

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH
COUNCIL**

AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM

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

Item	Action
96. Apologies for absence	
None	
97. Declaration of Interests	
None	
98. Public Participation	
None	
99. To discuss the Parish Council Christmas Celebration	
<p>Cllr Miles requested that the Council sanction £3000 for the Xmas celebration which would consist of £1500 for the road closure from 12.30pm to 8.30pm and £1500 for entertainment. The party would be professionally managed by a company which organises these events on a regular basis. They would supply everything including stalls and lighting. The stall holders would pay this company direct but the local organisations and charities would not need to pay. The local traders would be dealt with first and then the outside traders would “infill”.</p> <p>Cllr Ireland expressed concern about parking, footfall, finance and the long closure of the road through the village.</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion about parking and footfall.</p> <p>Cllr Dicken proposed that we try this new approach and authorise £3000 for the expenses of the celebration.</p> <p>Cllr Burns seconded the proposal</p> <p>5 in favour 3 against</p> <p><i>Resolved: that £3000 be available for road closure and entertainment at the Xmas celebration 2014</i></p>	
100. To discuss the Christmas lights	
<p>Cllr Ireland circulated a contract to be given to contractors in the hope problems that we have had in previous years could be avoided. Cllr Leather had met with contractors but had only received one quote from a local company for the sum of £4435.74 + VAT.</p> <p>Cllr Ireland explained that there might be a need for more lights and sockets to be obtained.</p> <p>Cllr Foden proposed that Cllr Ireland and Leather are authorised to spend up to £500 for any equipment required for the Xmas lights.</p> <p>Cllr Musgrove seconded the proposal</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p><i>Resolved: A further £500 would be available to obtain equipment as required for the Xmas Lights.</i></p> <p>The lights were further discussed and it was agreed that they would not be taken down until the 11th January 2015. It was also agreed that Cllrs Ireland and Leather go ahead organising the Xmas lights as per the contract with no variation.</p>	

Chairman