

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESTBURY

12thDecember2017 AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillors: L Burns, G Clewley, A Dicken, D Foden, V Herbert (taking minutes), M Leather, J. Martin, K Miles, K Podmore , **Borough Cllr:** P Findlow

Item	Action
175	
Councillors J. Hallowell, T Jackson, and D. Stanley. Clerk – Georgina Ryder	
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Declarations of Interest Nil	
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Public Participation Peter Papprill told us about a book “Prestbury Roll of Honour” covering the two world wars, (1914-18 and 1939-45) at a cost of £10. Peter asked how we might make it available in the Village. We will advertise on our website stating that it is available from the Pharmacy, the Library and the Village Club. We suggested that it could be available in the Church with an honesty box. We could have a stall at the Summer Event selling it and Peter was encouraged to write a short article for our next newsletter – probably March/April 2018	JM
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Borough Cllr Findlow’s report 1. Flooding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bollin Grove –Cheshire East have arranged a meeting in Crewe at 10am on Tuesday 19th December to effect amelioration measures. It has been requested that the location change to onsite at Bollin Grove and we are awaiting confirmation. 2. Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options are being considered to enable the Library to be kept open including a slightly higher contribution from the Anne Whittaker trust 3. Scott Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The road markings should be installed on 18th December. The Chairman thanked Borough Cllr P Findlow for his tenacity in getting this work done. 4. Orme Close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning approval for 2 houses exists but that for 4 houses has again been rejected. This may go to appeal. 	All
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To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 th November 2017 The minutes were agreed with three amendments. Proposed by Cllr Miles Seconded by Cllr Podmore In favour 6 Against 2 Amendments Item 161 Cllr Leather reported.....Police and Highways. AlsoScott Road Junction to have the wall reduced. The Poynton Area..... Item 165 Amended wording – Cllr Podmore reported that a mid year audit had been completed by the Finance and General Purpose Committee, 1 st April to 30 th September and there were no matters arising which they deemed to have significance.	

	<p>Item 167 To meet all these conditions..... made available to cover additional consultant fees.</p> <p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 164 confirmed this does comply with approved plans • 168 action complete • 174 to be confirmed • all other actions either complete or on this evening's agenda 	
180	<p>Clerk's Report</p>	
	<p>The Clerk's report was noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Brownies' event happened last Monday and therefore no further action • Letter re wheelchair on cobbles – no action for us • Manchester Airport has information on their website about grants which are available every 3 months for up to £3K – the Chairman will send information to councillors. • The notes from the meeting of a Special Working Group of the council on 22nd June 2015 to discuss longer term priorities was not discussed – this will be tabled for The Parish Council Meeting in January 2018 	<p>JM</p> <p>Clerk</p>
181	<p>Accounts for Payment and Financial Matters</p>	
	<p>The accounts payable for the previous month were discussed –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification to be sought re £48 for training on 10th Nov • Under Christmas event £5-40 for rubbish bags should be moved to Village Enhancements • In future it would be helpful for the notes column to be completed with exact details of expenditure <p>All other payments except the £48 for training were approved Proposed by Cllr Miles Seconded by Cllr Leather 7 in favour and 2 abstentions</p> <p>However it should be noted that the sheets presented are not accurate – addition is not always correct and sheets are not consistent</p> <p>From last month Punch and Judy appear not to have received the BACS payment which was approved in November Need to confirm whether Cllr Clewley or Cllr Podmore is on the Planning training in January Check if payment to S.Worrall has gone as the required BACS payment or a cheque as indicated in the spreadsheet</p> <p>Proposed New Car Park Cllr Podmore has received 3 quotes to remove trees (£450 +VAT, £1080+VAT and £1400+VAT). After checking with the architects that the correct trees have been earmarked for removal, Cllr Podmore proposed that he would contact J.Oliver (the cheapest quote) to arrange removal of said trees. Seconded by Cllr Herbert All in favour</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk Clerk</p> <p>Clerk . Cllr Stanley</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>JM Clerk</p> <p>KP</p>

182	Planning Committee 27th November 2017	
	6 applications with no objections were discussed at the planning meeting and two applications that were approved with comments	
183	Budget and Precept for 2018-9	
	<p>After lengthy discussion, it was agreed to make two amendments to the submission by the F&GP. Specifically, increase the amount allocated to employee expenses and the General Maintenance by £500 each. If approved this would represent an increase in the Precept of 1.67%. Items discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New car park is likely to come in under budget • We are expecting that the clerk's salary will have a mandated increase but as yet this has not been determined by the relevant body • We should revisit our 5 subscriptions to ensure that we are receiving value for money • Although there is no prescribed minimum or maximum for the amount we should hold in reserves, they are supposed to be moderate. Consensus could not be reached on the appropriate level with uncertainty around the proposed car park expenditure remaining. It was noted that if reserves are more than 100% of the precept then Parish Councils must explain why • It was suggested that we should increase the precept in line with inflation but as our fixed costs are projected to decrease there was no consensus around this • We understand that the precept may be capped in the future and that change may require a referendum. The probability of this event occurring at this time is held to be low. • Devolution for Cheshire East may cause more services to come to us • There is no contingency in our budget for Airspace costs until we know more detail of how it will affect Prestbury but there is room within reserves if need be. • We may need the services of a Data Protection Officer. This is currently going through Parliament and NALC are hoping to have a briefing paper before Christmas • The amount proposed for Christmas lights was accepted <p>It was agreed that Cllr Stanley as Chair of the F&GP would bring the revised figures before the Parish Council at the January meeting for approval. It was noted that this must be in a revised spreadsheet due to errors in the one supplied with regard previous year's figures.</p>	Clerk to add to January meeting agenda
184	Local Plan Site Allocations	
	The current timetable is to have initial proposals end February 2018 with more detail end March 2018 and public consultation in mid 2018. On the notes from the meeting in December 2017, 36 hectares should read 13 hectares	
185	2018 Centenary Year of the Vote for Women	
	After much discussion Cllr Miles agreed to revisit this topic at the January Parish Council Meeting. Something around an event to mark the specific centenary on 11 th February has broad support.	KM
186	Air Quality Monitoring	
	Cllr Leather was asked to come back to the Parish Council with a proposal as to how we would do this. One suggestion is to carry out a 3 month trial. The proposal should include details of locations, cost and time of year. There is some concern about only approaching one company.	ML
187	Review of Christmas Event	
	As money is still coming in, Cllr Miles will present the budget in January. A meeting to review the event will be set up but initial comments are that it was a great success and the large bins from Henshaws were excellent	KM

188	Correspondence File	
	<p>The Correspondence File was unavailable as the Clerk had become indisposed this evening.</p> <p>Cllr Foden asked for permission to approach a younger person as potential trustee of the Anne Whitaker trust as one of the trustees has resigned and it is the PPC which nominates trustees. In principle this was agreed and the person's name will be brought to the PPC meeting in January for approval</p>	DF
	Meeting closed at 10.45pm	