

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON 12th JANUARY 2016 AT 7.00PM**

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

Also present: Borough Cllr Paul Findlow

Item	Action
1. Apologies for absence	
None	
2. Declarations of Interest	
Cllr Dicken declared in interest in the King's School item 5 and 11.	
3. Public Participation	
Jonathan Spencer Pickup attended the meeting on behalf of the King's School and wished to speak about the proposed minibus service. He said that the school would like to work with the Parish Council on the provision of the new dedicated service that would operate through Prestbury if the school development went ahead. A travel plan had been produced and the service would be re-routed according to where the students lived. There would be two services from Macclesfield train station, one would go through Tytherington, then through Prestbury and would pick up at Prestbury train station, the second service would travel through Macclesfield and through Fallibroome. Dr Hyde also spoke to thank the Chairman and the Parish Council for giving the school the opportunity to present their application. They both re-iterated that it is vital that where the children are picked up and dropped off is safe and secure.	
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2015	
Cllr Miles proposed that the minutes of the 8th December 2015 be approved. Cllr Leather seconded the proposal All in favour Resolved: That the minutes of the 8th December, 2015 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.	
5. To consider the planning application for the King's School	
<i>Cllr Musgrove took the Chair and Cllr Dicken left the room for the item</i> 15/4286M King's School Pavilion, Alderley Road Construction of new school comprising classrooms, libraries and supporting facilities together with additional playing fields and various associated outbuildings, infrastructure, car parking and access. PC comment: Councillors discussed the application and voted it on it:- Prestbury Parish Council considered the full planning application by King's School (ref. 15/4286M) at its January meeting and voted by a majority to object to it. The new school campus that is proposed would be entirely within Prestbury Parish and entirely on Green Belt land that adjoins an Area of Special County Value. The reasons for our objection are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not apparent that sufficient effort was put into finding alternative (more sustainable) sites that satisfied the school's desire to have one campus 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application is in contravention of the five Green Belt purposes. The school has explained its business case to us but the majority of Councillors were not convinced that this constituted special or exceptional circumstances • Not only is this site Green Belt, but – according to the Green Belt Review carried out by Arup consultants for Cheshire East Council as part of the Local Plan process – it makes a ‘major contribution’ to Green Belt purposes (ref document PSE034A, Green Belt Assessment Update Further Annex Parcels, on the examination website) • The land is all good quality farm land, ie. ‘best and most versatile’ • The development would result in the loss of mature trees and hedgerows • A significant proportion of the land would become hard surfacing either for buildings or internal roads, parking, assembly areas, hard surface playing areas or paved footpaths and this would be immediately above the Bollin Valley flood plain • Whilst the King’s School has proposed improvements to the Four Lane Ends junction, these appear insufficient in view of the present traffic issues around the Four Lane Ends junction. Several Councillors (and many members of the public) have expressed concern that these and traffic issues elsewhere would be exacerbated, despite the traffic assessment and the travel plan. Particular concern was expressed about the junction of New Road and Butley Lanes where it is proposed there would be a pick-up and drop-off point for a mini bus. (That said, the school has recognised it has more work to do on its travel plan and has offered to work with us if the plan is approved) • The application is in contravention of the following Macclesfield Local Plan policies: GC1, GC3, GTC4 and GC13 and PRE 07, 08, 09 and 10. 	
6.	Clerk’s Report	
	<i>Cllr Dicken resumed the Chair</i> The Clerk’s report was noted.	
7.	Accounts for Payment	APPENDIX A
	Cllr Podmore proposed that the accounts for January be approved for payment Cllr Musgrove seconded the proposal All were in favour Resolved: That the accounts for January should be sanctioned for payment.	
8.	Planning Reports for 9th December	
	The Planning reports were noted	
9.	Reports	
	<p><i>i. Maintenance and Safety</i> Nothing to report.</p> <p><i>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</i> Cllr Leather reported that the unstable sets outside the Co-op have been reported to Highways. Cllr Jackson recommended that it should also be reported to United Utilities as water is coming out of the ground pushing the sets out.</p> <p><i>iii. Police Report</i> PC Gary Thurgoland attended the meeting to report on incidents over Christmas and New Year. There had been a spate of burglaries. Vehicles are being stolen following breaking into a property. Somebody had been arrested the previous night following a burglary at the Tennis Club. An Operation entitled “Blue Christmas” which involved high visibility in villages. This had resulted in a massive decrease of incidents. A Driver Engagement Day was planned and would be held at the Golf Club.</p> <p><i>iv. Environment Issues</i> Nothing to report</p> <p><i>v. Footpaths</i></p>	

