

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2016 AT 7.30PM**

**Present: Councillors:** A Dicken (Chairman), L Burns, D Foden, V Herbert, T Jackson, M Leather, J Martin, K Miles, K Podmore, L Saint.

Item	Action
<b>149. Apologies for absence</b>	
Cllr G Clewley, Borough Cllr P Findlow	
<b>150. Declarations of Interest</b>	
None	
<b>151. Public Participation</b>	
Mr Duncan Broomhead and Mr Geoff Leary from the Butley Town Group attended the meeting to request that the Parish Council support their objection to the Well Lane junction change in the application for the Poynton Relief Road as they consider that the plan for that junction would be dangerous. Following discussion it was agreed that their comments would be included in the response to the planning application by the Parish Council. They also requested that a meeting be held with the Butley councillors to discuss things further. Duncan Broomhead also requested that the path (as per attached map) be cleared as the hedgerows are all overgrown. Cllr Leather agreed to raise this matter at the appropriate CEC meeting.	LB  ML
<b>152. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
Cllr Leather proposed a small change of wording to items 140 & 141 Cllr Miles proposed that the minutes of the 9 <sup>th</sup> August be approved following the amendment Cllr Burns seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman, following amendment.</i>	
<b>153. Clerk's Report</b>	
The Clerk's report was noted. The Clerk also reported that Peaks and Plains had now agreed to demolish the garages on Parkhouse Lane.	
<b>154. Accounts for Payment</b>	<b>APPENDIX A</b>
Cllr Leather reported that following the agreement re: the payment of the insurance renewal the F & GP Committee had agreed to continue with the present insurance brokers but their quote did not include an adequate Key Person Policy. To increase the Key Person Policy it would cost £82.50 per annum. Cllr Leather proposed that the Key Person policy be improved at a further cost of £82.50 Cllr Podmore seconded the proposal <i>Resolved: the insurance policy be improved at the cost of £82.50 per annum</i> Cllr Leather reported that an invoice and quote for signage for businesses to offer use of their toilets had been received from Carol Hamilton. The Clerk agreed to contact Carol Hamilton to confirm whether he or Tunnickliffe signs needed paying and also to obtain the sign from him.	<b>Clerk</b>

	<p>Cllr Leather asked whether a semi mature Xmas Tree could be obtained and planted. Following discussion it was agreed that this could not be considered at present as the plans for Parrott's Field did not allow for this.</p> <p>Cllr Leather proposed that the accounts for October be approved for payment Cllr Podmore seconded the proposal. All were in favour <b>Resolved: That the accounts for October should be sanctioned for payment.</b></p>	
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<b>155.</b>	<b>Planning Reports for 14<sup>th</sup> September &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
	The Planning Committee reports were noted.	
<b>156.</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
	<p><b>i. Maintenance and Safety</b> Cllr Miles reported that she had inspected the trees at the Tennis Club and they were hanging over the courts. Following discussion it was agreed that quotes would be obtained for them to be trimmed back.</p> <p><b>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</b> Cllr Leather reported that some road lining was being completed at present and the Zebra crossing would be re-painted. The Traffic Regulation Order had been completed for Broadwalk. CEC had now agreed to complete investigations as to why there was flooding outside Pierce Cottage. The cleaning of the Pavements being completed by a local company had now been acknowledged by that company that it was too big a job but they would look to see if they could find another contractor who could complete the job. Cllr Saint reported that the lollypop lady had gone from Four Lane Ends and she agreed to contact Fallibroome School to ascertain why this was. Cllr Podmore reported that there were reflective signs on the verge on Macclesfield Road which were illegal and the Clerk agreed to write to the homeowner pointing this out.</p> <p><b>iii. Police Report</b> Cllr Dicken had previously circulated a report on a meeting he attended with the local Police on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. <b>Police Visibility:</b> the officers are all aware that Councillors and residents value and expect regular and visible police presence in the village, both for reassurance and as a deterrent. Monthly surgeries are being held in Henry's Café (dates available on the police website) and visits by officers are made when possible. <b>Crime Rate in the Parish:</b> PCSO Lee reviewed recent local crime. It was observed that theft from houses and cars may be slightly increased. The perpetrator of a theft in the main street had been apprehended. There was a discussion about the particular threat over the next 3 months as (a) we see earlier and darker evenings, and (b) as we approach Christmas, when more theft from homes and cars may be expected. The PC's observed that most local crime is opportunistic, and not organised or planned. Residents are advised to ensure that house and car doors are kept locked. Speeding traffic was also discussed : the volunteer team has requested police support on how to move forward with evidence received from the Speed Indicator Device.</p> <p><b>iv. Environment Issues</b> Cllr Dicken reported that following the recent bad weather with heavy rain Pearl Street flooded again. A meeting was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October with the residents and CEC Flood Management Team to discuss this and to urge priority action.</p> <p><b>v. Footpaths</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>vi. Newsletter</b> Cllr Burns reported that she was producing an Autumn newsletter which would contain information about the planning application for the Poynton Relief Road. She requested the promised articles from other councillors by the end the week.</p>	<p><b>DF</b></p> <p><b>LS</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>157.</b>	<b>To receive reports concerning Cheshire East Council (CEC) issues including the Poynton</b>	

