

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:**       **Councillors:**     D Hawkins (Chairman), L Burns, N Haigh, M Ireland, T Jackson, M Leather, K Miles, C Musgrove.

**Also present:** Borough Cllr P Findlow

Item		Action
<b>154.</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
	Councillors A Dicken, D Foden, C Stott, S Turner.	
<b>155.</b>	<b>To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014</b>	
	<p>Cllr Ireland requested that the minutes be altered and he proposed that the following wording is included in item 152 “because they consider it to have contravened the directives stipulated under the provisions of the Accounts and Audit Regulations” also Cllr Leather requested that “it was the wish of the majority of the councillors” be added.</p> <p>Voted everybody in favour</p> <p>With the above alterations Cllr Miles proposed that the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 be approved.</p> <p>Cllr Musgrove seconded the proposal</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p><b>Resolved: That the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p>	
<b>156.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	None	
<b>157.</b>	<b>Public Participation</b>	
	<p>Mr &amp; Mrs Frost attended the meeting to object about the Speed Indication Device post that had been erected outside their house on Chelford Road. He thought that it was un-neighbourly and was urbanising the area which was unacceptable. Cllr Hawkins explained that the Highways Department had agreed to re-look at the position of the post and it was agreed that the Highways Department would discuss this matter with the complainants and they were given assurance that no further equipment would be placed there before the next meeting.</p>	
<b>158.</b>	<b>Clerks Report</b>	
	<p>The Clerk report that the Civic Service had been arranged for the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014.</p> <p>The Clerk’s report was noted.</p>	
<b>159.</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment</b>	<b>APPENDIX A</b>
	<p>Cllr Ireland proposed that the accounts for March should be sanctioned for payment</p> <p>Cllr Miles seconded the proposal</p> <p>All were in favour</p> <p><b>Resolved: That the Accounts for March should be sanctioned for payment.</b></p>	
<b>160.</b>	<b>Planning Reports for 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014</b>	
	<p>The Planning reports were noted.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Findlow reported that he had made strong representations against the application for 1 Brocklehurst Drive. He also reported that he had received an amended application for Brooklands, Spencer Brook 13/2975M. The Clerk confirmed that she had not received any documentation concerning this application.</p>	

161.	Reports	
	<p><b><i>i. Maintenance and Safety</i></b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b><i>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</i></b> Cllr Ireland reported that he had been contacted by residents who were concerned about the twenty five potholes on Castleford Drive which had been reported last November but no work had been completed. Additionally the land on Castleford Drive which is cut by CEC has now become at tip and is an eyesore. Following discussion it was decided that the residents would be asked whether they could identify the culprits and Cllr Leather agreed to speak to Streetscape to ask for the land to be cleared. Borough Cllr Findlow had been given a copy of this years Highways Priority Programmes List. He also reported that the 20mph zone should be completed before September 2014.</p> <p><b><i>iii. Police Report</i></b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b><i>iv. Environment Issues</i></b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b><i>v. Footpaths</i></b> Cllr Jackson reported that she had looked at the footpath at Bridge Green and she found the source of water. Following discussion it was agreed that the farmer would be spoken to.</p> <p><b><i>vi. Newsletter</i></b> Cllr Burns circulated hard copies of the final draft of the newsletter and asked Councillors to make known any errors they found or amendments they would like to see either overnight or early the following morning as it needed to be signed off with the layout company and passed over to the printers.</p> <p><b><i>vii. Community Pride</i></b> Nothing to report.</p>	<p>ML</p> <p>TJ</p>
162.	<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 CEC had issued an invitation to all Parish Councils (and to ChALC) to speak about the Draft Local Plan at the Strategic Planning Board meeting or at the full Council. She had spoken on behalf of ChALC - as a board member - at the Strategic Planning Board meeting and, two days later, spoke on behalf of Prestbury Parish Council at the full special Council meeting in Crewe. (The Local Plan was approved with only a few very minor amendments and was going out for a six-week consultation on March 14th). The points she had made were those previously discussed - questioning the overall level of growth proposed and the amount of greenfield/Green Belt building and pointing out how that would feed down to the level of Local Service Centres such as Prestbury and how it was being used to promote a large amount of road building. The A523 through Prestbury was being scheduled for some sort of 'improvement' which could be an off-line solution, especially as it had now become apparent that it would be part of a major strategic route that would stretch from the M60 to the M6 and incorporate the proposed Congleton Link Road. This being the case, the Chairman had approved a short response to the consultation on the Congleton Link Road. Borough Cllr Findlow stated that the Local Plan Strategy was at the representation stage and not the consultation stage.</p>	
163.	<p><b>To receive an update on the progress with the transfer of the Toilet Block</b></p>	
	<p>The Clerk had forwarded copies of the e-mails received concerning our request to reduce the Overage period, which they had refused. Borough Cllr Findlow reported that he had spoken to the legal dept and they agreed that if we wished to do something with the building that was for public use they would be open to discussion. Cllr Ireland proposed that we accept the contract Cllr Burns seconded the proposal All in favour. <b><i>Resolved: the contract would be accepted and the transfer of the toilet block from CEC to the Parish Council should go ahead as set out by the Solicitors.</i></b></p>	

