

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016 AT 7.30PM**

**Present: Councillors:** A Dicken (Chairman), L Burns, D Foden, V Herbert, T Jackson, M Leather, K Miles, L Saint.

Item	Action
<b>98. Apologies for absence</b>	
Cllrs G Clewley, J Martin, K Podmore, Borough Cllr Findlow	
<b>99. Declarations of Interest</b>	
None	
<b>100. Public Participation</b>	
<p>Ms Jane Taylor attended the Parish Council Meeting and asked the following questions in relation to the survey on the toilet block site and its future use. They are summarised below as heard by, and with the replies from, the Chairman (<i>in italics below</i>).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I have three properties in Prestbury, one as my residence, two are for rent. I believe that I should be given more than one vote as I also run a business and I pay three precept contributions? <i>This is not a formal referendum governed by any rules: it is a parish sounding of opinion, managed by the PPC, to their rules which are open to the public. We have proposed one vote per resident on the electoral role plus one for each of the 30 businesses operating in the village as represented by the Business Forum. I regret that as an individual owning two rented houses you do not come within that definition and that I cannot therefore agree to your having a second vote.</i></li> <li>2. Our car parks are not always full as claimed by our Business Forum. I have made observations to show that there is plenty of space at times of each day. <i>We have our own and different observations: we agree that this varies from time to time. The PPC accepts the evidence from businesses and from the P4P survey (a) that there are frequent times when the large car parks are full, and (b) that a small short stay car park on the toilet site will encourage trade for local businesses and help to revive the north end of the village.</i></li> <li>3. Much space in our car parks is taken up by business staff. <i>We have no information to comment on this, but there are at present no restrictions on employee parking. This may be an issue we should follow up in future parking studies.</i></li> <li>4. Has the Chocolate Box voted after closing down? <i>I do not know: that business will get one vote and whether the current owner or the new owner casts that vote is not relevant as long as it is only one.</i></li> <li>5. Does the Business Forum really speak for all of our shop owners: they tell me that they are not concerned about parking. <i>We understand that the Business Forum has consulted all of the businesses which they represent, which is the majority of businesses operating in and around the village centre, and their expressed view is clearly to support the need for a car park.</i></li> <li>6. I hear that shops and restaurants are not likely to offer their toilet facilities to the public, and The Bridge Hotel has said that they will only allow customers to use them. <i>We have spoken to several village pubs and restaurants and five businesses have said that they will agree to public use of their toilets, the details of that offer have not yet been specified, and they have not been asked to confirm details until after the poll is done and a</i></li> </ol>	

	<p><i>decision is taken.</i></p> <p>7. The Bollin Way walkers use the Prestbury toilets and they are marked on the Bollin Way maps: <i>If the poll leads to a council decision to close the toilets, then we will inform the Bollin Valley Way authorities.</i></p> <p>8. I challenge the voting criteria (see above)</p> <p>9. This is a peaceful village, why does the PPC want to disrupt it by closing the public toilets and “selling them for 30 pieces of silver” <i>As we have explained, the view of the Council is that the cost of running the toilets, being a very large proportion of our precept income, is not justified by their level of usage.</i></p>	
<b>101.</b>	<b>To consider co-opting a new councillor</b>	
	<p>The Chairman reported that the Council had received an expression of interest in becoming a Parish Councillor from a resident who had resided in Prestbury for 35 years, had moved away and recently returned to the village. However, regulations dictate that individuals standing as Councillors had to be resident within the parish for the previous 12 months prior to making an application and therefore he was ineligible at present.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Mr M Ireland had shown interest in returning to the Council. The councillors requested that he formally write in with his application.</p>	
<b>102.</b>	<b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
	<p>Cllr Jackson and Cllr Dicken requested amendments to the draft minutes which were approved.</p> <p>Cllr Burns proposed that the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> June be approved.</p> <p>Cllr Herbert seconded the proposal</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p><b><i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i></b></p>	
<b>103.</b>	<b>Clerk’s Report</b>	
	<p>The Clerk’s report was noted. Cllr. Burns said that, when the Clerk was away in August, (for two separate periods), she would monitor the Council’s e-mails to ensure that nothing important was missed.</p>	
<b>104.</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment</b>	<b>APPENDIX A</b>
	<p>Cllr Burns suggested that the Council should consider renewing their membership of Marketing Cheshire d for the sum of £600 + VAT</p> <p>Cllr Saint proposed that the membership is renewed</p> <p>Cllr Miles seconded the proposal</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p><b><i>Resolved: that the membership for Marketing Cheshire was renewed for the sum of £600 + VAT</i></b></p> <p>Cllr Leather proposed that the accounts for June be approved for payment</p> <p>Cllr Saint seconded the proposal</p> <p>All were in favour</p> <p><b><i>Resolved: That the accounts for June should be sanctioned for payment.</i></b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the new photocopier was not working out to be financially efficient and it was agreed that she would enquire with Weavers about the repair of the previous photocopier and setting up a new account and she would report back to the Council.</p>	
<b>105.</b>	<b>Planning Reports for 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	
	<p>The Planning Committee reports were noted.</p>	

