

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 8TH MARCH 2016 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors: A Dicken (Chairman), L Burns, T Jackson, G Kennedy, M Leather, J Martin, K Miles, K Podmore.

| Item | Action |
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| 35. Apologies for absence | |
| Cllrs D Foden, V Herbert, L Saint, Borough Cllr P Findlow | |
| 36. Declarations of Interest | |
| Cllr Dicken declared an interest in the King's School | |
| 37. Public Participation | |
| <p>Proprietors of numerous retail establishments within the village, namely The Farm Shop, Cafe Cito, the premises formerly known as the Spirit of the Andes, The Bridge Hotel, Abi's Beauty Rooms, the Pharmacy, the bric-a-brac shop, Prestbury Travel, Bridgfords and the hairdressers attended the meeting to voice their request for the toilet block site to become a car park. The Bridge Hotel also offered to make a contribution to a car park. They stated that they were losing business and customers complain that they are unable to park. The village needed another car park to increase footfall within the village. The existing area is untidy and Parrott's Field needs opening up to make a pleasant entry into the village.</p> <p>Cllr Dicken explained the process that had been taking place over the last years to look at the use of the toilet block site. A study into the future use of the land is ongoing and all options were being looked into at present. Similarly, Parrott's Field was also under discussion and the Parish Council were expecting to take ownership of it from Cheshire East Council (CEC) in the near future. He thanked everybody for attending the meeting and assured them that their comments would be taken into consideration.</p> | |
| 38. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2016 | |
| <p>Cllr Burns offered a minor amendment to the minutes which was accepted. Cllr Miles proposed that the minutes of the 9th February be approved. Cllr Podmore seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 9th February, 2016 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i></p> | |
| 39. Clerk's Report | |
| <p>The Clerk's report was noted. The Clerk informed the Council that she had had a lock installed on the gent's toilet in the toilet block as it was still being used even though the shutter had been pulled down. She also informed them that the Transparency Code for Local Councils was now effective and, in order to comply with it, there would have to be additional information added to the Parish Council website.</p> | GR |
| 40. Accounts for Payment | APPENDIX A |
| <p>Cllr Leather proposed that the accounts for March be approved for payment Cllr Martin seconded the proposal All were in favour <i>Resolved: That the accounts for March should be sanctioned for payment.</i></p> | |

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| 41. | Planning Reports for 17th February | |
| | The Planning reports were noted. The Clerk informed the Council that there would not be a quorum at the scheduled Planning Committee meeting on the 9 th March and, following discussion, re-scheduled it to be held on Tuesday 15 th March at 9.30am. | |
| 42. | Reports | |
| | <p><i>i. Maintenance and Safety</i> Cllr Leather reported that she was still awaiting quotes to mend a hole in the Bollin River wall in Bollin Grove</p> <p><i>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</i> Cllr Leather reported that she had spoken to the newly appointed CEC highways officer and she had prepared a list of jobs that needed completing and will arrange to meet with him to discuss the items on the list. She also confirmed that she had reported the defective lights on New Road leading from the railway station. A discussion followed concerning the vegetation on Castle Hill and it was decided that letters could be delivered to the land owners to ask them to cut it back. Cllr Miles raised the issue of the telegraph pole that had been abandoned on the side of Chelford Road and had not been removed even though it had been reported to Openreach twice.</p> <p><i>iii. Police Report</i> PCSO Steven Leigh attended the meeting to report on activity within the village since the last Council meeting on the 9th February. He reported that there had been three burglaries which showed a trend of breaking in through an open back door. There had been three shed burglaries in the space of one week where high value items had been taken. He requested that if anybody sees anything they feel is suspicious that they contact the Police. PCSO John Lee had attended Prestbury Primary School to talk to students about the history of Policing for their course topic about keeping the peace through the ages. Cllr Dicken thanked PCSO Leigh for attending the meeting.</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 Martin suggested that preparation of the newsletter should be rotated around the councillors and said he was prepared to produce one at the end of April.</p> | <p>ML</p> <p>JM</p> |
| 43. | To receive reports concerning Cheshire East Council (CEC) issues including the Poynton Area Community Partnership, Local Service Delivery and Devolved Services | |
| | <p>Cllr Burns had prepared a draft response to the consultation on the revised CEC Local Plan which she tabled and answered questions about. Following discussion it was agreed that this response should be adopted and fed into the CEC electronic consultation. Cllr Burns was thanked for all her work on the response. She also reported that the Local Plan examination in public was due to re-open in September and Cllr Miles offered to help with the process by attending workshops and EIP hearings on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Burns was very welcoming of the offer of help and said she would be prepared to do briefing sessions for Cllr Miles, as she had done previously for Cllr Musgrove.</p> <p>Cllr Leather reported that she had attended a CEC Community Partnership highways meeting for the Poynton Area (covering Prestbury). CEC had agreed to do a survey and prepare a proposal concerning parking on Scott Road.</p> | <p>LB</p> <p>KM</p> |
| 44. | Development Project Progress | |
| | <p><i>i(a). Tourism (external)</i> Cllr Burns reported that it had been one year since the original tourism photographs had been taken. Some of the photos, eg. those taken at the station, were now out of date and would have to be re-done. She was still waiting for approval to go ahead with a tourism leaflet. Cllr Miles wondered whether the leaflet should contain an ‘events’ section. Cllr Burns explained that this</p> | |

