

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESTBURY ON 26TH MAY 2015 AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillors: A Dicken (Chairman), L Burns, D Foden, T Jackson, M Leather, J Martin, K Miles, C Musgrove, L Saint.

Also present: Borough Cllr P Findlow

Item	Action
62. Election of Chairman	
Cllr Burns proposed Cllr Arthur Dicken as Chairman of the Parish Council for a further year. Cllr Saint seconded the proposal Five in favour. One abstention. (Cllrs. Musgrove and Miles did not arrive until after the vote had been taken). <i>Resolved: That Councillor Arthur Dicken should be Chairman of Prestbury Parish Council for a further year.</i>	
63. Election of Vice Chairman	
Cllr Burns proposed Cllr Christine Musgrove as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr Miles seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That Councillor Musgrove be re-elected as Vice Chairman of Prestbury Parish Council.</i>	
64. Apologies for absence	
Councillors T Bailey, K Podmore	
65. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th April	
Cllr Leather requested a correction to item 59(ii) with the removal of Mr Hamilton's name All in favour Cllr Miles proposed that the minutes of the 14 th April 2015 be approved Cllr Musgrove seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 14th April 2015 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i>	
66. Declarations of Interest	
Cllr Dicken declared an interest in the King's School	
67. Public Participation	
None	
68. Clerks Report	
The Clerk's report was noted. It was agreed that at the Planning Committee on the 3 rd June when the Clerk was on leave the Councillors would inform CEC of their comments and the Clerk would produce the minutes on her return from holiday.	

69.	Accounts for Payment	
	<p>It was agreed that the invoice from United Utilities needs further investigation by Cllr Podmore Cllr Musgrove proposed that the accounts for May should be sanctioned for payment Cllr Saint seconded the proposal All were in favour Resolved: That the Accounts for May should be sanctioned for payment.</p>	KP
70.	Elect Statutory Committees for 2015/2016	
	<p>Finance – Councillors: Burns Foden Leather Podmore Councillors: Dicken and Musgrove would serve on the Committee as ex-officio members Resolved: That the Finance & General Purpose Committee should comprise of all the names as Above.</p> <p>Planning – Councillors: Foden Jackson Leather Podmore Saint Councillor: Dicken and Musgrove would serve on the Committee as ex-officio members Resolved: That the Planning Committee should comprise of all the names as above</p>	
71.	Review Areas of Responsibility	
	<p>Community Pride - Thelma Jackson, Marilyn Leather Environmental Issues - Don Foden Play Areas - Don Foden, Karen Miles Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety - Marilyn Leather Footpaths - Thelma Jackson Police - Arthur Dicken, Marilyn Leather Newsletter - Lillian Burns, Christine Musgrove Events - Karen Miles, Christine Musgrove, Marilyn Leather Cheshire East issues - Lillian Burns, Thelma Jackson Business Forum - Karen Miles, Christine Musgrove Local Plan/ Strategic Development Lillian Burns, Christine Musgrove REPRESENTATIVES ON VARIOUS BODIES Village Hall Norman Moffitt Ann Whittaker Trust Don Foden, Nicola Handley, Leslie Cain, Ben Jones Area Meetings (ChALC) Lillian Burns, Marilyn Leather, Christine Musgrove Local Community Partnership Thelma Jackson with Lillian Burns as substitute Marilyn Leather (Highways) with Lillian Burns as substitute.</p> <p>PARISH PLAN INITIATIVES To be confirmed at the Special Projects meeting in June</p>	
72.	Review Register of Interests of Councillors	
	<p>The Council were informed by the Clerk that as the Council was effectively a new Council following the recent elections they must complete a new General Notice of Registerable Interests.</p>	

