

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.30PM**

Present: **Councillors:** A Dicken (Chairman), L Burns, D Foden, J Martin, K Miles, C Musgrove, K Podmore

Item	Action
124. Apologies for absence	
Cllrs Jackson, Leather, Saint, Borough Cllr Findlow	
125. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2015	
Cllr Burns proposed that the minutes of the 11 th August 2015 be approved. Cllr Musgrove seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 11th August 2015 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i> Cllr Dicken reported that Cllr Jackson had offered her apologies for her outburst at the August Parish Council meeting and had assured him that she would never do anything that would bring the Parish Council into disrepute.	
126. Declarations of Interest	
Cllr Dicken declared in interest in item 134.	
127. Public Participation	
Blair Glenn from Coast Restaurant attended the meeting as he is hoping to open a restaurant at the White House. He already owns a restaurant in Tarporley and has 25 years' experience in the restaurant business. His vision is to have a city centre restaurant experience in a rural area creating a lifestyle for the community. The feedback that he had received from other shops in Tarporley following his restaurant opening was that their revenue had increased in the two years since the restaurant opened and they put this down to the restaurant bringing the clientele into the village. He loves the feel of Prestbury and wishes to work with the community. Subject to obtaining planning permission for some alterations at the back of the building and the re-positioning of the stairs inside, he hopes to open at the end of November. However, if the external and internal works and fitting out is not completed by then, he would leave the opening to January. There would be no 'grand opening' or special event, he would simply open the doors for business. Coast, he explained, is a modern Italian restaurant, minimalistic with clean lines. The intention is to hold some live music nights similar to those held in Tarporley, which are always a sell-out. The Council thanked Mr Glenn for attending the meeting.	
128. Clerk's Report	
The Clerk's report was noted.	
129. Code of Conduct and Standing Orders	
Cllr Musgrove requested that everybody familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders. We all need to work together and be courteous to each other. Following discussion it was agreed that the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct needed to be revised and Cllrs Burns and Musgrove agreed to complete this task and bring some suggested amendments back to the Council for them to adopt.	LB & CM

130.	Accounts for Payment	APPENDIX A
	<p>Cllr Podmore presented the accounts in a new format, and explained the revised process for collecting, presenting and checking them. He then proposed that the accounts for September be approved for payment</p> <p>Cllr Foden seconded the proposal</p> <p>All were in favour</p> <p>Resolved: That the accounts for September should be sanctioned for payment.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Findlow was thanked for his help in obtaining the £6000 from CEC for repairs and maintenance on the toilet block site.</p>	
131.	Planning Report for 26th August	
	<p>The Planning report was noted</p>	
132.	Reports	
	<p><i>i. Maintenance and Safety</i></p> <p>Cllr Foden reported that there was still a hole in the River Bollin wall. Following discussion it was agreed that all agencies would be written to concerning this. If we still fail to find out who is responsible for the wall, then all agencies would be asked to attend a meeting.</p> <p><i>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</i></p> <p>Cllr Leather had submitted a report by email earlier in the day. Cllr. Dicken read it out. A meeting had taken place on 24 July 2015 between Caroline Griffies and Wesley Hutton from Ansa and herself, regarding the condition of the pavement on Butley Lanes leading down to New Road and the condition of the road surface at Springfields car park. Photographs were taken and Property East were notified the same day, of the potholes in Springfields car park. A request by Ansa was made to Property East, to notify the Parish Council when these would be rectified. To date nothing has been received from Property East. Photographs were also taken of the condition of Butley Lanes pavement and this was passed on to Cheshire East Highways Maintenance. After further e-mails, it had been established that Springfields car park was scheduled for repair that week (it was apparent that some work had been carried out that day) and Butley Lanes pavement has been added to the Highways winter works programme. The delay to the clearing of Butley Lanes pavement was not ideal and Cllr Leather had, therefore, requested a more specific timeline for this maintenance work. There had been several further complaints highlighting the difficulty residents experience using this pavement, as it was now almost completely encroached by vegetation.</p> <p>Councillor Musgrove raised the poor state of the overgrown footpath and untrimmed hedges along the east side of the south of Macclesfield Road. With the return to school, it is dangerous in parts for children walking to and from school.</p> <p><i>iii. Police Report</i></p> <p>Cllr Dicken reported that he had now managed to arrange a meeting with the new Police Sergeant for later in September. There had been two new Sergeants covering Prestbury and one new PCSO in quick succession.</p> <p>Concerning Speed control, Cllr Dicken reported that the SID (Speed Indicator Device) was appearing to be effective in reducing the speed of passing traffic. However, one SID could not cope with all the locations and the SID team were planning a proposal to buy two more SIDs which would result in the need for more volunteers. Following discussion it was agreed that a request for more volunteers would be placed on Facebook. Cllr Burns reported that she had asked about the use of more SIDs at the last CEC Partnership highways meeting she had attended as a substitute for Cllr Leather. The officers had said they would look into whether there were any SIDs that the Parish Council could have the use of. In addition, at the consultation events for the A523 junctions, it had been stated that the use of one or more SIDs was being considered for use on London Road near to the Prestbury Lane junction. Cllr Burns suggested that the Council should write to the Highways Department to establish what speed controls were planned for the A523 and whether or not Prestbury could have the use of any SIDs before they decided to purchase extra ones. This was agreed. Cllr. Burns agreed to draft a letter.</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> Nothing to report</p> <p><i>vii. Community Pride</i> Nothing to report.</p>	
133.	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>Following the circulation of notes prior to the Parish Council meeting, Cllr Burns reported that Cllr Dicken and herself had attended a meeting at CEC concerning the Ford House 106 agreement. It had been very disappointing as the use of the funding was very restrictive. The Parish Council was told it could have funding for the circular bench on the playground area and new benches and the path extended on Parrott's Field. Also, it appeared quite likely that the Council would be able to have the cost of the Cheshire Railings on Parrott's Field covered. It was necessary to obtain three quotes for each item and to explain to CEC which one was favoured and why.</p> <p>Cllr Burns also reported that late the previous week the Parish Council had received notification that the Examination in Public for the CEC Local Plan was being resumed. A procedural meeting will be held on 6th October followed by hearing sessions about the modifications on 21st – 23rd October, inc., and 27-29 October inc. Cllr Musgrove, who has been representing the Parish Council at the EIP, was unable to attend. Responses to the amendments need to be submitted by the 28th September. Cllr Burns agreed to prepare a response and gain approval from the Chairman and Deputy Chairman in time for the deadline.</p>	LB
134.	King's School relocation to Prestbury	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that a draft planning application had been submitted and the Planning Officer was known to have offered comment on this. The Clerk had asked the planning officer for his response but had no reply. Following discussion it was agreed that he would be given a couple more days to reply and then chased up but if he failed to respond a Freedom of Information application would be submitted.</p>	
135.	To discuss a planning application for housing at the Rugby Club site	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that a pre-planning application had been submitted for 70 houses to be built on the Rugby Club site. The site is in the Green Belt and had been rated in the Green Belt Review as making a significant contribution to the Green Belt (ie. the second highest rating). (The site off Alderley Road that was the focus of attention by King's School, on the other hand, had been given the top rating of 'making a major contribution to Green Belt'). Borough Cllr Findlow had been requested to find out further information about the Rugby Club site. Cllr Burns proposed that when this application was received it went before the full council for discussion. This was agreed.</p>	
136.	Development Project Progress	
	<p><i>i. To engage the business community and fill the empty shops</i> Cllr Musgrove reported that the planning application for the White House would be before the Planning Committee on the 16th September. She would be meeting with Carol Hamilton to look at the Priests House later this week. The Cheshire Peak District consortium newsletter would have some Prestbury articles. She also reported that she was looking to employ someone to design a website for Prestbury Village.</p> <p>Cllr Burns reported that the new photographs were now on the Parish Council website.</p> <p><i>ii. Future of the Toilet Block/Community Facility</i> Cllr Burns stated that a flood assessment would be required for the toilet block site before anything could happen there. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllrs Burns and Podmore would meet and prepare some very rough costings for proposals that had been tabled. Cllr Dicken suggested that the toilet block itself should be closed due to the cost and Cllr Musgrove seconded this. It was felt that that decision should not be made at this meeting. The village should be made aware and it should be discussed at the next meeting. Prior to that, it was agreed that Cllr Martin would talk to the management at the public houses to see if they would be agreeable to people who were not necessarily customers using their toilet facilities in future. Cllr Podmore informed the Council that we had received a Council tax demand from Cheshire East for the toilet block but that it was being challenged. The Clerk explained that she had spoken to CEC and she had applied for Small Business Rate Relief.</p>	LB & KP

