

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30PM**

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

**Also present:** Borough Cllr P Findlow

Item	Action
<b>160. Apologies for absence</b>	
Councillors K Miles, L Saint	
<b>161. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015</b>	
Cllr Burns proposed that the minutes of the 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 be approved. Cllr Podmore seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i>	
<b>162. Declarations of Interest</b>	
Cllr Dicken declared in interest in the King's School in item 171.	
<b>163. To approve the co-option of Gillian Kennedy</b>	
Cllr Musgrove proposed that Gillian Kennedy be co-opted onto the Council forthwith Cllr Martin seconded the proposal 6 in favour, 1 abstention <i>Resolved: that Gillian Kennedy be co-opted onto the Parish Council forthwith.</i>	
<b>164. Public Participation</b>	
PCSO John Lee, local PCSO covering Prestbury, attended the meeting and reported crimes within the area over the past 60 days which included fake vouchers for the Co-op which were circulating at present. A young male had been knocking on doors stating he was from Macclesfield College and asking for sponsorship money for an event and when investigated there was no such event and he was not a student there. Reports had been received of drug use on Bollin Grove but the cars had been searched of youths parked at the bottom of Bollin Grove and no drugs had been found. The average speed of cars travelling down Castle Hill was between 32-37 mph and this was not deemed as a problem. He said that he found the information derived from the Council's speed indicator device (SID) difficult to interpret and he explained there were other types of SIDs which provided more easily digested data. There were ongoing discussions with the Golf Club in the hope of holding a Speed Awareness event at the Club. He also said that he hoped to attend the Parish Council meetings each month and report on police activity in Prestbury.	
<b>165. Clerk's Report</b>	
The Clerk's report was noted.	
<b>166. Accounts for Payment</b>	<b>APPENDIX A</b>
Cllr Foden proposed that the accounts for November be approved for payment Cllr Leather seconded the proposal All were in favour <i>Resolved: That the accounts for November should be sanctioned for payment.</i>	

167.	<p><b>Planning Reports for 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p>The Planning reports were noted</p>	
168.	<p><b>To receive a report from the Finance &amp; General Purpose Committee</b></p> <p>Councillor Leather reported that the F &amp; GP Committee had held a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and had recommended that the Parish Council have their own broadband and telephone account. Councillor Leather proposed a package with Virgin at the cost of £30 per month with an installation cost of £50 plus VAT be obtained. Cllr Podmore seconded the proposal All in favour <b>Resolved: that a broadband and telephone package be obtained in the name of Prestbury Parish Council for £30 per month and installation cost of £50 + VAT</b></p> <p>Councillor Leather also proposed that the contract for the photocopier be cancelled and a new copier be obtained for the sum of up to £250. Cllr Podmore seconded the proposal All in favour <b>Resolved: that the current contract for the photocopier be cancelled and a new photocopier be obtained for the value of up to £250.00</b></p> <p>Councillor Leather also proposed that two gazebos (with sides) be obtained for outdoor events for the sum of up to £1200. Councillor Musgrove seconded the proposal <b>Resolved: that two Gazebos be purchased for the total sum of up to £1200.</b></p>	
169.	<p><b>Reports</b></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 extensive surface patching had been completed along the higher end of Macclesfield Road. A section of road surface on Prestbury Lane is disintegrating, this has been reported, but no timeline for this job has been secured or in fact whether CEC deem it necessary. Four electricity outages in the Shirleys car park have been reported to the car park maintenance team. The double yellow lines that are to be placed near the Macclesfield Road/Broadwalk junction were to be 33 metres long.</p> <p><i>iii. Police Report</i> Cllr Dicken reported no further police meetings or crime reports have been received since the last Council meeting. The SID traffic speed measurement device has been deployed in the village on Macclesfield Road and on Castle Hill. At the end of the month it was sited on London Road, near to the Flash Lane junction, to make initial speed measurements in response to a request from the Butley Town representatives. They have two motives: first they are concerned about high traffic speeds and traffic noise on this section of the A523, and secondly they want to gain statistical evidence in support of their request to CEC for fixed SID units to be installed as part of the A523 local junction improvements associated with the Poynton Relief Road (formerly the Poynton Bypass) proposals.</p> <p><i>iv. Environment Issues</i> Cllr Foden reported that the official opening of the playground was due to be held on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. All councillors were asked to attend.</p> <p><i>v. Footpaths</i> Nothing to report</p> <p><i>vi. Newsletter</i> Cllr Burns reported that she had not received any articles from councillors, (as requested by the Chairman at the last meeting), just an idea for an article from one of her colleagues. There was therefore no potential material for a newsletter at present. Following discussion it was agreed that, unless something occurred of sufficient newsworthiness in the meantime, the next issue would probably be put off until January.</p>	