73.	<p>Planning reports for 22nd April & 13th May</p> <p>The Planning reports were noted.</p> <p>Cllr Burns queried the status of Thatches, Broadwalk. Borough Cllr Findlow informed the Council that this application had been called into Committee but unfortunately, the property had been demolished over the Bank Holiday weekend and there is no action that can be taken against the home owner as the building did not have a statutory listing.</p> <p>There was a further discussion about the general overdevelopment of properties when single homes are being demolished and being replaced with multiple dwellings.</p>	
74.	<p>Reports</p> <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 Chelford Road edgings had been repaired. Willowmead Road had been re-surfaced. Grass verges had not been repaired and also the verges had not been cut in some areas of the village and the grass was very long. Borough Cllr Findlow reported that the special paint needed for the zebra crossing had been ordered. Cllr Miles reported that the playground needs mowing before the 1st June so that the repairs to the playground surface can be completed and if ANSA cannot do it then she will have to do it herself and Cllr Dicken volunteered to help. Cllr Musgrove reported that the hedges on Macclesfield Road were very overgrown. It is a key artery into Prestbury and it looks unkempt with overgrown hedges and damaged verges. Cllr Leather confirmed that CEC are chasing the utility companies to repair the damaged verges. Cllr Dicken requested that another meeting is held with ANSA about all the work which is not been completed and it was agreed that Cllrs Dicken, Leather and Musgrove would meet with ANSA.</p> <p><i>iii. Police Report</i> Cllr Dicken reported that the SID would be placed on Bonis Hall Lane following a comment from a resident at the Annual Parish Meeting and better signage on this road had also been requested.</p> <p><i>iv. Environment Issues</i> Cllr Foden reported that there was a hole in the Bollin River wall on Bollin Grove and he did not know who had done it. The Clerk was asked to contact the Environment Agency concerning this. Also there was a commercial-size wheelie bin in the river which was stuck on a pipe. The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency will not remove it unless it is causing a flood. It was agreed the Clerk would obtain quotes from contractors for removal and disposal of the bin.</p> <p><i>v. Footpaths</i> Cllr Burns reported that Norman Ridley had asked for approval for payment of the print and layout for a new footpath map. Cllr Burns proposed that £1400 be made available for the print and layout of new footpath maps. Cllr Musgrove seconded the proposal All in favour Resolved: that £1400 be paid for the print and layout of new footpath maps.</p> <p><i>vi. Community Pride</i> Cllr Jackson reported that the ‘Turkeys for Sale’ sign on Wilmslow Road had not been removed. Cllr Dicken reported that a brass plaque had been placed on the old post office wall recording the history of the building.</p> <p><i>vii. Newsletter</i> Cllr Burns confirmed that she would continue to edit the newsletter for the next year and said she hoped to produce the next one during the summer. The timing could depend on the Local Plan and how matters move forward with regards to King’s School.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

75.	To receive reports concerning Cheshire East Council (CEC) issues including the Poynton Area Community Partnership, Local Service Delivery and Devolved Services	
	<p>Cllr Jackson reported that there had not been a meeting of the Poynton Area Community Partnership. Cllr Burns reported that the CEC had held two Local Plan technical workshops the previous week and Cllr Musgrove had attended on behalf of the Parish Council. CEC are now proposing that there should be a total of 36,000 new houses built within the 20-year period of the Local Plan (over seven thousand more than was originally the case) and 27 ha. more employment land. It was not yet known where all the extra houses would go but it had been definitively stated that the extra employment land would be somewhere in North Cheshire. All Green Belt land had been broken down into ‘parcels’ which had been given one of the following three designations:</p> <p>(1) ‘making a major contribution to Green Belt’, (1) ‘making a significant contribution’ or (3) merely ‘making a contribution’. That which was regarded as only making ‘a contribution’ was the most likely for being targeted for development. There were several such sites in Prestbury. However, the parcel of land which included Priory Park where Macclesfield Rugby Club was based did not appear to have been given any designation. Cllr Burns asked Borough Cllr Findlow if he would please find out why this was. The Inspector will re-open the examination in public on the Local Plan in September and if he does not reject the revised Plan on the basis that the modifications put forward are ‘major’ ones, it is anticipated that he is likely to close it again almost immediately. If he adjourns again it would mean that the modifications will not go to full public consultation. (The technical workshops held to date on emerging modifications have only been made available to those parties that took part in the EIP).</p>	PF
76.	Development Project Progress	
	<p>i.To engage the business community and fill the empty shops. Cllr Dicken reported that Cllr Saint and himself had held a second meeting with the Mr & Mrs Hall who are assisting with this subject.</p> <p>ii.Future of the toilet block/Community Facility Cllr Burns reported that very few responses had been received following the Community Facility questionnaire being distributed with the newsletter. Cllr Saint had spoken to almost all of the local clubs/groups within the village and it was concluded that no further basic community space was required following the Church stating that their extension would be available for wider community use. Consequently research had been made with clubs/groups outside the village and consideration was currently being given as to whether there might be a demand for an enhanced facility such as one with good quality audio-visual facilities. A topographical survey had been completed on the land where the toilet block is situated which had been forwarded to the Environment Agency because they have the final say about any buildings within eight metres of the top of a river bank. They had conducted a desktop exercise and, from that, had indicated that they would not want any building to be closer than three metres to the top of the river bank on the toilet block site. However, Cllr. Burns said she wanted to invite them to pay a visit to the site in the hope that they might review their decision and consider allowing either an extension to the existing building or a new one to be built closer to the top of the river bank. The EA charge £84 an hour which includes travelling time. They estimated that travelling time from Warrington would be one hour each way and they would need about one hour on site. So, it was thought the task would take three hours. Cllr Burns proposed that £252 be made available for completion of an Environment Agency site visit and report. Cllr Musgrove seconded this proposal 7 in favour 2 against Resolved: that £252 be spent on an Environment Agency report on the toilet block area.</p> <p>iii. Village appearance and volunteers Cllr Musgrove has seven volunteers for litter picking at present and Cllr Dicken has three volunteers for the Speed Indicator Device and she is looking at arranging a get together where they can be thanked for their hard work.</p>	

