

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 10TH JANUARY, 2017 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors: A Dicken (Chairman), L Burns, G Clewley, D Foden, T Jackson, M Leather, J Martin, K Miles, K Podmore, D Stanley.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Stanley onto the council

Item	Action
1. Apologies for absence	
Cllrs V Herbert, L Saint, Borough Cllr Findlow	
2. Declarations of Interest	
None	
3. Public Participation	
None	
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December	
Cllr Leather requested some minor amendments Cllr Miles proposed that the minutes of the 8 th November be approved following the amendments Cllr Foden seconded the proposal All in favour Resolved: That the minutes of the 13th December, 2016 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman following the amendments. Cllr Jackson reported that the Amenity Society had given permission for the Prestbury sign at Parrott's Field to be re-located.	
5. Clerk's Report	
The Clerk's report was noted. The Clerk was asked to contact Trading Standards with a view to a presentation on Doorstep Crime at the Annual Parish Meeting	Clerk
6. Accounts for Payment APPENDIX A	
Cllr Leather proposed that Jacklyn Muldoon be paid £192 and not £240 as she had purchased lights of ten strings as they were only sold in tens but the lights that went missing were eight strings Cllr Martin proposed that the full amount of £240 be paid Cllr Miles seconded the proposal 5 for, 3 against. Resolved: that Jacklyn Muldoon be paid the full amount of £240 as per invoice. Cllr Leather proposed that the accounts for January be approved for payment Cllr Podmore seconded the proposal. All were in favour Resolved: That the accounts for January should be sanctioned for payment.	
7. To consider purchasing further office equipment	
Cllr Miles produced three quotes for a new desktop computer for use by the Clerk. Cllr Miles proposed that a new PC be purchased up to the cost of £800 excluding VAT Cllr Clewley seconded the proposal	

	6 votes for, 3 abstentions Resolved: that a desktop computer be purchased for the Clerk up to the cost of £800 excluding VAT	
8.	To receive a report from the Finance & General Purposes Committee	
	Cllr Leather produced the proposed budget for 2017/18. Following discussion Cllr Podmore proposed that the Precept request for 2017/18 would be for £72,150 Cllr Foden seconded the proposal All in favour Resolved: that the Precept request for 2017/18 would be for the sum of £72,150	

9.	Planning Reports	
	There had been no planning meetings since Christmas. The next meeting would be held the following day.	
10.	Reports	
	<p>i. Maintenance and Safety Nothing to report</p> <p>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety Cllr Leather informed the meeting that she had reported the broken mains outside Rose Cottage. She had requested an investigation of the drains outside Streamside. Cllr Burns requested that when Cllr Leather completed the Highways Service survey she mark all questions re: Air Quality as “unsatisfactory” as no information had ever been passed to the Parish Council</p> <p>iii. Police Report Cllr Dicken reported that the Police report had only been received late that afternoon but very little had happened within the previous month. The Police were due to hold a surgery at Henry’s on 23rd January at 3pm. Cllr Martin requested that the Police attend at 2.45pm so that they could attend the school and witness the traffic chaos. Cllr Dicken agreed to request this. He also reported that one volunteer had now stopped assisting with the movement of the SID’s and he stated that there was a desperate need for another volunteer</p> <p>iv. Environment Issues Nothing to report</p> <p>v. Footpaths Nothing to report</p> <p>vi. Newsletter Nothing to report</p>	Cllr Dicken
11.	To receive reports concerning Cheshire East Council (CEC) issues including the Poynton Area Community Partnership, Local Service Delivery and Devolved Services & to report on Greater Manchester Planning matters	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that the Local Plan Inspector had produced an interim report which supported some key policies that Prestbury Parish Council had opposed. However, he had not supported the CEC approach to windfall sites which he felt should be taken into account. He rejected the idea of giving weight to the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (which includes Woodford Aerodrome and the surrounding area) because it was only a draft plan.</p> <p>One of these issues were not including windfall sites. He had also not included the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework which included the Woodford Aerodrome.</p> <p>She had attended the Strategic Planning Board meeting which discussed the Poynton Relief Road. She spoke for her allocated five minutes and it was approved by the majority, two voted against. It was approved with a Liaison Committee which would have detailed discussions with Parish Councils which we must attend.</p>	

12.	Development Project Progress	
	<p><i>i(a). Tourism (external)</i> Nothing to report</p> <p><i>i(b). Tourism (internal)</i> Nothing to report</p> <p><i>i(c) Village appearance and Community Pride</i> Cllr Jackson reported that she had ordered the plugs ready for planting in the flower tubs</p> <p><i>ii. Make best use of toilet block site</i> Cllr Podmore reported that the order had gone to the Architects (BTP). Cllr Podmore had met with Virgin and Cllr Martin was chasing them for the accurate costs involved in moving the telecommunications box</p> <p><i>iii. Access and use of Parrott's Field.</i> Cllr Martin reported that the Purchase Orders had been sent for the entrance gate and an application for the tree works had also been completed</p> <p><i>iv. Working together</i> Cllr Miles suggested if any volunteers were required it is fed through Cllr Herbert</p> <p><i>v. Event Management</i> Cllr Miles was arranging the inaugural meeting of the Events Working Party when the core strategy for a Summer event would be discussed and also the businesses sharing the financial costs of the Christmas Party.</p> <p><i>vi. PR Publicity and Social Media</i> Cllr Martin reported that there had been a large increase in users over the Christmas period.</p>	
13.	To discuss producing a Neighbourhood Plan	
	<p>Cllr Miles stated that she would support the making of a Neighbourhood Plan as she felt that Prestbury would be vulnerable without one.</p> <p>Cllr Martin had strong reservations as he did not think that the Parish Council currently has access to the manpower for the workload.</p> <p>Cllr Foden felt that it would be similar to the Village Design Statement which was a lot of work with not a lot of benefit.</p> <p>Cllr Jackson was in favour of producing Neighbourhood plan because of the protection it would offer.</p> <p>Cllr Burns explained that if you are a community within an authority which does not have a Local Plan where there were no areas with special designations to protect them and where there were sites in need of redevelopment, then making a Neighbourhood Plan was a good idea. The problem with Prestbury is that there are no Brownfield sites to point to for building. Until now the greenbelt has protected Prestbury. Cheshire East Council have not yet said how many houses will be within Prestbury. Neighbourhood Plans are there to show where housing could be built over and above the Local Plan figures.</p> <p>Cllr Miles queried are we not leaving ourselves vulnerable by not having a Neighbourhood Plan?</p> <p>Cllr Dicken agreed that we have not enough resources to complete a Plan, but supported the view that an NP would help protect the parish against overdevelopment and record the principles and details in our VDS.</p> <p>There was further discussion for and against the making of a Plan. It was concluded that the Clerk would ask Tom Evans, CEC, to speak about Neighbourhood Plans at the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
14.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	Cllr Dicken reported that he had checked the fencing around the Playing Field and it was secure.	

Chairman