

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON 13TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.30PM**

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

Also present: Borough Cllr P Findlow

Item	Action
142. Apologies for absence	
None	
143. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2015	
<p>Cllr Miles proposed that the minutes of the 8th September 2015 be approved. Cllr Martin seconded the proposal Cllr Jackson abstained as she was not present at the meeting on the 8th September. All in favour Resolved: That the minutes of the 8th September, 2015 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
144. Declarations of Interest	
Cllr Dicken declared in interest in the King's School in item 152.	
145. To approve the co-option of Mr Karl Brown	
Cllr Dicken informed the council that Mr Brown had withdrawn his application due to work commitments.	
146. Public Participation	
<p>Mr C Hamilton attended the meeting on behalf of Mr Sykes who had taken over the Bridge Hotel and was going to attend this meeting but had been delayed. Mr Hamilton explained that the new owners wish to expand the restaurant and make more use of the hotel for weddings and conferences. They are very concerned about parking as they struggle with parking when there are any church events. They would be willing to contribute to parking provision on the toilet block site and they would also be willing to meet up with any members of the council to discuss this matter further. Mr Hamilton was thanked for standing in for Mr Sykes.</p>	
147. Clerk's Report	
The Clerk's report was noted.	
148. Accounts for Payment	APPENDIX A
<p>Cllr Podmore explained that he and Cllr Leather had previously gone through the accounts for September. Cllr Musgrove proposed that the accounts for September be approved for payment Cllr Foden seconded the proposal All were in favour Resolved: That the accounts for October should be sanctioned for payment. Cllrs Leather and Podmore were thanked for the new forms and it was agreed that an income and expenditure sheet would be produced for every meeting.</p>	

149.	Planning Report for 16th September	
	<p>The Planning report was noted</p> <p>Cllr Jackson queried why she and Cllr Foden had not been invited to a meeting at the White House as they are Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Planning Committee. Cllr Musgrove explained that the meeting, which was an informal one, had been arranged to contribute to her tourism survey and as part of her internal tourism responsibilities and was not because of any planning issues.</p>	
150.	Reports	
	<p><i>i. Maintenance and Safety</i></p> <p>Cllr Foden reported that the grass had been cut on the football field and all the cuttings had been gathered up in a pile and simply left; an action that would cause a dead area to form underneath the cuttings. This was not the usual way that CEC handled the mowing of the field. It was felt that the grass may have been cut by contractors working for the football club on this occasion and it was agreed that the football club be approached and asked to arrange for the cuttings to simply be left on the field where they fall in future.</p> <p><i>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</i></p> <p>Cllr Leather reported that the verges on Macclesfield Road and Broadwalk had not been cut as promised and she was very disappointed. The verges were not going to be rectified until after Xmas. Macclesfield Road pavements were to be improved. Butley Lanes pavements had still not been cleared. A discussion about health & safety issues and volunteers followed and it was agreed that all volunteers would be written to concerning risks.</p> <p>A complaint had been received about the hedge around the Golf Club on Chelford Road which was overgrown and Cllr Dicken agreed to speak to the Golf Club</p> <p>Borough Cllr Findlow reported that following a letter to CEC from a resident requesting drop kerbs because they had a child in a wheelchair the work would be completed.</p> <p>Cllr Burns reported that CEC had agreed to carry out a two-week survey of parking on Scott Road following yet another complaint, this time about vehicles being left parked across the entrance to the footpath near the New Road junction.</p> <p><i>iii. Police Report</i></p> <p>Cllr Dicken reported that he and Cllr Leather had met with Sgt P Brazendale, PC G Thurgoland and PCSO J Lee. More Police visibility was promised. They will advertise the Police liaison meetings which would be held at the Chocolate Box. Theft from construction huts were the only crimes at present. It was suggested that the Parish Council resurrect their own speed checks. They also agreed to attend the school.</p> <p><i>iv. Environment Issues</i></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><i>v. Footpaths</i></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><i>vi. Newsletter</i></p> <p>None currently in the pipeline but one would be produced as soon as there was sufficient news.</p> <p><i>vii. Community Pride</i></p> <p>Cllr Jackson reported that the trees outside the Church were overgrown and overhanging the pavement. She had spoken to CEC and they had agreed to cut them back.</p>	AD
151.	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	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that the next stage of the public consultation of the Poynton Relief Road commenced on the 5th October and leaflets had been widely distributed by CEC to households in Prestbury. A members briefing drop in session was due to be held on 16th October at Poynton Methodist Church between 10am and 12 noon. If anyone attended this meeting and/or wished to offer comments, she would include them in the response she was hoping to draw up on behalf of the Parish Council. There were also due to be a series of public exhibitions including one at the Prestbury Village Hall on 20th October between 2pm and 7 pm.</p> <p>Local Plan hearings were due to re-commence for nearly two weeks, starting on 21st October. The Parish Council had been offered a seat on every one of the six ‘matters’ but, regrettably, Cllr Musgrove was not available to occupy the seats offered on this occasion. Cllr Burns had been offered seats on all hearings representing other parties. She could also represent the Parish Council, which she was willing</p>	

