



Prestbury Parish Council

Minutes of the 6th Ordinary Meeting of Prestbury Parish Council

Date: Wednesday 10th November 2021

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Prestbury Village Hall

Attendance

Prestbury Parish Council

Cllr A Dicken

Cllr D Franks

Cllr D Murphy

Cllr M Leather

Cllr P Holes

Cllr T Jackson

Cllr K Podmore (Chair),

Cllr A Toole (from 7.50pm),

Clerk – M Wheelton

Assistant Clerk / RFO – S Dalrymple

Cheshire East Council

Cllr P Findlow

Members of the public

PPC 21-22 / 131 - Apologies for absence

Cllrs L Burns (observing on zoom), J Hallowell and V Herbert.

PPC 21-22 / 132 - Declarations of interest

None

PPC 21-22 / 133 - Public Participation

One member of the public attended and addressed the Parish Council in respect of the continuing issue of both the speeding and presence of heavy traffic driving through the centre of the village exceeding both the speed and weight limits. for traffic. The discussion is noted under Minute PPC 21-22 / 137.

PPC 21-22 / 134 - Council Minutes

The minutes of the 5th Ordinary Meeting of 13th October 2021 were approved. **Proposed Cllr Murphy. Seconded Cllr Jackson. Approved by all present at that meeting.**

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PPC 21-22 / 135 – Finance

A report was presented by the RFO based on the previously circulated papers and the following were noted.

Banking arrangements – update

Currently there is no progress on this issue.

21-22 External Audit Certificate

It was noted that the Audit had been issued on 28th October 2021 for posting

F&GP meeting 1st November 2021

The second quarter minutes will be brought to the December Parish Council meeting.

Proposed 2022-23 budget and precept

It is proposed that the precept be raised by 3%. This proposal will be brought to the December meeting. Members were encouraged to make any comments on the draft budget proposals to the Chairman before the next meeting.

October accounts & Budget monitoring report to note

It was confirmed that members had received and noted all necessary reports.

Proposal – Budget monitoring reports to be received and noted

Proposed Cllr Holes. Seconded Cllr Podmore. All in favour

Regular payments update and payments for approval

It was noted that during the month no request was sought for debit or credit card payments

As set out in the RFO report, the following payments were requested to be approved for payment:

Salary – Clerk. £confidential

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HMRC- Tax/NI for November 2021. £305.67

ChALC – Courses for RFO. £55.00

Mileage expenses – Clerk's expenses. £58.50

SLCC – Annual Membership. £208.00

Peter Yates – Examination into the revised SADPD. £5625.00

G R Bayley Ltd – Defibrillator test - £66.00

Aquatec Window Cleaning Services – Cleaning of 11 benches. £440.00

Cllr Herbert – Re-imburement of personal payment for Prestbury book. £15.00

PKF Littlejohn LLP – External Audit Fee for 2020/21 audit. £480.00

ANSA – Maintenance contracts in 20/21 £442.78 balance due.

Royal British Legion – 2 x Tommies statues. £350.00

Fox Graphics – Autumn Newsletter. £600.00

Proposed for payment Cllr Leather. Seconded Cllr Toole. All in favour.

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Request to purchase an additional speed gun for use by the speed watch group

Cllr Dicken requested approval of £220.00 for the purchase of a second radar speed gun for use by the Speedwatch group

Proposed Cllr Dicken. Seconded Cllr Podmore. All in favour.

PPC 21-22 / 136 – Committees:

Members noted the minutes of the Events Committee of 20th September, 4th & 18th October 2021. and of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 6th October 2021

PPC 21-22 / 137 - Roads, pavements and safety of the public realm:

Prestbury Village SpeedWatch group:

Cllr Dicken updated members on the initiative and confirmed that the group was now active with seven volunteers operating at the bottom of Castle Hill. He confirmed that four more sites had been requested of the police for their consideration.

