

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON 11TH AUGUST 2015 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors: C Musgrove (Chairman), L Burns, D Foden, T Jackson, M Leather, J Martin, K Miles.
Also present: Borough Cllr P Findlow

Item		Action
110.	Apologies for absence	
	Cllr A Dicken, L Saint.	
111.	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July	
	Cllr Martin proposed that the minutes of 14 th July be approved Cllr Miles seconded the proposal <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 14th July 2015 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i>	
112.	Declarations of Interest	
	None	
113.	Public Participation	
	Duncan Broomhead, Geoff Leary and Andy Jones from the Butley Town residents group attended the meeting to discuss the proposed improvement programme for the A523. They explained that the A523 was the busiest road in Prestbury and would get busier if/ when the Poynton Relief Road (formerly the Poynton Bypass) was built. They were not in favour of the proposed alteration to the A523/ Well Lane junction and called for a full study of the A523 corridor. They had spoken to other residents and they were all against the improvements that were being consulted upon by Cheshire East Council. If there was to be an amendment they would like a re-alignment of the road.	
114.	Clerk's Report	
	The Clerk's report was noted.	
115.	Accounts for Payment APPENDIX A	
	Cllr Foden proposed that the accounts for August be sanctioned for payment Cllr Burns seconded the accounts for payment. All were in favour <i>Resolved: That the accounts for August should be sanctioned for payment.</i> Cllr Podmore reported that the accounts for 2014/15 had been resolved and they would be ratified at the Finance & General Purpose meeting due to be held on the 19 th August.	
116.	Planning Reports for 15th July & 5th August	
	The Planning reports were noted.	
117.	Reports	
	<i>i. Maintenance and Safety</i> Nothing to report. <i>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</i> Cllr Leather reported that the verges on Macclesfield Road that had been ruined by the utilities companies were not now dealt with by the Highways Department of CEC but by TMA Streetworks. They were aware of the problem and are now dealing with it. She had been told that the 3-4 cars that are parking on the verge on Macclesfield Road was a Police matter and it had been passed onto the local Police Constable. She had had a meeting with Caroline Griffies, ANSA, and had reported that	

	<p>Butley Lanes was very overgrown. It was agreed that this would be trimmed in the Autumn. Springfields car park will be swept regularly. Highways would be asked to write to offending landowners with overgrown hedges. Following discussion it was agreed that a letter would be sent to the landowners from the Parish Council along with a letter from CEC.</p> <p>Cllr Burns reported that she had attended the Highways Sub Group of the Poynton Community Partnership on July 30th, deputising for Cllr Leather. This was the meeting at which the members of the former LAP area discussed bids they had all made for some of the modest amount of funding allocated for minor highways matters. The meeting started late and overran. Prestbury's suggestions were last to be discussed and not properly dealt with. There was to be a site meeting in Prestbury that Friday with Paul Kenyon of CEC, attended by herself and Cllr Miles, to discuss dropped kerbs at Bridge Green and double yellow lines on Macclesfield Road, Scott Road and Legh Road. There was to be another meeting of the highways sub-group on September 23rd at which outstanding matters from the previous meeting would be discussed. Borough Cllr Findlow, who also attended the highways sub-group meeting, reported that he was under the impression that the double yellow lines on Macclesfield Road near to Broadwalk was going for consultation.</p> <p>Cllr Leather requested that all councillors consider where they wanted the new parking signs to be placed and to let her know. It was agreed that it needed to be advertised that we have two free car parks and Cllr Martin suggested that finger posts are displayed with the number of spaces on each post.</p> <p>iii. Police Report Nothing to report</p> <p>iv. Environment Issues Cllr Foden reported that the lease for the Youth Club needed to be prepared and he suggested that a working party be formed to consider the conditions. It was agreed that Cllrs Foden and Jackson would work on this and bring it back to the September meeting.</p> <p>v. Footpaths Cllr Jackson reported that she had trimmed the shrubbery on the corner of Butley Lanes. It was also reported that the new footpath maps had been delivered to local outlets to be sold.</p> <p>vi. Newsletter Cllr Burns reminded colleagues that, at the time of the previous Parish Council meeting, the summer newsletter was with the layout people. It was produced very soon after that and distributed. It was unknown at this time when the next newsletter would be printed and it depended on events.</p> <p>vii. Community Pride Cllr Musgrove reported that Laura Saint had spent two days tidying up the village.</p>	<p>LB & ML</p> <p>DF & TJ</p>
<p>118.</p>	<p>To receive reports concerning Cheshire East Council (CEC) issues including the Local Enterprise Partnership, Poynton Community Partnership, Local Service Delivery and Devolved Services</p>	
	<p>Cllr Burns had circulated a draft response to CEC concerning the A523 improvements. She proposed that, in view of the comments made earlier in the meeting by Butley Town residents, two extra points should be made, ie. that the Council did not support the proposals for the A523/ Well Lane junction and that there should be a full study into the A523 corridor. This was agreed and all were in favour.</p> <p>She also reported that she had attended a wider stakeholder event about the Local Plan and herself and Cllr Musgrove had attended further technical workshops for the Local Plan. She described both sets of meetings as "a sham" as the modifications to the Plan had already been agreed by the CEC cabinet and submitted to the inspector conducting the examination in public. The scale of what was now proposed in terms of housing numbers and land requirements was overwhelming.</p> <p>Cllr. Burns also reported that herself, Cllr Dicken and Borough Cllr Findlow had attended a meeting with Caroline Simpson, CEC's Director of Economic Growth and Prosperity, to complain about the lack of credence given by the principal authority to the Parish Council's comments on planning applications. The meeting turned into a selling instrument by CEC for Neighbourhood Plans. Cllr Burns re-iterated a point she had made previously that a pre-condition of producing a Neighbourhood Plan was an acceptance of the Local Plan. At present the Parish Council is objecting to the Local Plan. Following discussion it was agreed that the decision about a Neighbourhood Plan would be deferred until a decision is made about the Local Plan.</p>	
<p>119.</p>	<p>King's School re-location to Prestbury</p>	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that the Clerk had contacted CEC Planning to enquire whether any plans had been submitted by King's School yet and she had not received a reply.</p>	