	<p>to do, and there was no conflict between submissions made by the Parish Council and those made by the other parties she would be representing, but – ideally – she would prefer it if someone else could represent the Parish Council. She had tentatively approached consultant Peter Yates who is representing other Parish Councils and enquired how much he would charge to represent Prestbury and he had replied that it would be no more than £1000. After discussion Cllr Burns was asked to represent Prestbury Parish Council but she asked whether Cllr Dicken could cover the 21st October pm session. He said he would check his diary and let her know. This time the Inspector had set up developers hearings separate from other parties.</p> <p>Also, an invitation had been received from the chief planning officer, Adrian Fisher, to attend a meeting on the 5th November at 5pm along with Macclesfield, Henbury and Sutton Parish Councils about site specific plans. She can only attend if she can get back from another meeting in time. It was agreed that the Clerk would attend and Cllr Burns would also attend if she could get back in time.</p> <p>Cllr Martin reported that he needed to ascertain a timescale for the devolvement of the existing public car parks. He will report back as soon as he has this information from CEC. Borough Cllr Findlow reported that he doubts that Prestbury car parks will be high on the agenda: he noted that he had always managed to avoid detailed discussions about Prestbury car parks.</p>	Clerk
152.	King's School relocation to Prestbury and the Rugby Club developments	
	<p>Cllr Musgrove took the chair. Cllr Burns reported that plans had been submitted to CEC for the King's School but the school had been asked to produce an environmental assessment and they would not be formally lodged imminently. When they are accepted, they will go before the Strategic Planning Board.</p> <p>Plans had not been submitted yet for the Rugby Club site but if the plans were for less than 200 houses they may go before the Northern Planning Board.</p>	
153.	Development Project Progress	
	<p>Cllr Dicken resumed the chair.</p> <p><i>i(a). Tourism (external)</i> Cllr Burns reported that she was holding onto the publicity leaflet as she had been requested to do because there were so many changes ongoing at the moment. In any event, she was under pressure of other work, but she agreed to move this forward as soon as it seemed appropriate to do so.</p> <p><i>i(b). Tourism (internal)</i> Cllr Musgrove reported that she was also holding onto the directory for the same reason and would look at it again after Xmas. Cllr Martin suggested that publicity is left up to the new businesses and the Parish Council could step in when that finishes.</p> <p>Cllr Dicken thanked Mr C Hamilton for his hard work in bringing new businesses into the village.</p> <p>Cllr Martin suggested that some form of a promotional newsletter should be produced, focusing on the businesses. Cllr Burns said that, due to her involvement with the Local Plan examination in public, she would not be able to do anything during October.. Following discussion it was agreed that there may be enough news to prepare a newsletter for issue in November. Each councillor was asked write an article relating to their own involvement before the end of October and Cllr Martin offered to help to assemble these articles while Cllr Burns as our editor was busy with other work.</p> <p><i>I(c) Village appearance</i> Cllr Musgrove reported that the volunteers had completed a considerable amount of tidying.</p> <p>Cllr Leather reported that the windows at the station had been replaced. The ticket office had been replastered and tidied up. The painting on the bridge needed to be re-done. Cllrs Leather and Burns also noted that the fairly solid and unattractive fence that separated the car park from the platform had been demolished that week. It was understood that it would be replaced with something more attractive.</p> <p><i>ii. Make best use of toilet block</i> Cllr Burns stated that the Council needed to start to form some opinions regarding the future of the toilet block site. The Conservation Officer and a senior planner were not happy about having any type of a formal car park in that location but were happy with a building being there so long as the frontage did not come any further forward than that of the present one and the height was no more than two storeys.</p> <p>Cllr Podmore confirmed that the operating cost of the toilets was about £15,000 per year which was agreed to be excessive, and that a better use should be sought for this asset. He reported on the approximate costings for demolition and levelling of the site would be £6000; a two storey building</p>	LB All

