

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM**

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

Also present: Borough Cllr P Findlow

Item	Action
81. Apologies for absence	
Cllr M Ireland.	
82. To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 6th August	
Cllr Miles proposed that the minutes of the 6 th August 2014 be approved. Cllr Burns seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 6th August 2014 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i>	
83. Declarations of Interest	
None	
84. Public Participation	
Mr Nick Hinde and Mr Nigel Davies from the Scouts organisation attended the meeting. They were keen to start the process of having a new Scout Hut within the village but they cannot find anywhere for it to be situated apart from the area where the old Scout Hut was and they see this as the only viable place. They envisaged that a new Scout Hut would be used primarily for the Scouts but they would hire it out for suitable events. They asked for the support of the Council to use the site of the old Scout Hut. This was agreed and Cllr Miles agreed to be the contact for the Scouts.	KM
85. Clerks Report	
The Clerk's report was noted. The Estate Agent signs were discussed again and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the agents again asking whether they would reduce the size of their signs.	Clerk
86. Accounts for Payment	APPENDIX A
Cllr Musgrove proposed that the accounts for September should be sanctioned for payment Cllr Miles seconded the proposal All were in favour <i>Resolved: That the Accounts for September should be sanctioned for payment.</i>	
87. Planning Reports for 6th & 27th August	
The Planning reports were noted. Cllr Jackson reported that a planning application had been received to build 15 houses on the north side of Chelford Road opposite Packsaddle Park on Green Belt land known locally as the Ripper land (after the former owners)	

88.	Reports	
	<p><i>i. Maintenance and Safety</i> Cllr Foden reported that the Iron railings outside Ford House were loose and dangerous and should be reported to CEC. At the bottom of Scott Road there is a large branch on the ground that the mower just mows around. The Chestnut Trees along Bollin Grove have not been trimmed even though this was requested a year earlier. The Laurel hedge on Scott Road is overgrown. On Macclesfield Road a lot of the pavement is overgrown as well as many other areas. This was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Leather and the Clerk would compile a list of areas that need attention to present to CEC.</p> <p><i>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</i> Cllr Leather reported that the Dale Brow bends on Macclesfield Road would be re-surfaced as the resurfacing of Broadwalk had been delayed. She had requested, once again, for the bollards outside the Bridge Hotel to be installed on safety grounds. It was agreed that Cllr Leather and Borough Cllr Findlow would write again about this. CEC had been requested to reduce the height of Parrott's Field hedge and they had tried to charge us for this work but documents were produced that stated they would do this work. She had been told by the Highways Department that they had not got a budget to clean road signs but Borough Cllr Findlow had persuaded them otherwise. Borough Cllr Findlow agreed to contact Highways about the missing road signs. Also she had contacted Northern Rail concerning the state of the station and they have agreed to meet with her and discuss this. Cllrs Haigh and Jackson agreed to attend the meeting along with her</p> <p><i>iii. Police Report</i> Nothing to report.</p> <p><i>iv. Environment Issues</i> Councillor Dicken reported that Paul Reeves, Flood Risk Manager, CEC, had forwarded a map of the specific area of modelling interest and which covers the key risk areas in close proximity to Pearl Street. This was discussed but it was felt that he was looking at the wrong area and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to him concerning this.</p> <p><i>v. Footpaths</i> Nothing to report.</p> <p><i>vi. Newsletter</i> Councillor Burns suggested that the next newsletter should be timed for November as it could report on the Cheshire East examination in public (which would finish at the end of October) and flag up the Christmas Street Party. This was agreed.</p> <p><i>vii. Community Pride</i> Cllr Jackson reported that she is continuing to water the flowers within the village. Cllr Musgrove reported that a number of stones on the pavement had been broken by cars parking on the pavement. There was a general discussion about forming a structured volunteer scheme as approximately five people have volunteered to help in the village.</p>	<p>ML & Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
89.	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 Cllr Musgrove and herself had attended the second Community Hub meeting at the Town Hall which had been very poorly attended. Cllr Burns also reported that Cllr Musgrove and herself had attended the second Community Hub meeting run by Cheshire East Council but it was poorly attended and poorly focused.</p>	
90.	To receive progress on the Children's playground and developing proposals for a Scout Hut	
	<p>Cllr Miles produced the accounts for the playground which showed they were in deficit to the sum of £6889.24 and they had also been asked about installing a tree bench. If they installed a tree bench the Parish Council would be asked for £8139.24. The Order for the equipment had been raised and she was looking at the end of October for completion. Unfortunately this would involve the playground being closed during half term.</p> <p>Cllr Miles proposed that the Parish Council donate £7500 towards the new playground Cllr Foden seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: the Parish Council donate £7500 towards the total cost of the new playground.</i></p>	