<b>164.</b>	<b>To receive progress on the Children’s playground and developing proposals for a Scout Hut</b>	
	<p>Cllr Miles reported that a fund raising event will be held at the Tytherington Club on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Applications for funding have been sent in but she is still exploring other avenues. Just waiting for decisions from funding applications.</p> <p>She also reported that she had received a telephone call from Carol Hamilton asking her not to go ahead with the plans for the new park as a group were planning a two storey community building to be built on the side of the tennis club but they would need to tarmac over the park for car parking. She said no and she told him to attend the Action Committee meeting. He attended with a model of the proposed building. The Action Committee also said no. She told him to attend a PC meeting and put his ideas to them.</p> <p>Cllr Jackson reported that Chris Stott and herself had met with the planning officer concerning building a new Scout Hut on the football field and he had stated that as the football field is in the Green belt and there was “no chance”, but they could build on the old footprint of the scout hut as this is not Green Belt.</p>	
<b>165.</b>	<b>To discuss the Xmas lights 2014</b>	
	To be discussed at the next meeting	
<b>166.</b>	<b>To discuss the Annual Parish Meeting 2014</b>	
	<p>The Clerk reported that the school was not available on the 13<sup>th</sup> May and neither was the Village Hall but the school was available on the 14<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed that the date would be changed to Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>Topics for discussion on the night were agreed to be New Strategic Road Plans and a presentation from the National Trust on the dangers of invasive species.</p>	
<b>167.</b>	<b>To extend the lease with the Ann Whittaker Trust</b>	
	<p>Cllr Musgrove proposed that the lease would be extended and signed</p> <p>Cllr Jackson seconded the proposal</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p><b><i>Resolved: that the lease with the Ann Whittaker Trust for the use of the Council Chambers would be extended and the contract would be signed.</i></b></p>	
<b>168.</b>	<b>To report on the meeting held to discuss priorities and plans for the future of the village</b>	
	To be discussed in April at the next meeting	
<b>169.</b>	<b>To clarify the process of the issue of agendas and minutes</b>	
	<p>Cllr Leather requested that items be included on the agenda nearer to the date of the meeting than one week before and it was explained that there was a statutory time limit for the agenda to be advertised of four clear working consecutive days which did not include the day of advertisement and the day of the meeting.</p> <p>The clerk agreed to place copies of minutes in the library.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>170.</b>	<b>To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon</b>	
	<p>A letter from the Bowling Club had been received asking for permission from the council, as landlords, to build a scoring hut at the Bowling Club. Following discussion it was agreed that, in principle, they approve the request subject to the building being of a very modest size and not impinging on residents. It was noted that it was not possible to tell from the illustration provided what size the proposed building was and no specifications had been provided.</p> <p>Cllr Ireland proposed that, as landlords, we agree to the building of a scoring hut at the Bowling Club</p> <p>Cllr Musgrove seconded the proposal</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p>As a member of the Bowling Club Committee Cllr Hawkins abstained.</p> <p><b><i>Resolved: that the Parish Council would agree to the building of a Scoring Hut at the Bowling Club.</i></b></p>	

**Chairman**