

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30PM**

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

Item	Action
16. Apologies for absence	
Cllr T Bailey, Cllr L Saint	
17. To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January	
Cllr Podmore proposed that the minutes of the 13 th January 2015 be approved. Cllr Miles seconded the proposal All approved <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 13th January 2015 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i>	
18. Declarations of Interest	
None	
19. To approve the co-option of an applicant to the Council	
Cllr Musgrove proposed that John Martin be appointed to Prestbury Parish Council Cllr Jackson seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: that John Martin be appointed to Prestbury Parish Council</i>	
20. Public Participation	
Sian Reading, Vice Chairman of Prestbury Tennis Club attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on their plans. She reported that they hoped to re-build the clubhouse within the next three years. The new clubhouse would be no bigger than the current one, it would just be a different shape. They would like this clubhouse to be used by the community but not to the detriment of the Tennis Club. They want everybody to know that they are approachable and would welcome wider use of their facilities by the community. Once they have outline plans she will show them to the Council. The Chairman thanked the Tennis Club for keeping in contact with the Council and encouraged them to work closely with other organisations seeking premises. Carol Hamilton also attended the meeting. He reported that John Griffiths, a Macclesfield-based physiotherapist who had written to the Parish Council, had been intending to attend the meeting but had decided not to. Mr. Hamilton asked that Mr. Griffiths be sent a formal reply to his request for car parking on the toilet block site. Cllr Burns agreed to produce a letter from the Working Party that was set up at the last Council meeting to address this topic.	LB
21. Clerks Report	
The written Clerk's report was noted. In addition, the Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call that day from ANSA who had been told that Cheshire East no longer owned the toilet block site. The Clerk had responded that this could not be the case because the Parish Council had not received any documentation to sign off. Consequently, ANSA said they would continue to maintain it for the time being. The Clerk had attempted to contact the Council's solicitor before the Parish Council meeting but she had not been successful.	

22.	Accounts for Payment	APPENDIX A	
	<p>Cllr Musgrove proposed that the accounts for February should be sanctioned for payment Cllr Foden seconded the proposal All were in favour Resolved: That the Accounts for February should be sanctioned for payment.</p>		
23.	Planning Reports for 10th December		
	<p>The Planning reports were noted. Cllr Jackson reported that a strong objection had been lodged by the Planning Committee to 8 Park House Lane.</p>		
24.	Reports		
	<p>i. Maintenance and Safety Nothing to report</p> <p>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety Cllr Leather asked for proposals for minor work schemes that she could bid for at the Poynton LAP highways sub group meeting. She will put forward the extension of the double yellow lines on Bridge Green. It was suggested that extra car parking spaces on the Shirleys car park be put forward. This had been promised by CEC previously when the contractor's portacabins were placed on the Shirleys car park without consultation. This had never been completed along with the monies that were promised. Borough Cllr Findlow said he would follow this up. Cllr Leather also reported that when Chelford Road was re-surfaced there was a part of the road that had not been re-surfaced right to the edge and this was causing problems with cars swerving to the middle of the road to avoid the area which is breaking up. Borough Cllr Findlow reported that the pedestrian route from the Shirleys car park to the village is being tarmacked at the expense of the residents.</p> <p>iii. Police Report Cllr Dicken reported that the SID is continuing to be rotated around the access roads to the village and a further meeting to discuss issues with the Police was arranged for the following month.</p> <p>iv. Environment Issues Nothing to report</p> <p>v. Footpaths Nothing to report.</p> <p>vi. Newsletter Cllr Burns suggested that, as the next critical stage of the Local Plan was expected at the end of March and there would be new information to disseminate about it, this would fit in with the next newsletter being issued around Easter time (it might be just after). She asked that all articles for that issue be sent to her by the end of March.</p> <p>vii. Community Pride Nothing to report</p>	PF	AN/AD
25.	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 Cllr Musgrove had represented the Parish Council at the Local Plan technical workshops on January 23rd. Initially, Cheshire East had asked for feedback by 5pm on the day of the workshops. Cllr Burns, who was participating in a different capacity, had complained about this and participants were then given a few days to reply. Work on the Local Plan is pressing on and the stakeholders will be called together again at a future date. The new proposals for the Local Plan will have to be lodged with the inspector within six months of the 15th December, which was the date he formally suspended the examination in public. Cllr. Burns also raised the issue of CEC charging for initial discussions about potential future planning applications. She could see why this would be the case for commercial proposals but felt it was inappropriate for a small Parish Council which was envisaging a possible modest-size community facility to be subject to charges. She will be meeting with a planner on the following Thursday in order to understand from him what might be possible on the toilet block and what might not and she had requested that representatives from Highways and the Conversation Officer should also be present.</p>		

