

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

AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESTBURY ON 24TH MAY 2016 AT 7.30PM

Present: **Councillors:** K Miles (Chairman), L Burns, V Herbert, T Jackson, G Kennedy, M Leather, K Podmore, L Saint.

Also present: Borough Cllr P Findlow

Item	Action
63. Election of Chairman	
Cllr Miles proposed Cllr Arthur Dicken as Chairman of the Parish Council for a further year. Cllr Saint seconded the proposal Five in favour. Two abstentions. <i>Resolved: That Councillor Arthur Dicken should be Chairman of Prestbury Parish Council for a further year.</i>	
64. Election of Vice Chairman	
Cllr Saint proposed Cllr Karen Miles as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr Kennedy seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That Councillor Miles be elected as Vice Chairman of Prestbury Parish Council.</i>	
65. Apologies for absence	
Councillors A Dicken, D Foden, J Martin	
66. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th April	
Cllr Jackson proposed that the minutes of the 12 th April 2016 be approved Cllr Leather seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 12th April, 2016 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i>	
67. Declarations of Interest	
None	
68. Public Participation	
None	
69. Clerks Report	
The Clerk's report was noted.	
70. Accounts for Payment	
Cllr Leather proposed that the accounts for May should be sanctioned for payment Cllr Podmore seconded the proposal All were in favour <i>Resolved: That the Accounts for May should be sanctioned for payment.</i>	

71.	Elect Statutory Committees for 2016/2017	
	<p><u>Finance –</u> Councillors: Foden Leather Podmore Councillors: Dicken and Miles would serve on the Committee as ex-officio members</p> <p><u>Planning –</u> Councillors: Foden Jackson Kennedy Leather Podmore Saint Councillor: Dicken and Miles would serve on the Committee as ex-officio members</p>	
72.	Review Areas of Responsibility	
	<p>Village appearance & Community Pride - Thelma Jackson, Marilyn Leather, Valerie Herbert Environmental Issues - Don Foden Play Areas - Don Foden, Karen Miles Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety - Marilyn Leather, Valerie Herbert Footpaths - Thelma Jackson Police - Arthur Dicken, Gillian Kennedy Newsletter - All councillors Events - Karen Miles, Linda Saint, Gillian Kennedy, Thelma Jackson Cheshire East issues - Thelma Jackson Business Forum - Karen Miles, Marilyn Leather Strategic Planning & Development - Lillian Burns Tourism - ? Working Together - Linda Saint, Thelma Jackson Event Management - Karen Miles PR Publicity & Social Media - John Martin Make best use of the Toilet Block - Keith Podmore, John Martin Access & use of Parrott’s Field - Karen Miles, John Martin</p> <p>REPRESENTATIVES ON VARIOUS BODIES Village Hall Norman Moffitt, Thelma Jackson Ann Whittaker Trust Don Foden, Nicola Handley, Leslie Cain, Ben Jones Area Meetings (ChALC) Lillian Burns, Marilyn Leather, Clerk Local Community Partnership Thelma Jackson, Clerk Cllr Leather, Clerk (Highways)</p>	
73.	Review Register of Interests of Councillors	
	The Clerk reminded the Council that if they have any change of circumstances they must change their Register of Interests Form.	
74.	Planning reports for 20th April & 11th May	
	The Planning Committee reports were noted.	