	<p>iv. Event Management and Parrott's Field Cllr Martin had circulated a some comments electronically earlier in the day. Cllr Miles reported that Cllr Martin and herself had taken on the role of making Parrott's Field more welcoming as this is an unused public green space. Their rationale was to make it a communal meeting space, tidy up that end of the village and make people aware that it is a public space. They intend to facilitate that space by consultation with not only the Bridge Green residents but the whole village. They intend to meet with CEC and will report back to the Council.</p> <p>v. To receive a report on the Xmas Party The Xmas Party will be held on 13th December from 4-7pm this year. The intention was for it to be more of a community-organised event than last year but that meant it would require more community effort and more input from Councillors for it to happen and be successful. Cllr Musgrove reported that they wanted to use Parrott's Field for children's entertainment.</p> <p>vi. To discuss holding a Summer Party There would not be a Summer party as there was no support from the businesses.</p> <p>vii. Improve Prestbury Station Cllr Dicken reported that he had received a list of jobs to be completed from Network Rail and he provided copies of this list to Cllrs Burns and Leather for them to review. It was noted that Prestbury was not the only Northern Rail station that is now being charged for parking.</p>	
77.	To approve the accounting statements for 2014/15 to be sent to the Audit Commission	
	Cllr Leather requested that this be postponed until 9 th June for further investigations to be completed.	
78.	King's School re-location to Prestbury	
	Cllrs. Dicken vacated the chair for this agenda item and Cllr Musgrove took over. Cllr Burns reminded the Council that the headmaster of King's School had said, at the April Parish Council meeting, that he would be staging an exhibition and consultation on the school's plans at the end of May. Hence she had requested an agenda item for this meeting. However, the school's timings appeared to have slipped. Nevertheless, she requested that this topic stay on the agenda until further notice, which was agreed. Cllr Musgrove suggested that a letter should be sent to the headmaster asking him to set out his new timetable. This was agreed. Cllr. Burns pointed out that the land that the King's School wishes to build upon has been awarded the highest Green Belt designation, ie.it was considered to make a 'major contribution' because of its position between Prestbury and Macclesfield, making a clear divide between the two settlements.	
79.	To receive a report on the meeting with John Griffiths and Carol Hamilton	
	Cllr Dicken reported that Mr Griffiths was very keen to come to Prestbury but it was essential that he has 4-5 car parking spaces in addition to those that the Co-op site itself could offer. He had accepted that the toilet block site was not available in his time frame if at all. He had asked CEC whether four car parking spaces could be made on the entrance to the Springfields car park on the left hand side of the grass verge near the entrance and a meeting was due to take place with the assets part of CEC very soon. It was not known what the official opinion of the highways department was about this proposal.	
80.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	None.	

Chairman