

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 10TH MARCH 2015 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors: A Dicken (Chairman), T Bailey, L Burns, D Foden, T Jackson, M Leather, J Martin, K Podmore.

Also present: Borough Cllr P Findlow

Cllr Dicken welcomed Cllr John Martin to the Parish Council

Item	Action
35. Apologies for absence	
Cllrs K Miles, C Musgrove, D Rutherford, L Saint	
36. To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 10th February	
Cllr Podmore proposed that the minutes of the 10 th February 2015 be approved. Cllr Burns seconded the proposal All approved <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 10th February 2015 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i>	
37. Declarations of Interest	
Cllr Dicken and Borough Cllr Findlow declared an interest in the Kings School	
38. Public Participation	
April Green (AG), Chair of Prestbury Youth Club and Julie Barker (JB), Prestbury Football Club attended the meeting to update the Council with their plans for a new building. AG had now had some outline plans/designs prepared which were for the same footprint as the old Scout Hut. She had also met with CEC re: Section 106 monies and she is due to meet with the CEC planner and her architect the following week. She wished to gain permission from Prestbury Parish Council to progress with plans. Following discussion the Council stated that they were happy for her to proceed. JB informed the Council that she was delighted to be included in the scheme. She reported that she was in the process of receiving quotes for work on the football pitch to get it into a reasonable state. She had been informed that the work needed to be completed in April/May and would cost approximately £4500. Following discussion about Section 106 monies and CEC contribution as they own half the field Councillor Jackson proposed that we contribute £500 now for the work to be completed on the pitch. Seconded by Cllr Leather All in favour <i>Resolved: that the Council contribute £500 now for work to be completed on the football pitch.</i>	
39. Clerk's Report	
The Clerk's report was noted.	
40. Accounts for Payment	APPENDIX A
Cllr Foden proposed that the accounts for March should be sanctioned for payment Cllr Bailey seconded the proposal All were in favour <i>Resolved: That the Accounts for March should be sanctioned for payment.</i>	

41.	<p>Planning Reports for 18th February</p> <p>The Planning Committee minutes were noted. Borough Cllr Findlow reported that he had called The White House planning application to Committee and had tried to call in Millheys but he had missed the cut-off date for calling in this application. However, the planner could still be sympathetic to his request.</p>	
42.	<p>Reports</p> <p><i>i. Maintenance and Safety</i> Cllr Foden reported that the play area was still fenced off as the contractors had not returned to complete the remedial work yet.</p> <p><i>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</i> Cllr Leather reported that a section of Willowmead was to be re-surfaced on 28th & 29th April. The patching of Macclesfield Road was pending but not guaranteed. She had reported that Prestbury Lane carriageway was crumbling on one side. A letter had been sent to David Rutley MP concerning the state of the railway station and she had now received a reply from Northern Rail and a meeting had been arranged with Network Rail concerning the state of the car park and other infrastructure issues. The road sign on Alderley Road had been removed following a crash and she had asked for it to be replaced on the opposite side of the road. Cllr Leather had attended a meeting at Manchester Airport and she explained that the Council had not been consulted on the trial of change of flight paths she had e-mailed the airport to ask further questions and felt that her questions were not answered satisfactorily at the meeting or following the meeting in March. The Clerk reported that she had not received a Noise Plan Consultation document so no comment had been sent from Prestbury. Borough Cllr Findlow reported that Butley Lanes would be patched in April.</p> <p><i>iii. Police Report</i> Cllr Dicken reported that he had attended a Police Liaison meeting and had produced a report. The Speed Indicator Device reports had been produced and circulated and the worst road for speeding was Castle Hill. The least problems were on Butley Lanes. He stated that more Police radar traps were needed.</p> <p><i>iv. Environment Issues</i> Nothing to report</p> <p><i>v. Footpaths</i> Nothing to report.</p> <p><i>vi. Newsletter</i> Cllr Burns re-confirmed what she had said at the previous meeting, ie. that she required all articles for the next newsletter by the end of March. It looked like it would be going out soon after Easter.</p> <p><i>vii. Community Pride</i> Cllr Jackson reported that there was a sign on Wilmslow Road advertising turkeys for Christmas and she requested that the farmer be written to asking for him to take the sign down immediately after Christmas each year. Cllr Leather felt that the banners on Ford House were too large for a Conservation Area.</p>	Clerk
43.	<p>To receive reports concerning Cheshire East Council (CEC) issues including the Local Enterprise Partnership, Poynton Area Community Partnership, Local Service Delivery and Devolved Services</p>	
	<p>Cllr Jackson had been unable to attend the Poynton Area Community Partnership as a CEC Northern Area Planning Committee meeting she attended had run over. She agreed to find out what had been the result of the agenda item about the new constitution of the partnership Cllr Burns reported that a meeting with Andrew Ross and Paul Griffiths of CEC had gone ahead concerning the Poynton Relief Road (PRR) and improvements proposed by CEC for between what would be the southern end of the PRR and the Silk Road. AR and PG had said that only junction improvements were being considered to the A523 through Prestbury Parish. There would be a formal consultation in due course. Cllr Burns also drew attention to how Prestbury Parish's precept compared to that of other Local Service Centre in Cheshire East and handed round print-outs of all the parish precepts for 2015/16 across the principal authority area. Prestbury's precept was very low - but then Prestbury</p>	TJ