	<p>However, she had been told that it would cost £1,000 for such a meeting. She felt this was unreasonable as anything the Parish Council might come forward with would not be a commercial enterprise.</p> <p>Cllr Burns also mentioned that Macclesfield Town, which was soon to be parished, would have an initial precept of £575,000. She had managed to obtain a list of Parish & Town Council precepts across Cheshire East. This demonstrated that Prestbury had a very low precept compared to other Local Service Centres which had either a similar size population or a smaller one. The Chairman noted that in view of increasing demands on us to provide services, and our aspirations to develop the village, we should be considering a future increase in our precept.</p>	
26.	To receive progress on the Children’s playground and developing proposals for a Scout Hut	
	<p>Cllr Miles reported that she was not happy with the levelling of the playground and is waiting for the contractors to return and make it right. Security fencing had been placed around the play area to stop anybody using the playground and this will have to remain in place 6-8 weeks after the flooring is re-laid. This will mean that the playground will not be open until April/May.</p>	
27.	To receive an update on the progress with the transfer of the Toilet Block	
	<p>Following discussion it was agreed that previous costings for the day-to-day running of the toilet block as it existed currently needed to be re-examined urgently, and Cllr Podmore agreed to look at the costings.</p>	KP
28.	To discuss holding a Summer Street Party	
	<p>Cllr Miles reported that the businesses were in favour of a summer party. Cllr Musgrove reported that Cllr Bayley was liaising with the businesses and also looking for sponsors. It was “work in progress”. The next job was to hold a meeting with the local traders.</p> <p>Cllr Leather reported that she had been looking at fitting some outdoor electrical sockets in the village. There were three options. 1/ Lockable electrical cabinets supplied by United Utilities 2/ Approach CEC to gain permission to have sockets within their lamp posts 3/ Buy/Hire mobile generators. Following discussion it was agreed that the lamp post option would be the preferred one and Cllr Leather agreed to ask at the LAP highways meeting on the following day if this could be covered within their budget for minor highways improvements (street lighting being part of highways).</p>	
29.	To discuss receive a report on the Xmas Party	
	<p>Cllr Miles reported that Traffic Direct had offered £100 + VAT reduction in their bill following our dissatisfaction with the service they rendered at the Christmas street party. Following discussion it was agreed to accept this offer but that a formal complaint would be sent: Cllr Miles agreed to draft that complaint.</p> <p>Cllr Miles proposed that the Traffic Direct bill be paid minus £100 + VAT</p> <p>Cllr Podmore seconded the proposal</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p>Resolved: the Traffic Direct bill would be paid minus £100 + VAT</p> <p>Cllr Miles also reported that the Xmas Party account was within budget and she would bring the accounts to the meeting in March.</p>	KM
30.	To approve a request to obtain legal assistance from NALC	
	<p>Cllr Burns explained that the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) employed three solicitors and she would like to ask for some legal advice on the ownership of the toilet block. The system that was in place required the Parish Council to agree this course of action before Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) would put the request to NALC on our behalf.</p> <p>Cllr Burns proposed that we request legal advice from the solicitors at NALC</p> <p>Cllr Miles seconded the proposal.</p> <p>Proposed that a request for legal advice from NALC be sent to ChALC.</p>	KM

31.	To discuss the future use of Parrott's Field	
	Cllr Musgrove stated that we need to make Parrott's Field more attractive for residents and available for use for village events. Cllr Miles said she thought the hedge needed to be lower and Cllr Leather reported that CEC had said that if they cut it down any further it would kill the hedge. Cllr Dicken requested that a Working Party be formed to look at how to further improve Parrott's Field. Cllr Miles said that this could be included with the Summer Party Group. Carol Hamilton also offered to help. Feedback would be brought to the March meeting.	
32.	To discuss recruiting volunteers	
	Cllr Musgrove reported that she had some volunteers who litter pick. She had spoken to them and they had stated that they would like to meet up with other volunteers to discuss improving the village over a cup of tea. The Council supported this idea as an opportunity to thank all the volunteers for all their work. Cllrs Musgrove, Dicken, Leather and Miles agreed to arrange this.	CM
33.	To receive an update on the Council's Development Project Plans arising from April 2014 special meeting	
	Cllr Dicken produced a list of the plans as agreed at the meeting in April 2014. This list was updated and will be circulated before the next meeting.	
34.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	<p>A letter had been sent from the Chairman to CEC concerning the S106 payment from the Ford House development. The letter had been acknowledged but no further reply had been received. It was known that this would take up to two years to be finalised.</p> <p>An e-mail had been received concerning a Government consultation on capping Parish Council precepts. Cllr Burns reported that it was the behaviour of some of the larger town councils which appeared to have prompted this. However, NALC had objected to the suggestion very strongly and the Chairman will send a letter supporting the objection.</p> <p>An e-mail had been received complaining about the railway station lighting. Cllr Leather reported that she is working on this and is waiting to hear back from Northern Rail.</p>	

Chairman