	<p><i>iii. Village appearance and volunteers.</i> Cllr Musgrove reported that she and Cllr Dicken had had lunch with all the volunteers and it was a very heartening experience. There was need for more volunteers and this would be placed on Facebook.</p> <p><i>iv. Event Management and Parrotts Field</i> Cllr Martin reported that he had obtained two quotes for Cheshire Railings. He had received no reply from his e-mails to CEC concerning taking over the lease of Parrotts Field.</p> <p><i>v. To receive a report on the Xmas Party</i> Cllr Miles reported that e-mails had gone out to all people involved and it would go back to the original format this year.</p> <p><i>vi. Improve Prestbury Station</i> To be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Dicken reported that he had written to the National Trust asking for help with the Priests House and he had received a letter back saying they were unable to help. He will now write to English Heritage.</p>	AD
137.	To discuss the budget/projects for 2016/2017	
	Cllr Podmore requested that everybody think about what their "Wish List" is for the budget for 2016/17 and e-mail the F & GP Committee with their list.	
138.	To discuss the Youth Club lease	
	Cllr Foden reported that a solicitor was needed to draw up the lease. He and Cllr Jackson had prepared suggested conditions to be included. He requested that any other suggestions be e-mailed to him in the next two weeks.	
139.	Parking developments in the village	
	Cllr Martin reported that following a letter that had been received a while ago from CEC about the devolution of car parks. It has been confirmed that the plan was that car parks would be devolved but there would be no money from CEC to maintain them. He had requested figures that had been spent on the car parks over the last five years. The figures he received were not substantiated and inconsistent. He had also asked for figures that have been budgeted going forward which he had not received. He stated that we need to plan for parking whether we decide to take the car parks over or not. Devolution will happen and we need to be proactive. He has already explored some ways of monitoring car parks but there were many options to be looked at. He requested everybody think about options and discuss it next month.	
140.	To discuss the timing of the Planning Committee meetings	
	Cllr Miles queried whether there would be better attendance if planning committee meetings were held in the evening. Cllr Foden reported that it had been shown that more people attend in the mornings. This topic is to be discussed further at the October meeting.	
141.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	Nothing.	

Chairman