllrs Jackson and Foden agreed to look at the trees for the next meeting</p>	TJ & DF
11	To discuss methods of communication between the Council and the Public	
	<p>Cllr Turner reported that the new website should be up and running the following week. He also reported that the newsletter will become self-financing from advertisements.</p>	
12	To discuss arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting	
	<p>Following discussion it was agreed that Adrian Fisher, Head of Planning and Housing and Andrew Ross, Head of Highways would be asked to attend the meeting to give presentations on Development Proposals in North East Cheshire and New strategic roads planned for around and through the Parish respectively.</p>	Clerk

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13	To discuss the Xmas Lights for 2013	
	<p>Cllr Leather reported that she had met with a salesman to supply new lights and a contractor to install the lights and quotes were expected for the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Ireland reported that he had met with a contractor to install the lights and a quote had been received from him.</p> <p>Cllr Dicken informed the Council that the organisation for the Xmas Street Party needed to commence and Cllrs Dicken, Hawkins, Leather and Miles volunteered to help with this. Cllr Turner agreed to speak to the businesses.</p>	
14	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	It was agreed that CEC would continue to cut the grass on the land behind the Village Hall	

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