170.	<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>Cllr Burns reported that hearings into the Cheshire East Local Plan modifications had taken place at the end of October. So many people/organisations/developers wished to participate that every session had been duplicated. On the final day Stockport MBC severely criticised all the plans for Handforth. She also reported that Adrian Fisher, CEC's planning manager, had called a meeting – immediately after the hearings - with a handful of Parish Councils from the North of the Borough to discuss potential development sites in Green Belt as part of the Local Plan process. The Clerk and herself had attended this meeting. The meeting was split into two groups and one Prestbury member sat in each group. Both groups were told that Prestbury was an objector to the Local Plan and would not engage in discussions about development sites in Green Belt.</p> <p>There had also been a meeting, again called by Adrian Fisher, concerning the Housing Market with developers and other stakeholders which Cllr Burns had attended. No conclusions were reached. The consultation on the Poynton Relief Road was discussed and Cllr Dicken reported that he had been invited to attend a meeting with the Butley Town group to discuss their opinions. He also stated that the Macclesfield Express had reported him inaccurately in an article about the Poynton Relief Road and he had spoken to them and forwarded them to Cllr Burns. Cllr Burns confirmed that she had also then been interviewed by the same Macclesfield Express journalist but said that she had no confidence that she would be reported accurately.</p>	
171.	<b>King's School relocation to Prestbury and the Rugby Club developments</b>	
	<p><b>Cllr Musgrove took the chair.</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
172.	<b>Development Project Progress</b>	
	<p><b>Cllr Dicken resumed the chair.</b></p> <p><i>i(a). Tourism (external)</i> Cllr Burns reported that she had attended a meeting of the Cheshire Peak District Consortium. The Prestbury tourism leaflet was still 'on hold' and so was the second half day of photography that would contribute towards it, pending ongoing changes in the village. Cllr Burns warned the Council that if the second half day of professional photography went over into another year, it would almost certainly cost more than the original quote that had been agreed. However, after a discussion, it was agreed to hold up both the photography and the leaflet until the majority of the changes within the village were settled.</p> <p><i>i(b). Tourism (internal)</i> Cllr Musgrove reported that she was still working on quotes for a new Prestbury website.</p> <p><i>I(c) Village appearance and Community Pride</i> Cllr Dicken reported that a visit to the premises of the former NatWest Bank (ie. the Priests House) at the end of October allowed some Councillors to view the premises. A working party had been set up by the Business Forum to explore potential uses for the Priests House which would benefit the village and increase footfall. Cllrs Foden and Saint will represent the Parish Council on this group. Cllr Foden reported that the Bank of Scotland had agreed to clean the outside of the Ann Whittaker Building and re-paint following re-branding.</p> <p><i>ii. Make best use of toilet block site</i> Cllr Podmore reported that he had met with Carol Hamilton and requested a meeting with the potential contributors who Mr. Hamilton had said were interested in part financing the conversion of all or part of the site into a car park. He would like to investigate with planners about the possibility of a car park, the cost and funding. He stated that we need to look into all options. Cllr Podmore proposed that further exploration of use of the site as a car park, either the entire site or keeping the building and a car park. Cllr Musgrove seconded the proposal. Five voted for, one against and two abstained. Cllr Burns reminded the Council that she and Cllr Leather had spoken to a senior planner and the Conservation Officer earlier in the year about the site and they were opposed to a car park in that location but had no objections to either an extension to the existing building or a new building being provided on the site so long as it came no further forward than the present building.</p> <p><i>iii. Access and use of Parrott's Field.</i></p>	

	<p>Cllr Martin reported that he had spoken to Richard Christopherson at CEC at length about Parrott's Field and the site was owned by Assets and Mr Christopherson will meet with them to gain their views. Everything is on hold at present but he hoped to gain more information by the end of the year.</p> <p><b>iv. Working together</b></p> <p>Cllr Saint had sent an email explaining that in the new year she intends to "approach the church" in order to work towards a closer relationship. She also wishes to meet the leaders of the numerous groups within the village. Hopefully as previously suggested we would consider organising a Spring/Summer event and bring everyone together.</p> <p><b>v. Event Management</b></p> <p>Cllr Musgrove reported that the Xmas Party Group had held a meeting and most things are arranged but they did need to appoint a different road management company than the one used last year.</p> <p><b>vi. PR Publicity and Social Media</b></p> <p>Cllr Martin reported that he was still placing items on Facebook and Twitter and more and more response is being received.</p>	
<b>173.</b>	<b>To discuss the dates that Parish Council meetings are held</b>	
	Cllr Leather requested that this topic is discussed at the December meeting.	
<b>174.</b>	<b>To discuss the Christmas lights</b>	
	<p>Cllr Leather reported that it had been agreed with CEC that extra sockets could be fitted to the lamp posts.</p> <p>Cllr Leather proposed that four extra sockets be installed in the lamp posts at the maximum cost of £300 + VAT</p> <p>Cllr Musgrove seconded the proposal</p> <p><b>Resolved: that a maximum of £300 + VAT would be spent on the installation of four extra sockets within the lampposts.</b></p> <p>She also reported that she had ordered three extra sets of lights to cover the bridge area.</p> <p>There followed a discussion about the use of a laser light on the roof of the Bridge Hotel and it was decided that this was not necessary and that the opening of the event would just happen and there was no need to hold an official opening.</p>	
<b>175.</b>	<b>Parking developments in the village</b>	
	<p>Cllr Martin reported that he had requested information on three occasions from CEC regarding the devolution of car parks (a subject which they had raised) and so far he had been ignored. He suggested that we stop pro-actively attempting to communicate with CEC concerning this issue and await them making further contact. This was agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Burns stated that we had never heard anything further from CEC concerning the parking problem on Scott Road and Borough Cllr Findlow agreed to look into this.</p>	<b>PF</b>
<b>176.</b>	<b>To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon</b>	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that the CEC pre-budget report had been received and the Council Tax support grant will cease from April 2016. Borough Cllr Findlow reported that the business rates proposal would not be in force until 2020. A discussion followed concerning about asking for a share of the business rates. Cllr Burns and the Clerk agreed to draft a letter about this.</p>	<b>LB &amp; Clerk</b>

**Chairman**