

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESTBURY ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013 AT 7.30PM**

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

Also present: Borough Cllr P Findlow

Item	Action
<b>23. Apologies for absence</b>	
Councillors K Miles, S Turner.	
<b>24. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	
Cllr Burns proposed that the minutes of the 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2013 be approved Cllr Hawkins seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i>	
<b>25. Declarations of Interest</b>	
None	
<b>26. Public Participation</b>	
None	
<b>27. Clerk's Report</b>	
The Clerk's report was noted. The Clerk also reported that she had spoken to the Environmental Health Officer concerning the Saffron Room air ducts and she had requested letters to be sent direct to her from the complainants.	
<b>28. Accounts for Payment</b>	
Cllr Foden proposed that the accounts for June should be sanctioned for payment Cllr Stott seconded the proposal All were in favour <i>Resolved: That the Accounts for June should be sanctioned for payment.</i>	
<b>29. Planning reports for 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
The Planning reports were noted. Cllr Jackson reported that the conservation officer would attend the next planning meeting to speak about applying for Article 4 status for the village.	
<b>30. Reports</b>	
<i>i. Maintenance and Safety</i> Cllr Foden reported that Cllr Miles and himself would be inspecting the playground in a few days time to ascertain the work that was required. <i>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</i> Cllr Leather reported that she had received a telephone call from a resident concerned about the height of the hedges along Chelford Road and following discussion it was ascertained that the hedges were the responsibility of the Golf Club. Cllr Dicken agreed to speak to the Golf Club concerning this. She also reported that she had spoken to CEC about the re-painting of the Zebra crossing and a tender had been issued and they were awaiting quotes. It was hoped that the crossing would be painted mid-	<b>AD</b>

	<p>summer. A discussion was held concerning the merits and de-merits of having illuminated polls on the crossing. Cllrs Burns and Jackson wished luminous paint to be trialled first as they had concerns about brightly lit polls in a Conservation Area. The gulleys on most of the 'C' roads are currently being cleared but not all gulleys will be cleared this year and it would be the rural areas which were not cleared. Following discussion it was agreed that a letter would be sent to CEC stating which gulleys in Prestbury needed attention</p> <p>Cllr Leather and Ireland were due to meet with Neil Ditchfield, Lighting Technician, CEC, to discuss the low level lights leading down to the village from the train station and also the Xmas lights.</p> <p>Cllr Ireland reported that he had received a telephone call from a resident informing him that the Virgin box on the Shirleys had been damaged and he had reported this to Virgin and it had since been fixed.</p> <p>Cllr Hawkins reported Cllrs Dicken, Findlow and himself had met with Pryce Evans, CEC, to discuss extending the 20mph limit. They also discussed that the 20mph signs presently erected are not visible and following the meeting he was going away to research the criteria and he will come back with a proposal in approximately four weeks time. Also they looked at the locations for the SIDs. Cllr Leather reminded the Council that she wished to be involved in any discussions about the 20mph limit extension.</p> <p><b>iii. Police Report</b> No further meetings had been held.</p> <p><b>iv. Environment Issues</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>v. Footpaths</b> Cllr Jackson reported that Top O Th Hill have had their footpath moved following approval from Planning. Cllr Leather reported that she had received a complaint concerning footpath 34 and she would be meeting with the lady to discuss this matter further.</p> <p><b>vi. Newsletter</b> Cllr Burns reported that she was waiting for the Draft Local Plan to be produced and then the next newsletter could be issued. It was requested that any articles for the newsletter should be in for the end of June.</p>	ML
31.	<p><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>	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that a Freedom of Information request had been sent to CEC to see the independent report commissioned by Cheshire East Council on the evolving Local Plan.</p> <p>She had attended a meeting of the Rural Action Group of the Poynton LAP but this meeting had been poor and it had been agreed by the majority of this group that there was no need for this sub-group but she did not agree.</p> <p>The second consultation of SEMMMS had now opened and responses needed to be submitted by 19<sup>th</sup> July. She offered to draft a response prior to the next Council meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Jackson reported that the last LAP meeting had been cancelled.</p>	LB
32.	<p><b>To receive an update on the progress with the transfer of the Toilet Block</b></p>	
	<p>Cllr Ireland reported that an e-mail had been received from CEC giving three options which he thought were all unacceptable. He suggested that a meeting with CEC was required and he would be willing to attend this meeting. Our intention is still to take ownership of the toilet block.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Findlow agreed to speak with Cllr Topping to arrange a meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Burns requested that she be notified of any meeting about the toilet block and she would attend if she could.</p>	PF
33.	<p><b>To discuss the Xmas lights for 2013</b></p>	
	<p>Cllr Ireland reported Greg Quick had quoted £3500 to erect and take down the Xmas lights along with replacing all the brackets. All the relevant certificates of qualification had also been received. He had also quoted for the wiring and taking down of the extra lights of £120 per lamppost. He would not charge for the picking up and checking of all the lighting.</p> <p>Cllr Leather reported that she was waiting for a quote from Blachere lights and The Lighting Company. It was hoped that all three quotes would be available for the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Dicken reported that he had applied for the road closure for the Xmas party</p>	

<b>34.</b>	<b>To discuss extending the path in Parrott's Field</b>	
	Cllr Dicken reported that the original plan was for a path to enter from Bridge Green and exit via the five bar gate on New Road and he suggested that we push for CEC to agree for this to be completed. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that before that is done we need to have the hedge lowered, relax the conditions on the field and to obtain costings.	
<b>35.</b>	<b>To discuss the plans for the new Scout Hut</b>	
	Cllr Stott had met with Scout Leader, Nick Hine and a number of other people and they are now unified in searching for a new site for a scout hut. They have now elected a Chairman and the impetus was that they will go ahead with the Parish Council help. A patch of land has been identified south of the Bowling Green and it was agreed that a great deal of work was required to complete this. Cllr Stott proposed that as landlords we support the Scouts with their plans. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Ireland All in favour <b>Resolved: that the Parish Council support the Scout Group with their plans to build a new Scout Hut on land south of the Bowling Green</b>	
<b>36.</b>	<b>To discuss the Clerk's salary</b>	
	Discussed in private and resolved that the Clerk would receive at 1% salary increase.	
<b>37.</b>	<b>To approve the accounting statements for 2012/13 to be sent to the Audit Commission</b>	
	The Council noted the report from the Accountant, John Williams. The Council noted that the Internal Audit had been satisfactorily completed The Chairman of the F & GP Committee, Councillor Ireland proposed that after the Council has considered the report the Statement of Assurance should be signed by the Chairman Councillor Foden seconded the proposal All were in favour <b>Resolved: That the Parish Council had noted the report from the Accountant, Mr. John Williams and agreed that the Annual Governance Statement should be signed by the Chairman.</b>	
<b>38.</b>	<b>To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon</b>	
	None	

**Chairman**