

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON 9TH JUNE 2015 AT 7.30PM

Present: **Councillors:** A Dicken (Chairman), L Burns, D Foden, M Leather, J Martin, K Miles, C Musgrove, K Podmore
Also present: Borough Cllr P Findlow

Item		Action
81.	Apologies for absence	
	Cllr T Bailey, Cllr T Jackson, Cllr L Saint.	
82.	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th May	
	Cllr Burns proposed that the minutes of the 26 th May 2015 be approved. Cllr Musgrove seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 26th May 2015 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i>	
83.	Declarations of Interest	
	Cllr Dicken declared in interest in item 93.	
84.	Public Participation	
	Two National Trust officers, Emma Hill of Hare Hill Gardens and Alan Hubbard, planner, gave a presentation of pre-submission modifications that are to be completed at Hare Hill. They are attending meetings of Parish Councils for Over Alderley, Mottram St Andrew and Prestbury. Emma Hill explained that she had been at Hare Hill for five years and had spent that time improving the gardens. At present there was no disabled parking, only one unisex toilet which was connected to a septic tank and the kiosk in the car park had no heating Alan Hubbard explained that they are proposing to create new toilets at the back of the walled gardens. A new tractor store and a new visitor reception building will be built. The car park would be resurfaced and formalised to improve spacing and an overspill car park would be improved. The garden would be extended slightly. They have had initial discussions with CEC. Last year they had 25,000 visitors compared to 10,000 visitors five years ago. The hope was to re-instate Colonel Brocklehurst's vision for the garden with a wide range of colour. Cllr Burns queried the access to Hare Hill and Mr Hubbard stated that CEC were happy with the entrance at present.	
85.	Clerk's Report	
	The Clerk's report was noted.	
86.	Accounts for Payment	APPENDIX A
	Following discussion it was agreed that 5% (£3500) would be held back from the payment to Wicksteed until the play park was fully completed. Cllr Musgrove proposed the accounts for June be approved for payment Cllr Foden seconded the proposal All were in favour <i>Resolved: That the accounts for June should be sanctioned for payment.</i>	
87.	Planning Reports for 3rd June	
	The Planning reports were noted	
88.	Reports	

	<p>i. Maintenance and Safety Cllr Foden reported that a hole had appeared in the River Bollin wall but the skip in the river had now gone. Borough Cllr Findlow reported that CEC were trying to trace the owner of the River Bollin wall at present.</p> <p>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety Cllr Leather reported that the grass verges were still overgrown. CEC did come and cut some of the verges but left all the cuttings. Borough Cllr Findlow reported that the grass verges were the responsibility of Highways not ANSA. Contractors were cutting the verges and following complaints they had been told to return and complete the job properly. The Street Works Inspector had met with the Utility Companies that had completed works and left damaged verges but had not heard anything further. The verges were not cut on a schedule and following discussion it was agreed to arrange a further meeting with Paul Traynor, Strategic Commissioning Manager – Highways to discuss these matters. Cllr Leather stated that the road surface was missing on one side of Prestbury Lane, a fact she had reported to Highways. The new road sign on Broad Walk was wrong and another new sign would be ordered. The incorrect sign would be used for Broadwalk in Wilmslow.</p> <p>iii. Police Report Cllr Dicken reported that there was a meeting for Parish/Town Councils with the Police & Crime Commissioner scheduled for 30th June at 6.30pm. Cllr Leather reported that thefts from letterboxes that were at the end of people’s drives had been reported nationally and requested that people be warned via the website</p> <p>iv. Environment Issues Nothing to report</p> <p>v. Footpaths Norman Ridley was thanked for all his hard work in the preparation of a new updated footpath map which will be available in the next two weeks.</p> <p>vi. Newsletter Cllr Burns reported that she was waiting for the publication by CEC of their proposed spatial distribution in respect of additional houses and employment land for the Local Plan and when this is published she would like to produce a newsletter immediately if there were impacts on Prestbury Parish.</p> <p>vii. Community Pride Nothing to report.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
89.	<p>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</p>	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that the Chief Planner, Adrian Fisher, was under the impression that the Inspector would re-open the Local Plan examination in public in the Autumn and immediately close it again for a full consultation. However, it was not impossible that the Inspector might say he considered the alterations tabled before him were major modifications and therefore a whole new plan would need to be submitted.</p> <p>Concerning the potential devolution of car parks there were a lot of questions that needed answering. Following discussion it was agreed that an initial letter would be sent to CEC asking basic questions and requesting answers prior to the 22nd June and then this could be further discussed at the special projects meeting. Cllr Martin agreed to draft the letter</p> <p>Cllr Dicken reported that he and Borough Cllr Findlow had been pressing the planners for an explanation why they do not take any notice of the Village Design Statement (VDS) and the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and they had met with Tom Evans to discuss producing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Cllr Burns stated that a NP does hold more weight than the VDS and SPD but Parish Councils or Neighbourhood Fora undertaking them must accept the Local Plan as a precursor and also they were not allowed to say in the plan that they did not want any more development. (Cllr Findlow disagreed with this last point and Cllr Burns offered to circulate the relevant wording, which she did after the meeting). Cllr Burns pointed out that it takes a lot of time, effort and money to produce a NP. In any event. Prestbury Parish Council were objectors to the emerging Local Plan. She recommended that the Parish Council should carry on with the documents they had until the main part of the Local Plan is finalised. At that point, it may be worth having another discussion about producing a NP, especially as there was a commitment from government to make them easier and quicker to produce than they were at present . She expressed disappointment that she had not been invited to the</p>	<p>JM</p>