Following the presentation by a member of the public in respect of speeding and heavy vehicles in the village centre, Cllr Podmore confirmed that the Parish Council were very well aware of the issue and have been continually requesting a meeting with Cheshire East Council Highways managers to discuss this and other highway issues in the village. It was confirmed that the situation has been exacerbated by the current road work improvements at the Bonis Hall Lane junction as part of the Poynton Bypass Programme. Cllr Dicken confirmed that unfortunately the village centre was not an approved area by the police for Speedwatch to monitor. Cllr Findlow agreed to escalate the overdue meeting with a senior highways officer and also to include a solution to the problems caused by the cobbled sections of the highway in the village centre.

Police & Crime Commissioner - Speeding Issues Consultation Further Update:

Councillor Dicken confirmed that a meeting had been held with the ChALC project manager in respect of the possible speeding pilot currently being considered for a village in Cheshire. Prestbury is in the last twenty applicants to be considered as the pilot. The cost if successful would be £5,000.00 per year for ten years to fund the equipment purchase, which would be sited on Castle Hill as no other site would be considered by the police. It was agreed to incorporate this into next year's draft budget if successful. Cllr Leather will also seek funding from the Poynton Area Partnership Group.

To discuss improvements to finger post signage in the parish

This item to be reviewed at the December meeting

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CEC Winter Road maintenance –

Cllr Findlow confirmed that, sadly, despite repeated representations, Cheshire East Council's proposal to cease gritting Scott Road, Chelford Road and Prestbury Lane was proceeding.

PPC 21-22 / 138 - Cheshire East Local Plan, Part 2 Examination In

Public:

A request for a written update now that the Examination has finished will be reviewed at the December meeting.

PPC 21-22 / 139 - Cheshire East planning policy document consultation - Draft Environmental Protection Supplementary Planning Document ('EP SPD'):

It was agreed not to respond to this consultation.

PPC 21-22 / 140 - Cheshire East planning policy document consultation - Draft Recovery of Forward Funded Infrastructure Costs Supplementary Planning Document ('RoFFI Costs SPD'):

It was agreed not to respond to this consultation.

PPC 21-22 / 141 - CEC Community Governance Review of Town and Parish Council Governance

Cllr Podmore outlined the recent events in respect of the Bollington Town Council proposals in respect of Butley Town. As this proposal was not to be progressed it was agreed that no further representations needed to be made to Cheshire East Council in respect of the consultation.

PPC 21-22 142 - CEC Parks Strategy Review Consultation –

Cllr Podmore presented a draft response to the consultation drafted by Cllr Burns. Members fully supported its content and the Chairman will sign the response for the clerk to send to Cheshire East Council.
Proposed Cllr Toole. Seconded Cllr Franks. All in favour.

PPC 21-22 / 143 - To discuss potential funding available from the Poynton Area Partnership Group

Cllr Leather agreed to go to the next meeting and request funding towards both the replacement Bollin Grove Playing Field fencing (£1,500.00) and contribution to the Speedwatch pilot if successful (£5,000.00).

PPC 21-22 / 144 - Cheshire Fire Authority Draft 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan consultation –

It was agreed not to respond to this consultation

PPC 21-22 / 145 - UK Civil Aviation Authority seeks views on airspace change process –

It was agreed that whilst no action was required at present, that Cllrs Murphy and Leather would remain aware of any proposed changes and report back as needed

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PPC 21-22 / 146 - Prestbury Railway Station:

Cllr Murphy confirmed that he and Cllr Leather met with the MP David Rutley on 15th October to discuss the ongoing problems being experienced. Cllr Murphy provided both a report and photographic evidence of the issues and through the MP's actions a meeting had been secured with senior representatives of both Northern Rail & Network Rail on 21st January 2022 at 11.00am. All members are encouraged to attend if possible

PPC 21-22 / 147 - Grounds Maintenance:

Sundial planting bed:

This item is to be considered at the December meeting.

To consider a proposal to employ a lengthman as an additional resource to maintain the public realm in Prestbury>

Cllr Murphy was requested to continue to develop a specification for the post in conjunction with Cllr Herbert. The clerk was requested to write to the clerks in surrounding parishes to ascertain how they deal with seasonal grounds maintenance issues. The item is to be brought back to the December meeting.

