

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESTBURY

9th January 2018 AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillors: L Burns, G Clewley, A Dicken, D Foden, V Herbert,
M Leather, J. Martin, K Miles, J Hallowell, T Jackson

Item	Action
189	
Meeting opened at 7.30pm	
Apologies for absence	
D. Stanley & K Podmore	
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Declarations of Interest	
n/a	
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Public Participation	
n/a	
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To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 th December 2017	
The minutes were agreed	
Proposed by Cllr Foden	
Seconded by Cllr Miles	
In favour 8; Against 0, Abstain 2	
193	
Clerk's Report	
The Clerk's report was noted.	
194	
Accounts for Payment and Financial Matters	
The accounts payable for the previous month were discussed –	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was requested more detail be included in the notes section, particularly if it relates to an individual Councillor's reimbursement• It was requested that Income be itemized to the same degree as expenditure so it can be more accurately traced and to increase the level of transparency• Cllr Leather questioned the Clerks mileage which contained a blank item and was informed that no charge was made due to the Clerk being in receipt of an identical sum in December when we had been unable to attend the meeting• The payment to Amberon was noted and approved as an amount "up to" given Cllr Miles ongoing dialogue with the supplier• The Payment to the Christmas Event band of £500 was a duplicate of a previous payment and was removed by the RFO.	

	Proposed by Cllr Miles Seconded by Cllr Dicken In favour 10; Against 0; Abstain 0	
195	Planning Committee 13th December 2017	
	A summary was provided and no questions were tabled	
196	Budget and Precept for 2018-9	
	<p>Cllr Leather requested an additional sum of £500 be added towards potentially funding an Air Quality Survey but it was deemed to be more prudent to fund this from reserves if the need arose.</p> <p>Cllr Martin then tabled the Precept 2018/19 for approval noting that the two changes requested at the December meeting had been made. Specifically, an increase to the amount allocated to employee expenses and the General Maintenance by £500 each. The Precept therefore totalled £73,355.00 which represents an increase of 1.67% over 2017/18.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Miles Seconded by Cllr Herbert In favour 7; Against 0; Abstain 3</p>	
197	To Agree Disposal of the Christmas Tree	
	Cllr Martin requested information on the planned disposal of the Village Christmas Tree and if it would be financially prudent to have it removed courtesy of the East Cheshire Hospice Tree Collection. Cllr Leather informed the Council that the removal was already agreed and paid for as part of the installation.	
198	2018 Centenary Year of the Vote for Women	
	Cllr Miles sought approval in principal for an article in the forthcoming Newsletter. This was broadly welcomed and Cllr Miles offered to share a draft at the February meeting	KM
199	Air Space Consultation	
	Cllr Leather reported to the Council that the consultation document had now been published. There was no mention of Manchester Airport, or indeed, any items of note that impact Prestbury, but the document does not set forth the procedures for how any future change to flights path will be consulted and decided upon.	
200	Evaluate the Priorities of the Parish Council	
	<p>Cllr Martin shared with the Council the notes from the Special Meeting held July 2015 at which the Parish Council decided upon their core priorities through 2020. Cllr Dicken provided an update against this of where we had made progress and of items that we could reasonably deem to be complete. It was agreed by the Council to revise the priorities as we are now at the midway point of the five year plan. The items it was agreed to focus on are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train Station • Parrott's Field • Digital Marketing • Completion on the Toilet Block site • Pride in Prestbury • Development of the Playing Field 	

	<p>Cllr Martin requested that each Councillor gives due thought and consideration as to the best way to further these items and to return with practical suggestions and measurable objectives at the March meeting.</p>	All
201	To discuss the proposed CEC Budget 2018-20 currently out for consultation	
	<p>Cllr Foden provided an update on Prestbury Library which is one of three libraries tabled for closure by Cheshire East. The Ann Whittaker Trust, of which Cllr Foden is also a Trustee, have been in dialogue with Cheshire East with a view to increasing the level of financial support currently provided. Cllr Burns requested details on the proposal but Cllr Foden did not feel in a position to provide at this time. It was agreed that the Parish Council would submit a written response objecting to the proposed closure of the Library.</p> <p>Cllr Leather also raised the matter of routine maintenance and warned against a possible reduction in service to Prestbury. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to support efficiency savings but would note their concern that these were genuine savings and not merely cuts by another name.</p>	JM
202	Update on Planning Application 17/2260M	
	<p>In the absence of Cllr Podmore, Cllr Martin provided an update on the application. A submission had been made to Cheshire East with regard the removal of the conditions attached to the planning application and it was hoped that we would be in receipt of a response prior to month end.</p> <p>Cllr Martin also reported that the project has been sent out to tender to six Civil Engineering firms. The closing date for the tender is midday 2nd February.</p>	
203	Update on Bollin Grove Car Park reconfiguration	
	<p>The recent construction of the Youth Hut has resulted in constricted access to the car park and this has had a detrimental impact on the flow of traffic. The Trustees of the Youth Hut have requested the car park be reconfigured and a number of residents have made separate complaints about the difficulty of parking and exiting.</p> <p>Cllr Martin has obtained quotes to remove the space in the middle section nearest to the Youth Hut at approx. £25 per meter plus travel. However, the job is so small that the most significant cost will be the travel therefore it was decided to wait a short while until there is greater clarity on 17/2260M which might allow for the work to be undertaken together resulting in a significant saving to the Parish Council.</p>	
204	Review the Christmas Event	
	<p>Cllr Miles reported back on the Christmas Event and provided an update on the Financials to indicate a final spend across both the Summer and Christmas Event of about £3.500 which is £500 over the £3,000 budget. These figures are not yet represented in the expenditure sheet due to some incorrect inputs and some income still yet to be banked. Cllr Miles reported that she would endeavour to provide the final accounts in February.</p> <p>Cllr Miles reported that all but three businesses who partook in the event had agreed to make a financial contribution to the running cost. The three who declined were largely offset by three other businesses who did not participate but who wanted to contribute to the community initiative.</p> <p>Cllr Miles reported back on the workload and it was agreed that the event would be unsustainable in its current form without an increase in human resources.</p> <p>Cllr Martin thanks Cllr Miles, and all those on the event Committee, for their hard work in</p>	

	<p>2017. He noted that the Christmas Event in 2016 cost the Parish Council approximately £3,300 and for the same amount we had been able to host both a Summer and Winter event in 2017. This came at a considerable time burden but it was hoped that this would be alleviated somewhat in 2018 to allow what many consider a real highlight of the year to continue.</p>	
205	Appoint a new Trustee to the Ann Whittaker Trust	
	<p>The Parish Council received a letter dated 4th December from the Ann Whittaker Trust requesting that Mr Paul Reynolds becomes a Trustee. Cllr Foden spoke on behalf of the Trust and it was agreed that Cllr Martin would write to the Trust to support the application.</p>	
206	To discuss Air Quality Monitoring	
	<p>Cllr Leather provided an update on potential cost, location and timeframe of any potential survey. While there is an academic interest in the exercise the question remained unanswered as to how the data should be used once obtained. Cllr Hallowell suggested that the exercise be subject to tender with interested parties making the case to the Council as to the specifics of the exercise (location etc.) given that they are the product experts and that we are not best placed to judge without guidance. Cllr Miles requested a costed proposal be presented at a future date to which Cllr Leather agreed.</p>	
207	Correspondence	
	<p>None.</p>	

The meeting concluded at 9:30pm.