75.	Reports	
	<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 the faults on Prestbury Lane had been rectified. She had met with the train operating company representative and had produced a 'wish list' which included items such as disabled access. The new fencing along the railway had started to be erected. She had e-mailed and complained about the fencing and had a reply that the fencing was a safety issue and will not be removed. The bridge at the station is in the budget and will be replaced in the next 2-3 years and she has asked that the Parish Council have an input into this. Cllr Miles reported that Chelford Road will be re-surfaced at the beginning of June.</p> <p><i>iii. Police Report</i> Cllr Jackson reported that there had been an aggravated robbery in the Parish where a female resident in the house on her own had been attacked and she warned that people must be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Police.</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 Miles requested articles for the next newsletter to be submitted to her or Cllr Martin within the following fortnight.</p>	
76.	To receive reports concerning Cheshire East Council (CEC) issues including the Poynton Area Community Partnership, Local Service Delivery and Devolved Services	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that as far as she was aware the first consultation on the Cheshire East Local Plan Site Specific Planning document was due to take place this summer. We will have to wait to see what smaller sites are proposed within that document. Borough Cllr Findlow explained that an invitation will be sent out asking for suggestions/ideas of areas to be included. Prestbury is greatly protected by the Green Belt at the moment but there is a Green Belt review underway as part of the Local Plan process.</p> <p>Cllr Podmore reported that he had attended the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Board (SPB) meeting concerning the planning applications for the King's School at Macclesfield Town Hall on the 18th May. The outcome of the meeting was that the applications were deferred to enable Kings to address the matters raised by the officers and the members.</p> <p>The three points raised were</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Green Belt 2. An environmental issue which Cllr Podmore thought related to a bat survey 3. The traffic issue and in particular the junction at Four Lane Ends <p>The first issue did not appear to be of any concern to the SPB members as they considered that the Green Belt issue would be offset by the provision of housing on the two other sites in Macclesfield. This appeared, in context, to enable Kings to meet the 'special needs' criteria for development on a Green Belt site, although this point was not specifically stated. There was no discussion by the SPB regarding the Green Belt matter, which seemed amazing considering they were specifically instructed to consider each application individually and judge it on its own merits. The SPB continually considered all three applications as one.</p> <p>With regard to the second point the officers considered that this matter could be overcome by Kings by them providing additional information.</p> <p>The traffic issue was more confrontational and formed the main objection by the SPB. CE highways strongly objected to the proposals put forward by Kings and recommended refusal purely on highways grounds. However, again Kings were given the opportunity to address this matter and come up with a more acceptable scheme at the junction. No additional works were discussed along Alderley Rd or conditions placed on King's School to address the issues on that road.</p> <p>In conclusion the general opinion of the SPB was that all applications should be deferred, and in their opinion be considered as one application. King's School would be allowed to address all issues raised on all applications and to return with new proposals.</p> <p>Cllr Burns stated that the report from the planner recommending refusal made no reference to the Arup</p>	

	report which had assessed Green Belt. Both Cllrs Burns and Podmore felt that the advice given at the meeting was poor.	
77.	Development Project Progress	
	<p>i(a)Tourism (external) Nothing to report</p> <p>i(b)Tourism (internal) Nothing to report</p> <p>i(c) Village appearance and Community Pride Cllr Jackson reported that she is trying to source some new barrels to replace the decaying ones in the village. Cllr Leather reported that the lights within the village will change from orange to white LED lights within the next two years It was reported that internal work had commenced at the old Co-op. The sale of the Priests House was moving forward in the fact that 25 people had shown an interest in buying it. They will be shown around the building and be asked how much they would be willing to pay and what would they do with the building. That information will be forwarded to Nat West who would make the final decision. The Chocolate Box had been sold and that sale was going through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we encourage the local community to play as active a part as they are able? Cllr Herbert asked what could be done to encourage people to get involved? • What can we learn from Sutton, Langley and Lyme Green? Cllr Herbert reported that there had been an article in the local press about the work these areas were doing with volunteers and maybe we should follow their lead. • How can we link up with the Prestbury Amenity Society? Cllr Herbert explained that the Amenity Society and the Parish Council were both trying to do the same things by improving Prestbury and they should work together. It was agreed that Cllr Jackson and herself would get together to discuss how to move forward <p>ii. Make best use of the Toilet Block. Cllr Podmore reported that Cllr Martin had met with third parties that were interested in contributing to the cost of turning the area into a car park. He made it clear to them that no spaces would be reserved for them. Cllr Burns felt strongly that there should be an option in the consultation of having a building on the site – whether it was the existing one or a replacement – which was for the use of the Parish Council and the community with a public loo facility attached. She also asked that it was made clear in the information disseminated that the telecommunications box could not be moved. In addition, she suggested that the survey exercise could be expanded to include questions concerning other matters eg. the King’s School, Green Belt, Parrots Field. This suggestion did not appear to have support. Cllr Jackson requested a list of all businesses that have agreed that their toilets could be used by members of the public who were not customers..</p> <p>iii. Access and use of Parrott’s Field. Nothing to report</p> <p>iv. Working together. Nothing to report.</p> <p>v. Event Management. Nothing to report.</p> <p>vi. PR Publicity and Social Media. Nothing to report.</p>	VH & TJ
78.	Behaviour Attitude, approach and language displayed by Councillors.	
	Cllr Leather requested that this topic be deferred to the following month.	
79.	To approve the accounting statements for 2015/16 to be sent to the Audit Commission	
	Cllr Leather reported that the accounts were not ready yet and would like to defer this to the following meeting.	
80.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	

	<p>The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from a Mr George Sanders requesting that he place a memorial plaque for his wife on the toilet block site and it was agreed that would not be allowed. It was noted that Cllr Jackson had placed a memorial stone for her husband (Jimmy Jackson) on that land without the permission of the Council and it would be discussed further at the next meeting.</p>	
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