

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015 AT 7.30PM**

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

Cllr Dicken welcomed Cllr Kennedy to the Council.

Item	Action
<b>177. Apologies for absence</b>	
Councillor Podmore, Borough Cllr Findlow	
<b>178. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b>	
Cllr Burns proposed that the minutes of the 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2015 be approved. Cllr Musgrove seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i>	
<b>179. Declarations of Interest</b>	
Cllr Dicken declared in interest in the King's School item 187.	
<b>180. Public Participation</b>	
Maurice Ireland gave an outline of his previous membership of Prestbury Parish Council and his past chairmanship of the Finance and General Purpose Committee. He reported that he had been hearing "wild rumours" around the village concerning the toilet block site. He pointed out that the precept had been put up in 2012 to allow for the Parish Council taking over two devolved services from Cheshire East Council – the provision of Christmas lights and the provision of the public toilet block. CEC had indicated that a figure of circa £11,000 pa would be the cost of running the toilet block. Due to unforeseen problems/ legal wrangling the toilet block site was not taken over until 2015 and the precept money must have built up during that time and there should be enough surplus money to keep the toilet block open for now. Cllr Foden stated that when the precept was raised in 2012 the cost of running the toilet block were estimated and it did not cover the real cost. Cllr Dicken explained that, since the precept had been put up, the Council had taken on other projects and he reported that the toilet block will be closed for the time being because the cost of maintenance was not considered good use of public money. However, that may not be the permanent state of affairs. Norman Ridley also attended the meeting and stated that he was shocked to hear that the toilet block would be closed and had heard that the building would be demolished and a car park placed on that site. He maintained that the usage was higher than that recorded a few years ago by the Plan for Prestbury survey and said he did not agree with the proposal. Ray Bradbury also attended the meeting and asked if the building is to be demolished what is the alternative? He understood that 'canvassing' had been going on with local businesses to see if they might be prepared to offer the use of their toilet facilities. There is a lot of misinformation about the site within the village. Cllr Martin stated that all the points raised were valid points concerning communication and he reiterated that no decision had been made concerning the site. The lack of information will hopefully be resolved with the issue of the newsletter later the same week.	
<b>181. Clerk's Report</b>	
The Clerk's report was noted.	

<b>182.</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment</b>	<b>APPENDIX A</b>
	<p>Cllr Foden proposed that the accounts for December be approved for payment  Cllr Kennedy seconded the proposal  All were in favour  <b>Resolved: That the accounts for December should be sanctioned for payment.</b></p>	
<b>183.</b>	<b>Planning Reports for 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
	The Planning reports were noted	
<b>184.</b>	<b>To receive a report from the Finance &amp; General Purpose Committee</b>	
	<p>Cllr Leather produced the budget sheet for 2016/2017 and went through all items listed on the sheet. A discussion was held concerning what projects were required in the future.  Cllr Leather proposed that the precept request for 2016/2017 should be set at £66,476  Cllr Foden seconded the proposal  All in favour  <b>Resolved: that a precept request would be made in the sum of £66,476</b></p> <p>Cllr Leather also stated that an invoice would be needed for all payments. Cllr Musgrove requested that all councillors are made aware of the process for payments.</p>	
<b>185.</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 reported that there had been some flooding on the Springfield car park. Also, the sets outside the old post office had become unstable. She requested that if anybody witnesses gardeners blowing leaves onto the road could they request them to stop as it was causing the road surface to become dangerous.</p> <p><b>iii. Police Report</b>  Cllr Dicken reported that the Speed Indicator Device was now back in the village.</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 reported that the latest newsletter was in its final stages. She formally resigned from being the newsletter editor as from the end of that week. The councillors thanked her for all her hard work on the newsletters.</p>	
<b>186.</b>	<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>	
	Cllr Burns reported that the Inspector who was adjudicating on the Local Plan was hoping to issue his report on the proposed modifications in mid December. Adrian Fisher was forging ahead with further work on the Local Plan on the assumption that the inspector would give the go-ahead to the resumption of the examination in public proper. The Cheshire East annual conference held for Town and Parish Councils was due to be held on the 10 <sup>th</sup> December and she would be attending. (All Councillors had received an invitation).	
<b>187.</b>	<b>King's School relocation to Prestbury and the Rugby Club developments</b>	
	<p><b>Cllr Musgrove took the chair.</b>  Mrs A Currie and Ms. Wendy Coyne from Alderley Road attended the meeting concerning the King's School. Cllr Musgrove proposed that a public meeting be held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall. Dr Simon Hyde and Jeremy Hinds would be attending to answer pre-submitted questions. All questions must be submitted to the Clerk prior to 12 noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016.  Cllr Foden seconded the proposal  <b>Resolved: a public meeting will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.00pm at The Village Hall.</b></p>	

	<p><b><i>Dr Simon Hyde and Jeremy Hinds would be attending to answer pre-submitted questions. All questions must be submitted to the Clerk prior to 12 noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016.</i></b></p> <p>The Parish Council meeting due to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> January will also be held at the Village Hall at 7pm when the King's School planning application will be addressed. The official closing date for comments to CEC was January 7<sup>th</sup> 2016, but the P.C. had been given up to two further weeks to make their submission if they wished to take advantage of that extension.</p> <p>The P.C. newsletter would be circulated to residents by the weekend. It included basic information gleaned from the planning applications to assist the public. However, there was no news to report about the Rugby Club planning application. It was known that this had been handed to CEC but it had not been registered at that point.</p>	
<b>188.</b>	<b>Development Project Progress</b>	
	<p><b>Cllr Dicken resumed the chair.</b></p> <p><b><i>i(a). Tourism (external)</i></b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b><i>i(b). Tourism (internal)</i></b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b><i>I(c) Village appearance and Community Pride</i></b> Cllr Jackson reported that she had completed some weeding around the village.</p> <p><b><i>ii. Make best use of toilet block site</i></b> Cllr Podmore had issued a report prior to the meeting. Cllr Martin and Cllr Podmore were due to meet with CEC to discuss options concerning the site to obtain as much information as they could prior to a public consultation. They would be accompanied by Cllr Findlow.</p> <p><b><i>iii. Access and use of Parrott's Field.</i></b> Cllr Martin reported that he had arranged to meet with Richard Christopherson, CEC and a representative from the Assets Department but that meeting had been postponed until 9<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><b><i>iv. Working together</i></b> Cllr Saint reported that she had had a meeting at the Priest House with Carol Hamilton and representatives from the library to ascertain whether it was possible to move the library to the Priest House but it was concluded that it was not feasible. She is due to meet again in January with Carol Hamilton. She had attended the opening of the church extension and was made very welcome and she was very impressed with the standard of the rooms.</p> <p>Cllr Dicken reported that the Tennis Club had published their plans which includes the same facilities as would be available at the Youth Club and he was trying to get the two groups to meet and discuss this.</p> <p><b><i>v. Event Management</i></b> Cllr Leather reported that she had come across some stumbling blocks with contact with the local businesses and would like to have more direct contact with the businesses.</p> <p>Cllr Miles reported that it was important to complete a review of this year's Christmas Street Party and feed back to the Council in February. She also requested feedback from all councillors.</p> <p><b><i>vi. PR Publicity and Social Media</i></b> Cllr Martin reported that he is being inundated with requests for more information about the toilet block site.</p>	
<b>189.</b>	<b>To discuss the dates that Parish Council meetings are held</b>	
	<p>This topic was no longer required.</p> <p>Cllr Musgrove reported that the January meeting would start at 7.00pm</p>	
<b>190.</b>	<b>To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon</b>	
	None	

**Chairman**