	meeting with Tom Evans as she was the Parish Council's spatial planning specialist. Cllr Dicken apologised for this error and explained that they only received two hours' notice of the meeting. Following discussion it was agreed that producing a NP could not be considered while we are objecting to the Local Plan.	
90.	Development Project Progress	
	<p><i>i. To engage the business community and fill empty shops.</i> Cllr Dicken reported that a meeting had been held with CEC and the planners concerning extra car parking spaces for Mr Griffiths' business and at this stage it looked as though this was progressing. We had been notified that the NatWest Bank premises in Prestbury were closing. A large number of complaints had been sent to NatWest and issues had been raised as to what would happen to the building.</p> <p><i>ii. Future of the Toilet Block/Community Facility</i> Cllr Burns reported that she and Cllr Leather had met with the Environment Agency on the toilet block site and they had said that a flood defence wall may need to be built but as long as access is left to the boundary line they would work with us on any future plans. Cllr Podmore reported that he had spoken to the various utility companies and is still resolving issues with the billing. The grass had now been cut. The insurance issue was resolved. The contract for maintenance of the hand driers would cost £436 + VAT. The electrical testing certificate had now been received and was next due on the 8th September 2019. Legionnaires testing had been completed and was next due May 2017. It was agreed that Cllrs Podmore and Martin would look into self-standing toilet units as alternatives to the toilet block.</p> <p><i>iii. Village appearance and volunteers.</i> Cllr Musgrove reported that she was looking into getting together with all volunteers in June.</p> <p><i>iv. Event Management and Parrotts Field.</i> Cllr Miles reported that she had met with CEC and they had queried whether the Parish Council would be interested in taking over Parrott's Field. Following discussion everybody agreed that this was a good idea. Meanwhile CEC were happy for the field to be used for events. They conceded that the sign with restrictions should be removed. The hedge could go if replaced with Cheshire railings. She was due to meet with the Tree Officer. It was agreed that Cllrs Miles and Martin would produce a plan along with a visual plan to take through to planning if necessary.</p> <p><i>v. To receive a report on the Xmas Party.</i> Cllr Miles reported that plans were moving slowly as nobody wanted to get involved. Cllr Leather reported that she had met with CEC concerning installation of power points around the village and they had agreed that this was possible at a cost. Following discussion it was agreed that a party would be held this year.</p> <p><i>vii. Improve Prestbury Station</i> It was reported that Network Rail had agreed to paint the bridge. It was agreed that the car park was a disgrace and a letter would be drafted to Network Rail concerning the state of the car park.</p>	<p>KP & JM</p> <p>KM & JM</p>
91.	To approve the accounting statements for 2014/15 to be sent to the Audit Commission	
	Cllr Leather stated that she had some questions that needed to be answered and requested that an F & GP meeting be held. The Clerk stated that a special full Council meeting will have to be held prior to the next scheduled Parish Council meeting 14 th July or the papers would be late to the external auditor and the council would be fined.	
92.	To discuss the issue of a Tourism leaflet	
	To be discussed at the special Projects meeting scheduled for the 22 nd June.	
93.	King's School re-location in Prestbury	
	Cllr. Musgrove took over the chairmanship of the meeting for this item only, Cllr. Burns drew attention to the article that had appeared in the most recent edition of 'Macclesfield Express' about survey work being carried out on the present King's School main site in Macclesfield and also on their Fence Avenue site. The Clerk agreed to contact the King's School to find out when the consultation was likely to be held.	Clerk

94.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	<p>Judith Davies – Complaint about the state of the footpath on Butley Lanes. Cllr Leather stated that she had reported this to CEC.</p> <p>Tennis Club requesting that trees be pruned and the river bank be repaired. Due to the lack of time it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Ann Whittaker Trust asking whether the PC would like the Chambers to be decorated when the library is completed. – Following discussion this was agreed.</p>	

Chairman