Litter bin cleaning:

This item is to be considered at the December meeting

To consider the costs of cleaning of the flagged pavements in the centre of the village

It was agreed not to progress this issue.

To approve a £50 advance to Prestbury Gardening Club allow them to buy plants for the plot at Shirleys car park.

It was agreed not to progress this proposal

PPC 21-22 / 148 - Children's Playground / Playing Field:

Playground surfacing:

Cllr Holes confirmed to members that the appointed contractor had withdrawn from the contract due to the rising costs of materials. The deposit of £12,500.00 is to be returned to the Parish Council.

It was confirmed that a new quote for the work had been received from the same contractor. In order to comply with Financial Regulations, it was agreed to request further new quotes from the other two previously unsuccessful contractors based on the original tender documentation and to also include proposed start dates and timescales for delivery. Cllr Podmore agreed to write to the two companies concerned.

This item to be brought back to the December meeting.

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Boundary fencing:

The actions for this item were discussed under Minute PPC 20-21 / 143.

PPC 21-22 / 149 - Bollin Valley Link Route:

Notes of the meeting with Cheshire East Countryside officers were discussed. In order to progress the project the clerk was requested to write to Cheshire East to seek details of contractors on the approved list so that quotes can be sought for path repairs. In addition, the cost of the completed project works will also be requested as these were currently being sought by CEC.

PPC 21-22 /150 - Events:

Christmas Fair: Cllr Holes confirmed that all actions were in place for delivery of the fair on 12th December. Cllr Leather enquired as to progress on identifying leads for safeguarding and health & safety at the event. This will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Events Committee.

Prestbury Artisan Market: Cllr Podmore presented a draft report for consideration prior to a response back to Cheshire East Council on thoughts about a future event. It was felt that mention needed to be made of the short notice given to residents of Bridge Green to the event. Based on this amendment it was agreed to support the report to be signed by the Chairman & forward to CEC by the clerk.

Proposed Cllr Holes. Seconded Cllr Toole. Seven in favour, one abstention.

Christmas lights: Cllr Leather confirmed that the Christmas lights were currently being installed with a proposed switch on by the 4th December.

PPC 21-22 / 151 - Parish Council website and branding:

To provide an update on progress in launching the new website: Cllr Franks confirmed that the site was now live and sought feedback and comments. He confirmed that the site will continue to be populated over time with a range of content including community related items. Cllr Podmore thanked Cllr Franks for all his efforts on this project.

To discuss the artwork for parish council signage and branding: In order to develop the branding for the Parish Council, Cllr Franks confirmed that he would like to seek quotes for external support to achieve this and financial approval at a future meeting.

PPC 21-22 / 152 – Newsletter

To provide an update on producing the Autumn / Winter newsletter
It was confirmed that the draft had been completed and the newsletter is currently being distributed. Cllr Podmore thanked Cllr Burns for all her hard work on the newsletter and also noted the excellent work by Fox Graphics.

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To discuss planning application 21/5111M which is an item on the Autumn Newsletter:

It was confirmed that whilst this application will be discussed at the next meeting of the Planning Committee on 17th November, wider member views were being sought. It was noted that to date there had been no comments or objections from local residents, particularly those near to the proposed site of the new communications mast. It was felt that this was a better location than others that may come forward, but that consideration in any response should refer to previous masts being “disguised” to reduce their impact and also that the development should be of benefit to local residents.

PPC 21-22 / 153 - Police Report:

Cllr Dicken confirmed that there was nothing of note on the most recent report although it still lacks sufficient detail.

PPC 21-22 / 154 - Clerk's report:

Correspondence – there were no comments on this item apart from Cllrs Dicken and Leather wished to draw member's attention to the good work done by the local Royal British Legion in respect of poppies and the Tommy statues now in situ for Remembrance Day.

Date of next meeting: - To note that the next scheduled meeting is programmed for Wednesday 8th December 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.54pm

Signed

Date

Chairman - Prestbury Parish Council