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| | <p>would involve re-designing the leaflet. It was agreed that this would be discussed again in May.</p> <p>i(b). Tourism (internal) As above</p> <p>(c) Village appearance and Community Pride Cllr Leather reported that the pavements were slippery at the moment and asked whether the Council could consider employing someone to clean them. Following discussion it was agreed that CEC would be asked to clean them. ANSA would be asked for a schedule of works for the village and be asked to attend a meeting via Borough Cllr P Findlow.</p> <p>ii. Make best use of toilet block site Cllrs Podmore and Martin had produced a report on how to move forward with the decision on what to do with the toilet block site. They suggested holding a consultation which put forward three schemes and that there should be a prior understanding that feedback would only be considered to be representative if it was above an agreed percentage of the population. If the consultation response fell below that percentage then it would not be representative and the Council could make a decision. Cllr Burns wanted more than three options to be tabled. Following a discussion it was agreed that the consultation would go ahead. Cllrs Martin & Podmore would produce an information sheet with tear off voting slips. The threshold would be 25% of electors. They would produce the draft documents for the next meeting and then a public meeting would be held. Cllr Podmore proposed that the Clerk would go ahead and purchase the licence for the Freepost returns. Cllr Martin seconded the proposal Resolved: that the Clerk purchase the Freepost licence from the Royal Mail Cllr Martin proposed that there would be a public consultation held for residents only which was rejected by the Council. Cllr Dicken proposed that the consultation would be for all electors and the businesses also have one vote. Cllr Miles seconded this proposal 5 in favour 1 against 1 abstention Resolved: that a public consultation would be held for the future of the toilet block for all electors and businesses would have one vote each.</p> <p>iii. Access and use of Parrott's Field. Cllr Martin reported that he had met with CEC again and the installation of Cheshire railings was now approved. A proposal for the transfer had been submitted to CEC and he was waiting for the temporary licence. He was hoping that the licence would come through within the next week and then 106 funding could be applied for. It was hoped that the transfer could be completed by the end of the year</p> <p>iv. Working together Nothing to report.</p> <p>v. Event Management Cllr Miles reported that she was about to start drawing the Xmas Committee together for a meeting in April and she requested that if anybody wished to join this Committee they should contact her. She would bring information about further events for the May meeting.</p> <p>vi. PR Publicity and Social Media Cllr Martin reported that followers on both Facebook and Twitter were continuing to grow.</p> <p>Cllr Dicken reported that information had been received about the sale of the Nat West building for offers around £200,000.</p> | <p>PF</p> <p>KP, JM GR</p> <p>KM/All</p> |
| 45. | Behaviour, attitude, approach and language displayed by councillors | |
| | <p>Cllr Miles requested that when the Council make a decision everybody should stand by that decision and display a united front. When a decision is made we stick by that decision. She also stated that she felt that some councillor's attitude towards the businesses is not correct and positive.</p> | |

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| 46. | To receive a report on a meeting at Manchester Airport | |
| | Cllr Leather reported that the general consensus of people that attended the meeting was that the airport representatives could not supply any answers concerning the flight path proposals but they did assure us that they would supply us with all consultation dates. | |
| 47. | To discuss the pre-planning application consultation for the Rugby Club site | |
| | Cllr Burns took the Chair as the draft Rugby Club submission referred to the King's School. Cllr Burns outlined a number of questions that had been posed in the draft response and explained that the main source of complaint from a Council perspective was that there had only been one very short consultation about the Rugby Club proposals which had been poorly advertised and no notice or invitation had been received by the Parish Council. She commended to the Council the draft response she had written to the scheme promoters and she suggested it should be copied to the CEC planners. Following discussion and minor amendments the submission was agreed. LB was to transmit the amended response agreed to the Clerk after the meeting. | LB |
| 48. | To discuss the Youth Club lease | |
| | Cllr Dicken resumed the Chair. A draft lease for the new Youth Club building had been produced which was not acceptable. Cllr Jackson agreed that she and Cllr Foden would go back to the solicitors for another lease to be produced and the Council would not pay for the first draft because it did not comply with the instructions given by the Council to the solicitors. | TJ & DF |
| 49. | To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon | |
| | ROSPA – It was agreed that the playground would be inspected again. | |

Chairman