

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH  
COUNCIL**

**AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESTBURY ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:**           **Councillors:**   M Ireland (Chairman for items 17 & 18), C Musgrove (Chairman), L Burns, D Foden, N Haigh, T Jackson, M Leather, K Miles.

The Council held a minutes silence in remembrance of Jimmy Jackson who had been a councillor for 35 years and a good friend to everybody.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>17. Election of Chairman</b>	
Cllr Musgrove proposed Cllr Arthur Dicken as Chairman of the Parish Council for a further year. Cllr Burns seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That Councillor Arthur Dicken should be Chairman of Prestbury Parish Council for a further year.</i>	
<b>18. Election of Vice Chairman</b>	
Cllr Burns proposed Cllr Christine Musgrove as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr Miles seconded the proposal Cllr Foden proposed Cllr Thelma Jackson as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr Leather seconded the proposal <i>Resolved: That Councillors Musgrove and Jackson are elected as Vice Chairmen of Prestbury Parish Council.</i>	
<b>19. Apologies for absence</b>	
Councillors A Dicken, Borough Cllr P Findlow.	
<b>20. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
Cllr Burns proposed that the minutes of the 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2014 be approved Cllr Ireland seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i>	
<b>21. Declarations of Interest</b>	
None	
<b>22. Public Participation</b>	
None	
<b>23. Clerks Report</b>	
The Clerk's report was noted. The Clerk also requested that somebody would take charge of the tea and coffee and meet the caterer in her absence on Civic Sunday and after discussion it was agreed that the Church would be asked to assist. She also reported that the planning meeting on the 4 <sup>th</sup> June was cancelled.	

<b>24.</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment</b>																																																																						
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<b>25.</b>	<b>Elect Statutory Committees for 2014/2015</b>																																																																						
	<p><b>Finance –</b>  Councillors: Burns  Foden  Ireland  Leather  Councillors: Dicken, Musgrove &amp; Jackson would serve on the Committee as ex-officio members  <b>Resolved: That the Finance &amp; General Purpose Committee should comprise of all the names as above</b></p> <p><b>Planning –</b>  Councillors: Foden  Haigh  Jackson  Leather  Councillor: Dicken, Musgrove &amp; Jackson would serve on the Committee as ex-officio members  <b>Resolved: That the Planning Committee should comprise of all the names as above</b></p>																																																																						
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<b>27.</b>	<b>Review Register of Interests of Councillors</b>	
	The Council were reminded that if any circumstances had changed since completion of their form they needed to notify the Clerk and amend their Register of Interests Form.	
<b>28.</b>	<b>Planning reports for 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	
	The Planning reports were noted.	
<b>29.</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
	<p><i>i. Maintenance and Safety</i> Nothing to report</p> <p><i>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</i> Cllr Leather reported that she had met with Wesley Hutton, ANSA Environmental Services, which is a subsidiary company of CEC, and they had walked around areas in Prestbury Village (Castlegate, Willowmead, Scott Road, Shirleys car park) to show how dirty and untidy these areas were. He reported that they are seriously understaffed but he offered to attend a meeting to listen to all concerns. She had received a complaint about dirty signage and bollards and had contacted Highways and discovered that this job had not been budgeted for this year. She contacted Borough Cllr Findlow and a budget is now in place. She had received no timeline for the re-surfacing of Willowmead but it will be in this financial year. The gully schedule had been produced but they will only be cleared annually.</p> <p><i>iii. Police Report</i> Nothing to report.</p> <p><i>iv. Environment Issues</i> Nothing to report.</p> <p><i>v. Footpaths</i> Cllr Ireland reported that Norman Ridley had spoken to him about funding for new footpath maps to be printed and he proposed that he would liaise with Norman to confirm with him an amount of up to £2000 for new footpath maps to be produced. Seconded by Cllr Foden All in favour <b>Resolved: that Cllr Ireland would liaise with Norman Ridley and would confirm with him the amount of up to £2000 for new footpath maps to be produced</b></p> <p><i>vi. Newsletter</i> Cllr Burns reported that the Chairman was considering whether a newsletter should be produced containing his Annual Parish Meeting speech due to the low attendance at the APM. This was discussed and as other items needed to be reported this would be a good idea. She asked that if anybody thought of any articles for this newsletter could they e-mail herself or Cllr Musgrove.</p> <p><i>vii. Community Pride</i> Cllr Jackson reported that she had arranged for a contractor to come and complete some clearing up within the village.</p>	
<b>30.</b>	<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>	
	Cllr Burns reported that CEC are outsourcing Service Delivery on a large scale. The leader of CEC had reported that they had enough housing for the next five years. This had been knocked back but they still reported this. The Local Plan had been submitted this day to the DCLG despite a scathing response from Stockport MBC.	
<b>31.</b>	<b>To receive an update on the progress on the Children's playground</b>	
	Cllr Miles reported that she had received offers of £7000 from the Village Hall, the Amenity Society will let her know how much they will offer, they have £5500 in the account, £3000 from Manchester Airport, £3000 from CEC, £750 from Lions & District Club, Lafarge and WREN will get back to her in June, waiting to hear from Fields in Trust. They should know by the end of June how much they have raised but will not be able to build until September because how some of the funding is issued.	

<b>32.</b>	<b>To report about the meeting held to discuss priorities and plans for the future of the village</b>	
	To be adjourned to the June meeting	
<b>33.</b>	<b>To receive a report from the Finance &amp; General Purpose Committee</b>	
	The Chairman of the F & GP Committee, Cllr Ireland went through the accounts. Cllr Ireland proposed that £26,00 be approved for the new playground to be built Cllr Foden seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: that £26,000 be added to the budget for the new playground to be built</i>	
<b>34.</b>	<b>To approve the accounting statements for 2013/2014 to be forwarded 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 Miles seconded the proposal All were in favour <i>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.</i>	
<b>35.</b>	<b>To discuss the status of the garage rented by the garage by the Parish Council on Park House Lane</b>	
	To be adjourned to the June meeting.	
<b>36.</b>	<b>To discuss the future organisation of the Planning Committee</b>	
	To be adjourned to the June meeting.	
<b>37.</b>	<b>To discuss appointing new councillors</b>	
	Following discussion it was agreed that the three vacancies would be advertised to link with the issue of the next newsletter at the end of June.	
<b>38.</b>	<b>To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon</b>	
	Cllr Burns requested that she be booked onto the Digital Mapping course run by ChALC at the end of June.	<b>Clerk</b>

**Chairman**