106.	<b>Reports</b>	
	<p><b><i>i. Maintenance and Safety</i></b>  Cllr Foden reported that the trimming of the trees at the guide hut was actually a larger job than first anticipated. Three trees needed their crowns raising and one needed pruning and he had obtained a quote for this work  Cllr Foden proposed that the above work was completed at the cost of £350.00 + VAT  Cllr Jackson seconded the proposal  All in favour  <b><i>Resolved: that three trees crowns are raised and one tree trimmed behind the guide hut at the cost of £350 + VAT</i></b></p> <p><b><i>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</i></b>  Cllr Leather reported that the repainting of the centre carriageway line along Macclesfield Road had been completed. Two new car park signs for the Shirleys and Springfields car parks had been received but she needed to double check the wording on the signs. She also reported that Cllr Herbert and herself had walked around the village and taken photographs of defects which they will discuss with CEC</p> <p><b><i>iii. Police Report</i></b>  Cllr Dicken reported that the Speed Indicator Device was still being moved to different sites around the village on a rota basis. The latest Police report had been received. It revealed that a small amount of burglaries had been committed and this was due to people leaving their doors and cars unlocked.</p> <p><b><i>iv. Environment Issues</i></b>  Nothing to report</p> <p><b><i>v. Footpaths</i></b>  Nothing to report</p> <p><b><i>vi. Newsletter</i></b>  Cllr Dicken thanked Cllr Miles and Martin for all their hard work getting the latest newsletter out. It was a shame that the voting slip had not been included with the newsletter but we are volunteers and are doing our best. Cllr Miles suggested that people be encouraged to pick up their own newsletter from the Co-op and this suggestion should be placed on the website.  It was agreed that two councillors produce the newsletters on a rota but there is only a change of one councillor each time so the experience gained was not lost.</p>	
107.	<b>To receive reports concerning Cheshire East Council (CEC) issues including the Poynton Area Community Partnership, Local Service Delivery and Devolved Services</b>	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that the programme manager for the Local Plan examination in public had written to invite the Council to the resumption of the examination hearings. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> August the Inspector will hold a procedural meeting and he expects that the hearing sessions will commence on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.  She also reported that CEC had published a media release stating that the CEC had approved the amended plan. This statement was incorrect as the amended plan had not gone before the Council, it had been dealt with by the planners and the portfolio holder.  Cllr Dicken reported that he had written to the local MP concerning the devolution process.</p>	
108.	<b>Development Project Progress</b>	
	<p><b><i>i(a). Tourism (external)</i></b>  Nothing to report</p> <p><b><i>i(b). Tourism (internal)</i></b>  Nothing to report</p> <p><b><i>i(c) Village appearance and Community Pride</i></b>  Mr. Blair Glenn, owner of the Coast restaurant who had previously circulated to the Council photographs of unattractive aspects around the village centre, attended the meeting and suggested a meeting to work together to improve and maintain the look of the village.  Cllr Herbert stated that a lot more could be achieved if the village worked together and suggested that an article be produced for the next newsletter called “Pride in Prestbury” requesting volunteers. She also requested that dog fouling posters be placed around the village. In addition, she had received an anonymous offer that if the Parish Council paid half the cost of</p>	

	<p>planting rhododendron plants on the path coming down to the village from the station the donor would pay the other half of the costs.</p> <p>Cllr Herbert proposed that £500 be paid for the planting of rhododendron plants alongside the footpath coming down from the train station</p> <p>Cllr Saint seconded the proposal</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p><b>Resolved: that £500 contribution would be paid for the planting of rhododendron along the footpath coming down to the village from the train station</b></p> <p><b>ii. Make best use of toilet block site</b></p> <p>Nothing to report as the results of the survey exercise were awaited.</p> <p><b>iii. Access and use of Parrott's Field.</b></p> <p>Cllr Miles reported that progress is moving slowly. A meeting was due the following Tuesday with CEC to finalise the next course of action</p> <p><b>iv. Working together</b></p> <p>As item i(c)</p> <p><b>v. Event Management</b></p> <p>Cllr Miles reported that plans were going ahead for the Xmas event to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><b>vi. PR Publicity and Social Media</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<b>109.</b>	<b>To discuss the Youth Club lease</b>	
	<p>Cllr Foden reported that the lease was still being worked on. The Clerk would request an electronic copy of the lease from the Youth Club to be forwarded to all councillors.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>110.</b>	<b>To review all rents payable to the Parish Council</b>	
	<p>Following discussion Cllr Dicken proposed that</p> <p>Guide Hut – no increase and remain at £25.00 per annum</p> <p>Tennis Club – increase to £350.00 per annum</p> <p>Squash Club – remain at £1.00 per annum</p> <p>Bowling Club – increase to £134.75</p> <p>Cllr Foden seconded the proposal</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p><b>Resolved: that the rents payable to the Parish Council would be as above.</b></p>	
<b>111.</b>	<b>To discuss Adopt a Station</b>	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that she had forwarded some information concerning the Adopt a Station scheme to the Chairman and Cllr Leather.</p> <p>Cllr Dicken reported that we need to find out more information and another meeting should be arranged with Arriva when this could be mentioned to them. Cllr Leather agreed to arrange this meeting.</p>	<b>ML</b>
<b>112.</b>	<b>To discuss Tour of Britain which will travel through Prestbury on the 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
	<p>It was reported that on the 6<sup>th</sup> September between 12 noon and 1pm the Tour of Britain would travel through Prestbury. This is a unique experience and as many people as possible should be in the village to cheer them on. It was agreed that this information should be placed on the website/Facebook/Twitter.</p>	
<b>113.</b>	<b>To approve the accounting statements for 2015/2016 to be sent to the Audit Commission</b>	
	<p>Cllr Dicken proposed that the accounting statements for 2015/2016 should be signed as correct and sent to the Audit Commission</p> <p>Cllr Miles seconded the proposal</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p><b>Resolved: that the accounting statements for 2015/2016 be signed as correct and forwarded to the Audit Commission</b></p>	

114.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	It was noted that the Village Hall accounts had been received and Cllr Dicken agreed to copy the accounts to all councillors.	

**Chairman**