120.	<p>Progress with special projects including addressing empty shops</p> <p>Internal Tourism: Cllr Miles reported that she had spoken to the owner of the Coast Restaurant in Tarporley, who was in the process of taking over the lease for the White House. The lease had not been signed yet but he was willing to attend the September meeting to inform the council of his plans for the restaurant. She asked that this matter is looked at sympathetically and a warm welcome is extended to him. It was agreed that Cllr Martin could be contacted to inform him of local events and they could be placed on Facebook and Twitter. Cllr Musgrove reported that she was looking at re-issuing the Prestbury Directory. Cllr Miles reported that she had spoken to Rev. Patrick Angier about taking over the NatWest bank building. He had said he may look at this as a joint venture. She asked whether this could be revisited and a working party formed to look into this.</p> <p>External Tourism: Cllr Burns had circulated a written report about the proposed tourism leaflet for Prestbury. To add to that, she was able to verbally report that Visit Cheshire had approved the use of their Ordnance Survey licence. Cllr Burns proposed that a budget of £1000 be made available for the production of a leaflet. In response to a query from Cllr Foden about how this this would be funded, Cllr. Leather said it would be from the money identified for village improvements and appearance. Cllr Martin seconded the proposal. All in favour Resolved: £1000 would be made available for the production of a tourism leaflet. However, Cllr Burns was asked not to progress the production of the leaflet yet as there were so many changes taking place in the village centre. It was left unresolved as to when it might be most appropriate to publish the leaflet.</p> <p>Toilet Block: Cllrs Burns and Podmore had produced a three page written report setting out what had happened to date in respect of the site and where thinking had progressed to and stated that we were at the very early stage of a possibly large project. They invited further ideas for the site than had already been tabled. The Clerk was asked to check on the payment of £5000 from CEC.</p> <p>Parrott's Field: Cllr Martin reported that he had received two out of three quotes for Cheshire railings of between £10,000 and £13,000. He was waiting to meet with the Tree Officer and Cllr Burns asked to be included in this meeting. A statement of Works needed to be submitted to CEC and they have also asked whether the Parish Council would take over the lease for the field. Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council enter into negotiations with CEC and find out what the implications of taking over the lease would involve. Cllr Miles wished the clearance of the field to be a community project and requested volunteers to achieve this.</p> <p>Village Appearance: Cllr Musgrove reported that she had met with the volunteers and looked at what they were achieving. It was agreed that Ford House needed tidying up especially the pavement area.</p>	Clerk
121.	<p>Collaborative working.</p> <p>Cllr Miles requested that the Council work as a team, work together, are courteous to each other and take collective responsibility.</p>	

122.	Memorial tree for Jimmy Jackson	
	<p>Cllr Burns stated that everybody had agreed that there should be a memorial tree for Jimmy Jackson but it had not been agreed where the tree would be placed. This had not been resolved at the meeting in July and it needed to be agreed where the tree would be moved to.</p> <p>Cllr Jackson stated that she had gained permission from ANSA to plant the tree on the toilet block land when the land still belonged to CEC and the tree would not be moved. If it was moved she would contact the press and make a fuss about how the Parish Council were behaving.</p> <p>Cllr Musgrove pointed out that the sapling could not now be moved until the winter period and in any event it was not yet known what is going to happen on this site. The issue was left unresolved.</p>	
123.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	<p>Cllr Musgrove raised the e-mail from Carol Hamilton concerning the old Co-op building requesting that the Parish Council pay the filing fee for the planning application as a goodwill gesture. Following discussion it was agreed that the Council would not pay this fee.</p>	

Chairman