	Nothing to report <i>vi. Newsletter</i> Nothing to report	
10.	To receive reports concerning Cheshire East Council (CEC) issues including the Poynton Area Community Partnership, Local Service Delivery and Devolved Services	
	Cllr Burns reported that we are currently waiting for consultation on the modifications to the Local Plan. Cllr Leather reported that she had attended a Highways meeting and that the Traffic Regulation Orders for the double yellow lines on Broadwalk/Macclesfield Road had commenced.	
11.	King's School relocation to Prestbury and the Rugby Club developments	
	Cllr Musgrove took the chair. Borough Cllr Findlow reported that he had seen a pre-application for 70 houses on the Rugby Club site but had not seen any paperwork.	
12.	Development Project Progress	
	<p>Cllr Dicken resumed the chair.</p> <p><i>i(a). Tourism (external)</i> Nothing to report.</p> <p><i>i(b). Tourism (internal)</i> Nothing to report.</p> <p>I(c) Village appearance and Community Pride</p> <p>Cllr Jackson reported that the 20mph signs need re-painting and Cllr Leather agreed to report this. At the railway station the platforms have all been re-tarmaced but some plant pots have gone missing.</p> <p>ii. Make best use of toilet block site</p> <p>Cllr Podmore reported that Borough Cllr Findlow and himself had attended a meeting with CEC planners, David Malcolm and Rob Law on the 11th January to discuss the best use of the toilet block for the benefit of the community.</p> <p>He gave a brief explanation of why the PC was seeking the planners advise on the above subject, as that at the present time the amount of use the toilet block appeared to be experiencing did not justify the expenditure the Parish Council was currently making and that a decision had been made to close it at the end of February.</p> <p>He also explained that Cheshire East had indicated that they may wish to divest Parrots Field to the Parish Council at some future date and that the PC had discussed ways of opening up the area to make it more accessible for public use, with a long term view of making the entrance into the village from the east more attractive.</p> <p>He also explained that the uptake of the empty premises was now progressing and that hopefully this would create additional footfall in the village. This additional footfall, however, may not occur as parking still seemed to be a major concern for the business community and if possible should be addressed</p> <p>He then put forward five options which had previously been discussed by the PC as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demolition of the toilet block and a general upgrade of the site with a view to bringing it into the Parrots Field "Open Space Concept" 2. Refurbishment and reopening of the toilet block and a general upgrade of the site 3. Demolition of the toilet block and the construction of a civic building with multi use facilities and small car parking area 4. Refurbishment and reopening of the toilet block and the construction of an approx 15 space car park with associated landscaping 5. Demolition of the toilet block and the construction of an approx 26 space car par with associated landscaping <p>In general terms, subject to planning approval, the planners had no objections to any of the schemes. Their main concerns were that any development which did take place should take into account the location of the site within the conservation area and its impact on the listed buildings along New Road. In addition the planners would require, if the car park option were taken up, that a sympathetic</p>	

	<p>surfacing would be used and that a tree survey and arbocultural survey together with a full landscaping scheme would be required.</p> <p>We would also have to take into account any covenants that exist on the site, existing underground services and drainage and any flood risk</p> <p>In his opinion the next step forward should be for the PC to consider all five options, to establish which ones would be acceptable to the community and then to establish their costs and benefits. Once that process was complete the options should then put out for public consultation to the residents to take into account their views. Depending upon the outcome of that public consultation the PC could then move forward with a proposal that a least would have the support of the majority of the residents</p> <p>iii. Access and use of Parrott's Field.</p> <p>Cllr Martin reported that he could not get hold of the officer responsible at CEC. Borough Cllr Findlow agreed to contact him.</p> <p>iv. Working together</p> <p>Cllr Saint reported that she had tried to find out when the Priest House was going on the market. Cllr Dicken confirmed that he had contacted Nat West to find out.</p> <p>v. Event Management</p> <p>Cllr Miles reported that the Christmas Party had generally received positive comments but she still thought the event could be improved.</p> <p>vi. PR Publicity and Social Media</p> <p>Cllr Martin confirmed that responses to his posts were still increasing on Facebook and Twitter</p>	
13.	To discuss publication of Parish Council business	
	Following discussion it was agreed that un-approved minutes could not be publicised prior to them being approved at the following month's meeting.	
14.	To discuss events in the Summer and Christmas	
	Cllr Miles requested volunteers for the Christmas event 2016 as she would like to start planning this event in March/April and she agreed to continue Chairing this event. She thanked everybody for their help at the 2015 event. She would like to get the village used to holding village events and start a summer event. The Christmas event is not self-financing and the businesses should be contributing	
15.	To discuss the playground	
	No longer necessary to discuss	
16.	To receive a report on a meeting at Manchester Airport	
	<p>Cllr Leather attending a meeting at the Airport on the 7th December. There was a presentation concerning a possible consultation to change the flight plan for efficiency and costs reasons. She had requested further information but that had not been produced but the Airport were offering to meet with the Parish Council at the Airport or in Prestbury. Following discussion it was agreed that the meeting should go ahead at the Airport and also Mottram St Andrew PC would be asked whether they wished to attend as well.</p> <p>Cllr Leather agreed to obtain some dates to be circulated.</p>	ML
17.	To discuss the Youth Club lease	
	To be discussed at the February meeting	
18.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	Mr Jordan from Castlegate Mews requested assistance in obtaining a Preservation Order. Following discussion it was agreed that this was a matter that needed to be sorted out with the residents and there is nothing the Parish Council could do to assist.	

Chairman