91.	To discuss the future of the toilet block	
	<p>The Clerk reported that Cheshire East Council were working on a codicil for the legal agreement that would hand over the public toilet block and the land it sat on in the Village to the Parish Council. The codicil would enable it to be used as a community building without the Council having to wait 15 years for a change of use permission.</p> <p>Cllr Burns reported that Cllrs Musgrove, Leather and herself had been to view the toilet block conversion building at Bollington, which had been turned into eco offices used 'Green Deal' funding, and also the Bridge End Centre in Bollington which served several purposes. Although there were many volunteers that helped out at the Bridge End Centre, there were four staff with part time paid posts that held the whole enterprise together. One of the nice features of the building was that it had a terrace overlooking the river. It received funding from several sources.</p> <p>The visits to the two Bollington buildings and discussion that has taken place with various people were prompting many thoughts about how the toilet block site could best be used for the benefit of the wider community. If either the existing building were converted to a community building or a new community building was erected on the site, there was the potential (although far from certainty) that some of the funding for the enterprise might be obtained from outside sources. One such potential source was 'LEADER' funding although, in order to access this and many of the other potential 'pots' it was necessary to show that new jobs would be created. Cllr Burns explained that expressions of interest were currently being invited for that funding and she offered to draft an expression to see what sort of reaction it received. This was agreed.</p>	LB
92.	To report on the progress on the priorities for the future of the village	
	<p>Cllr Dicken reported that he had been encouraged as many items on the "To do" list were being tackled. Cllr Miles reported that she had met with the MD of the market Trading Company with Councillors Haigh, Leather and Musgrove. She would do everything for the Xmas Party including entertainment, lighting and stalls but to make this viable for her the Party would have to be trading for longer and the road would need to be closed from 12 noon to 8.30pm. We would not make any money from the traders but we would be showcasing the village and this could assist in re-generation. The only costs would be £1500 for diversion signage and other sundries totalling £2500. There followed a lengthy discussion. Cllr Miles explained that she would be meeting again with the lady the following week and would explore the possibility of closing the road for longer and gauge the feelings of the businesses within the village.</p>	
93.	To discuss helicopter flights over Prestbury Golf Club	
	<p>Cllr Miles reported that she had received a complaint about a helicopter that was landing in Prestbury was flying very low over the Golf Club. It was agreed that there are regulations to control this and it was not within the Councils remit and they should complain to the Civil Aviation Authority.</p>	
94.	To approve the Annual Return and Notice of Conclusion of the Audit	
	<p>The Council approved the Annual Return and Notice of Conclusion of the Audit was approved and accepted by the Council.</p>	
95.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	<p>A letter had been received from Jordan Pearson about the use of the football field. The Clerk reported that the problem had now been resolved but the Clerk was asked to contact Mr Pearson to explain that if he is using the field for a business he should be paying for its use.</p> <p>A letter had been received from Jean Hughes about the overgrown state of the electric sub-station on Heybridge Lane and the Clerk agreed to look into who the owner was and contact them to ask them to tidy it up.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

Chairman