	<p>would be £530,000; a two storey building with accommodation would be £597,000; two storey building with a basement would be £1,200,000; car parking would be £54,000; knock the toilet block down and landscape £39,000; plus staff, electricity and water. If the building with accommodation was chosen this would bring £18,000 per annum in. Cllr Burns reported that a Parish Council could borrow money at extremely good rates over a very long term. A lengthy discussion followed relating to many possible alternative uses for the building without any agreement. The Chairman reminded the Council that two business owners had now offered to fund enough for a car park and he observed that the use of all or part of the land as a car park seemed the most urgent and practical idea which would also help to lift up the North end of the village.</p> <p>Cllr Musgrove proposed that the toilet block be closed at the end of February 2016 as a first stage to provide a more functional space for the benefit of the village.</p> <p>Cllr Miles seconded the proposal</p> <p>Six for, two against, one abstention</p> <p>Resolved: that the toilet block be closed at the end of February 2016 as a first stage to provide a more functional space for the benefit of the village.</p> <p>The Toilet Block working party were asked to bring forward plans for a car park for this area as soon as possible.</p> <p>iii. Access and use of Parrott's Field.</p> <p>Cllr Martin reported that he had written to Mr M Suarez, Chief Executive, CEC and had heard back from him that he accepted our formal request to discuss Parrott's Field for which the Council will give proper consideration and come back in terms of any relevant matters. He will have an internal discussion and assign a lead officer that can be our key point of contact.</p> <p>iv. Working together</p> <p>Cllr Saint reported that she had attended a meeting concerning the Priest House and she was due to have a look around the building and asked for more councillors to attend. Cllr Dicken recommended that Cllr Foden should join this group since his being a trustee of the Anne Whitaker trust was helpful and did not represent any conflict of interest.</p> <p>v. Event Management</p> <p>Cllr Miles reported that the Xmas Party was due to be held on Sunday 13th December between 4pm and 7pm. She requested that Cllr Dicken ask for the road closure to be between 3pm and 8pm. She stated it was difficult to bring anything new to this event as the businesses did not want outside traders. She asked for more volunteers to manage the event. Cllr Burns offered to help on the day as previously but explained that she was too over-committed to become part of the working group. The next meeting was due to be held on the 28th October at 5.30pm.</p> <p>Cllr Leather reported that the Xmas lights would be erected on 21st November.</p> <p>vi. PR Publicity and Social Media</p> <p>Cllr Martin reported that Facebook and Twitter continued to snowball.</p>	
154.	To receive a report from the F & GP Committee	
	Cllr Leather reported that the new accounting system still needed some more alterations. Computerised banking had been applied for. She had found two broadband packages with Virgin, one for £30 and one for £50 consideration to be placed before the F & GP Meeting on the 17 th November.	
155.	To discuss changing the dates of the Parish Council meetings	
	To be discussed at the November meeting. Cllrs Leather and Podmore to prepare a report	ML & KP
156.	To discuss the Youth Club lease	
	Following discussion it was agreed that a solicitor would be approached to prepare the lease and that this would be an amalgam of the contributions that had been tabled.	
157.	To discuss Public Access Defibrillators (PADs)	
	Cllr Martin reported that PADs can now be obtained for free. He was happy to take the lead in purchasing one and asked that all councillors think about where a PAD could be stored and e-mail him with their suggestions. Cllr Burns suggested that it could be housed in the phone box.	All
158.	To discuss the timing of the Planning Committee meetings	
	To be discussed at the next meeting.	

159.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	None.	

Chairman