	<p>Parish Council only had one employee (the Clerk) who was not full time and, other than the toilet block which it had just taken on responsibility for, it did not deliver services, operate buildings or run regular major events. Some other parishes which had a smaller population had a higher precept but delivered more and Disley, whose population was comparable to Prestbury's, had a precept over twice as high. Cllr. Burns asked colleagues to consider where they wanted to be and what they wanted to achieve in the next few years.</p>	
44.	Development Project Progress	
	<p><i>i. To engage the business community and fill empty shops.</i> Cllr Dicken reported that two residents had offered to help with this topic and his meeting with them had been very refreshing. A further meeting would be arranged.</p> <p><i>ii. Future of the Toilet Block/Community Facility</i> Cllr Podmore reported that the Council were now the owners of the toilet block site and he and the Clerk had met with Patricia Goodwin, the current cleaner, to discuss continuing to clean the toilets. He had calculated the total running costs of the toilet block, including maintenance, and they came to just over £14,000 p.a. There are various contracts for the hand driers and water testing and he agreed to speak to ANSA to obtain the details of these contracts. Cllr Burns reported that the working group set-up to consider the future of the toilet block site were in the process of collecting evidence to establish what level of need existed for a modest size Community Facility to replace Ford House. Also, as maps provided by utility companies all contained qualifications that they were merely indicative, a topographical survey was needed in order to establish precisely where the utilities run beneath the site and the composition of the land. Tom Bailey explained that he had obtained three quotes for this work and the cheapest was £395.00 + VAT from a company which could carry out the work in about two weeks' time. Cllr Bailey proposed that a topographical survey be completed on the toilet block site. Cllr Podmore seconded the proposal Five in favour, two abstained. Resolved that a topographical survey be carried out on the toilet block site for the sum of £395.00 + VAT</p> <p><i>iii. Village appearance and volunteers.</i> This would be discussed at the April meeting</p> <p><i>iv. Event Management and Parrotts Field.</i> Cllr Leather reported that a meeting with the Business Forum had been held and there had been some suggestions for the Summer event including the date of the event - now proposed for 30th August. The Council did not think this was a good date as a lot of people would be on holiday and it clashed with Poynton Show but it was agreed that this should be left for the businesses to decide.</p> <p><i>v. To receive a report on the Xmas Party.</i> The Business Forum survey had shown that the businesses felt that the event had been too long and there had been too many food outlets. Cllrs Leather & Miles would draft a reply. It was agreed that a report of the final accounts for the 2014 event was needed. The Xmas Party group to take into account the views of the Council, the Business Forum and the Church and propose a plan for 2015 Xmas event.</p> <p><i>vi. To discuss holding a Summer Street Party.</i> See iv.</p>	<p>KP</p> <p>TB</p> <p>KM & ML</p>
45.	To discuss a Marketing Cheshire campaign	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that she had attended a further meeting of the Cheshire Peak District Consortium that morning. This was the second of these she had attended. Cllr Musgrove had also attended a couple. The Consortium had put together a marketing campaign for the following financial year which included e-newsletters that are to be circulated to 40,000 addressees plus the use of social media. Villages wishing to be particularly featured in this campaign would need to contribute £500. Cllr Burns proposed that the Council contribute £500 to the Marketing Cheshire Campaign Cllr Foden seconded the proposal. Resolved: that £500 contribution to the Marketing Cheshire Campaign be made.</p>	

46.	To discuss the Kings School press release	
	<p>Cllr Dicken left the room and Cllr Jackson took the Chair.</p> <p>Councillors had already been appraised by the Clerk of an offer by the headmaster of King's School, Dr. Hyde, to come along and talk to them at their April meeting about the school's plans to build on farm land in the Green Belt off Alderley Road.</p> <p>Cllr Burns appraised other Councillors of some of the issues they may wish to think about and pointed to the Macclesfield Borough Council Local Plan map of the area and the Green Belt boundaries. She reminded the Council of what the NPPF had to say about Green Belt and about the findings of the two household surveys on Green Belt, ie. the one carried out for the Village Design Statement and the one conducted for the Parish Plan exercise. Both had indicated overwhelming support for retaining Green Belt. She also commented that the land must be of good agricultural quality because it was used to grow potatoes and she recommended that if any of the councillors were unfamiliar with the land they should take a walk along the public footpaths that crossed it and she handed around maps of the footpaths concerned. Other issues raised by Councillors were around traffic movements, the location of any emergency exit from the site and where the next Parish Council meeting should be held.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p><i>(i) To book the Village Hall for the April Parish Council meeting (the Clerk had already tentatively enquired about availability and been informed that the lounge was free that evening)</i></p> <p><i>(ii) To put up notices on the noticeboards advising residents that Dr. Hyde would be making a presentation at the next meeting on April 14th</i></p> <p><i>(iii) To notify Dr. Hyde of what was proposed and explain to him that only Councillors would be questioning him following his presentation but ask him to make clear what public consultation the school were intending to carry out</i></p> <p><i>(iv) To consider any subsequent planning application from King's School in full Council and not just at a Parish Council Planning Committee meeting.</i></p>	
47.	To receive instruction on the forthcoming election process	
	<p>The Clerk gave an explanation of the process and requested that all forms be completed and returned to her by the 24th March.</p>	
48.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	<p>The notification of ivy growing up oak trees and killing them would be reported to CEC</p> <p>The request for a Big Issue seller in Prestbury was turned down</p>	

Chairman