<b>Area Community Partnership, Local Service Delivery and Devolved Services</b>		
	Cllr Burns reported that the Local Plan process was grinding on. She did not feel that a great deal would change because of this process but we have tried our best and Peter Yates was doing a good job on behalf of the Parish Council.	
<b>158.</b>	<b>To discuss the planning application for the Poynton Relief Road</b>	
	Cllr Burns had previously circulated a response to the planning application for the Poynton Relief Road which was discussed. Minor alterations were agreed including the comments from the Butley Town Group.	
<b>159.</b>	<b>Development Project Progress</b>	
	<p><i>i(a). Tourism (external)</i> Nothing to report</p> <p><i>i(b). Tourism (internal)</i> Nothing to report</p> <p><i>i(c) Village appearance and Community Pride</i> Cllr Herbert reported that she had laminated the dog fouling signs and they had been erected around the village. Cllr Jackson reported that she had watered the plants, sprayed the weeds and brushed up around the village. She also reported that the Church had placed a sign on the church wall which was untidy. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Dicken would speak to the church and ask them to erect it better. It was noted that the old Co-op was boarded up and looked untidy along with the large “For Sale” signs and it was noted that the agents had been written to before and the reply received was that the property is about to be sold so signs would be removed but this had not happened. Cllrs Dicken and Leather would follow this up.</p> <p><i>ii. Make best use of toilet block site</i> Cllr Podmore reported that he and Cllr Martin had met with the planners the previous week. It had been a very successful meeting. The planner agreed to report the following week on what they would wish to happen on that site. Following this, quotes would be obtained for the work.</p> <p><i>iii. Access and use of Parrott’s Field.</i> Cllr Martin reported since the Council approved the proposal to open up this site for the enjoyment of the community, we have been pursuing two strands to try and deliver the objective. 1) to agree works with CEC to implement changes at our earliest convenience 2) to engage CEC to transfer the asset to PPC. After considerable efforts both these items are now ready for delivery. We had received written confirmation from CEC that our application to use £20,000 of the Section106 funds arising from Ford House has been successful. Meetings have been held with ANSA and they would like to bid for the work. The advantage of ANSA undertaking the work is that we, the PPC, would not have to project manage, engage multiple contractors, or accept public liability for the site. Councillor Martin said that we had listened to the feedback which had been generated from within the Council and from outside following the publication of our intentions in the July Newsletter with regard the previously agreed removal of the hedge. As such we propose making the following amendment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Move the pedestrian entrance from Bridge Green to the diagonal section on the junction between Bridge Green and New Road</li> <li>- This will retain 90% of the existing hedge</li> <li>- Costs will be significantly less and work less disruptive</li> <li>- We can utilize the existing dropped curb</li> <li>- Requires the removal of one additional semi-mature tree</li> </ul> <p>With the potential saving from maintaining the existing hedge and the S106 cash, we further propose utilizing a local artist to design a bespoke entrance reflective of the village. The exact design will go before the council prior to authorizing the work.</p>	<p>AD</p> <p>AD/ML</p> <p>KP</p>

	<p>A discussion followed concerning the maintenance of the field being completed by volunteers.</p> <p><i>iv. Working together</i></p> <p>Cllr Miles stated that individuals and organisations in the village do not appear to cooperate readily. She suggested that the Parish Council has a responsibility to take a lead and to try to encourage working together. The Chairman said that there appeared to be general acceptance of this principle, and we should bear this in mind in our work for the Council.</p> <p><i>v. Event Management</i></p> <p>Cllr Saint reported that she had received an offer for Henry's café to host the Santa's Grotto for the Xmas Party. Cllr Miles had also received an offer from the Church but following discussion it was agreed that Henry's Café would be more central and she agreed to contact Henry's and accept their offer. She wished the Xmas event to become a local event again and requested more volunteers to help with this. The event will be on 11<sup>th</sup> December this year.</p> <p>A discussion was held concerning the festoon lights that went missing last year and it was agreed that an invoice from the lady who owned the lights would be obtained for payment.</p> <p><i>vi. PR Publicity and Social Media</i></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	<p>KM</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>ML</p>
<b>160.</b>	<b>To consider which Best Practice policies recommended by ChALC the Parish Council would wish to adopt</b>	
	The Chairman had circulated a long list which would require further consideration before a proposal could be made to the Council. This item was withdrawn for further consideration	AD
<b>161.</b>	<b>To discuss the Government proposals to cap Parish Precepts</b>	
	<p>Cllr Dicken summarised Cllr Burn's proposal that we support the National Association of Local Council (NALC) who are asking for our support to challenge the government proposal to cap Parish Precepts.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed to support NALC and Cllr Burns agreed to prepare a response.</p>	LB
<b>162.</b>	<b>To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon</b>	
	E-mail from Brian Parks concerning dangerous driving on Chelford Road – Cllr Leather reported that a meeting with CEC was being arranged to look at signage and the drains had been reported.	

**Chairman**