

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.30PM**

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

**Also present:** Borough Cllr P Findlow

Item	Action
<b>139. Apologies for absence</b>	
Cllr S Turner.	
<b>140. To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014</b>	
Cllr Musgrove proposed that the minutes of the 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 be approved. Cllr Miles seconded the proposal All in favour <b><i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i></b>	
<b>141. Declarations of Interest</b>	
None	
<b>142. Public Participation</b>	
None	
<b>143. Clerks Report</b>	
The Clerk's report was noted.	
<b>144. Accounts for Payment</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>APPENDIX A</b></span>	
Cllr Ireland requested that the payment should be deleted for Greg Quick from the Accounts for Payment and discussed separately. He also explained that the car park lining had been completed at the Tennis Club but had received a subsequent request for hatching on the old scout hut land which could not be done but extra arrows were placed to attempt to direct people away from parking on that land. An invoice had been received for £519.00 + VAT and he requested this to be included. Cllr Ireland proposed that this amount for lining of the Tennis Club car park be paid Cllr Foden seconded the proposal All in favour <b><i>Resolved: That the sum of £519.00 + VAT be paid for the lining of the Tennis Club car park</i></b>  Following further discussion about the Xmas lights and Greg Quick payment (see para 152) Cllr Hawkins proposed that the accounts for February should be sanctioned for payment Cllr Miles seconded the proposal 9 in favour. 2 against. <b><i>Resolved: That the Accounts for February should be sanctioned for payment.</i></b>	
<b>145. Planning Reports for 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014</b>	
The Planning reports were noted.	

147.	<b>Reports</b>	
	<p><b>i. Maintenance and Safety</b> Cllr Foden reported that he and the Chairman had had a meeting with the CEC playground inspector concerning his report on the playground and the problems had now been solved. He had looked at the fence which was letting the cows onto the football field and confirmed that it did need some attention and Cllr Jackson agreed to speak to the farmer.</p> <p><b>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</b> Cllr Jackson stated that she had received complaints about the cones outside the church for access by workmen were stopping people from parking. Cllr Hawkins agreed to speak to the church. Borough Cllr Findlow reported that the footpaths on Legh Road were to be improved and he had been assured by CEC that the work would be completed imminently.</p> <p><b>iii. Police Report</b> Sgt Charlie Taylor attended this meeting to introduce himself as the Sergeant who covers the Prestbury area. He stated that he is interested in building a relationship with the council and getting to know what we want/need from the Police within Prestbury. He would attend meetings quarterly to update the council on current issues. Following discussion it was agreed that speeding is the largest problem within Prestbury.</p> <p><b>iv. Environment Issues</b> Cllr Dicken reported that there had been a meeting held concerning the flooding in Pearl Street with residents and agencies. He also reported that the gulleys on New Road had been cleared and there seemed to be an improvement.</p> <p><b>v. Footpaths</b> A letter had been received from Norman Ridley requesting £500 donation for a group of volunteers who are working to maintain/improve the footpaths. Following discussion Cllr Hawkins proposed that we donate £500 to the group of volunteers who will be dealing with the problems on the footpaths within the area. Cllr Ireland seconded the proposal. All in favour. <b>Resolved: that £500 would be donated to a group of volunteers who will be dealing with problems with the footpaths within the area.</b></p> <p><b>vi. Newsletter</b> Cllr Burns reported that from a fortnight from that evening she would close off the admissions for the next newsletter. Hopefully that newsletter would go out in March.</p> <p><b>vii. Community Pride</b> Nothing to report.</p>	<p>TJ</p> <p>DH</p>
148.	<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>	
	<p>At the Parish Council's request, Councillor Findlow gave an update on the SEMMMS Poynton Relief Road. He explained that the planning for the road was progressing in two phases. In phase one all key stakeholders (inc. the Parish Council) would be engaged on a discussion about routes (there were two principle options) - during April and May - and there would be a broader transportation study in phase two. He promised that Prestbury Parish Council would receive the same briefings he did on the road.</p> <p>Cllr. Findlow revealed that meetings about the road had taken place, at their request, between two residents of Butley Town, the M.P. and himself. No Local Authority officers were present and no minutes were taken of those meetings. He referred the Parish Council to pages 95 and 96 of the November Cabinet agenda for the names of the officers who were on the core team for the project and he handed to the Clerk a copy of a Local Transport Board paper relating to the road for circulation to the Councillors. The Poynton Relief Road was a priority for the Council, he said, but not the priority.</p>	
149.	<b>To discuss holding a Prestbury Firework display</b>	
	<p>Cllr Stott reported that the Gawsworth Scouts had held a firework display to raise funds for a new Scout Hut. It had been very successful and they had raised a lot of money. He asked whether Prestbury could hold a similar function and the Scouts would arrange the event. Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council was supportive of this idea in principle.</p>	

<b>150.</b>	<b>To receive an update on the progress with the transfer of the Toilet Block</b>	
	<p>The Clerk had distributed the draft contract prior to the meeting and following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would go back to the solicitor and ask for overage period to be reduced from 15 years to 5 years.</p> <p>The Clerk also reported that the current cleaner at the toilets had contacted her offering to continue this service following the transfer. It was agreed that this was a good idea and they would make contact with her when the transfer was completed.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>151.</b>	<b>To receive progress on the Children's playground and developing proposals for a Scout Hut</b>	
	<p>Cllr Miles reported that they were at the stage of looking at obtaining funds. There were sixteen agencies that she was writing to. She had written an article for the Macclesfield Express and Prestbury Living. There was to be a fund raiser event on the 20<sup>th</sup> March at the Tytherington Club which would be run by the Action Committee. She would like the work to commence in April/May but she cannot ask contractors to start the work before they have the full amount. She asked whether the Parish Council could underwrite the outstanding balance? Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council could not do this as they were already paying for half of the playground.</p> <p>Cllr Jackson reported that she had arranged to meet with the planners on the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb to discuss the Scout Hut.</p>	
<b>152</b>	<b>To discuss the Xmas lights for 2013 &amp; 2014</b>	
	<p>Cllr Ireland reported that the Christmas lights had not been erected as instructed and the contractor had been misleading, deceiving and incompetent. He and Councillor Leather objected to the final payment made and the way it had been made to the contractor because they consider it to have contravened the directives stipulated under the provisions of the Accounts and Audit Regulations. The Chairman explained the process and reasoning by which the final payment had been made. Following a long and detailed discussion the Council agreed to move on from the present position: it was the wish of the majority of councillors that we learn from this unfortunate episode and move on together.</p> <p>2014 lights will be discussed next time.</p>	
<b>153.</b>	<b>To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon</b>	
	<p>Letter from Mr Kershaw was discussed and possible ways to solve the problem on the Bridge Green/Valley footpath were discussed and it was concluded that the Rights of Way department would be contacted.</p> <p>Cllr Bill Livesey had written in requesting a letter of support from the Council for the Cricket Club to apply for a WREN grant to improve their facilities at the pavilion.</p> <p>The Council understood that the lease was due to finish and the land owner would not be renewing the lease. Cllr Jackson agreed to speak to Cllr Livesey.</p> <p>Cllr Findlow reported that the work on the railway bridge was due to finish at the end of March and they had agreed that at peak times the lights would be worked manually.</p>	<b>TJ</b>

