



Prestbury Parish Council

Minutes of the 8th Ordinary Meeting of Prestbury Parish Council

Date: Wednesday 12th January 2022

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Prestbury Village Hall

Attendance

Prestbury Parish Council

None

Cllr D Franks

Cllr P Holes

Cllr V Herbert

Cllr T Jackson

Cllr M Leather,

Cllr K Podmore

Clerk – M Wheelton

Assistant Clerk / RFO S Dalrymple

Cheshire East Council

Cllr Findlow

Members of the public - Three members of the public attended to observe

PPC 21-22 / 176 - Apologies for absence

Prestbury Parish Council: Cllrs L Burns (observing on Teams), J Hallowell, D Murphy, A Dicken & A Toole (observing on Teams).

PPC 21-22 / 177 - Declarations of interest - None

PPC 21-22 / 178 - Public Participation – None

PPC 21-22 / 179 - Council Minutes

The minutes of the 7th Ordinary Meeting of 8th December 2021 were approved.

Proposed Cllr Herbert. Seconded Cllr Franks. Approved by all present at that meeting.

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PPC 21-22 / 180 – Finance A report was presented by the RFO based on the previously circulated papers and the following were noted:

Proposed 2022-23 budget and precept –

This was submitted to Cheshire East Council (CEC) on 29th December 2021

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) report to Cheshire East Council –

This was also submitted to CEC on 29th December 2021

Smart Parking & VAT query

Councillors plus the RFO are meeting shortly to discuss this issue further.

November 2021 accounts & Budget monitoring report to note

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

Proposal - The Council is invited to receive and note the Bank Reconciliation & Budget Monitoring reports as presented.

Proposed Cllr Holes. Seconded Cllr Franks.

Regular payments for approval

It was noted that during the month one request was sought for VISA Debit Card payment as follows:

Cartridgeshop.co.uk Cartridge ink & paper. Amount £270.00

Proposed Cllr Podmore. Seconded Cllr Herbert. All in favour

As set out in the RFO report, the following payments were requested be approved for payment to be made by Bank Transfer on 17th January 2022:

Salary – Clerk. £confidential

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Loose Change – Buskers at Winter Fair £200.00

Gemma Sutton – Singing at Winter Fair £200.00

St John’s Ambulance – First Aid at Winter Fair £277.20

GR Bayley – Defibrillator maintenance £66.00

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Cllr Franks – Expense claim for purchase of storage boxes £28.00

Cllr Holes – Expense claim for DBS check for Winter Fair £23.00

Cllr Herbert – Expense claim for notebook staples and printing for Winter Fair £15.98

Proposed for payment Cllr Podmore. Seconded Cllr Franks. All in favour,

RFO reporting format –

The RFO informed members that she is to review the reporting process, in particular the presentation of information. This will be circulated in due course for adoption from the start of the next financial year.

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PPC 21-22 / 181 – Committees:

Members noted the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 17th November 2021,

PPC 21-22 / 182 - Councillor Vacancies:

This item was deferred until the next meeting. The Chairman confirmed that he is not available for this meeting but will present a paper with his views to be read out by the clerk.

PPC 21-22 / 183 - Cheshire East Council Balance Budget Consultation:

Cllr Holes provided an overview of the key issues. It was confirmed that although the official consultation closed on 4th January that Councillor Leather would with the Chairman draft a letter to CEC outlining the key issue for the council which is the poor lack of responses in respect of planning and highway issues. All members were requested to provide Cllr Leather with their views on any other items that should be included.

PPC 21-22 / 184 - Cheshire East Council updated draft speed management strategy –

Cllr Podmore confirmed that Cllr Dicken had completed the consultation on behalf of the Council and a copy had been circulated to all members. Cllr Findlow also requested a copy for when he has a CEC meeting to review the results of the consultation.

PPC 21-22 / 185 - Roads, pavements and safety of the public realm:

Prestbury Village Speed Watch group

Cllr Holes updated members that the scheme is now in full operation with two teams each carrying out a speed check every two weeks. The most recent check will lead to the reporting of fifteen cars exceeding 35mph from an hour's observation. The monitoring continues to be on Castle Hill only at the present time.

Highways issues in Prestbury

It was reported that the council had not had a further response from CEC to a request for an onsite meeting. Cllr Findlow agreed to escalate the request to the Director of Infrastructure & Highways.

Cllr Franks confirmed that his request for discussions with Graham construction for ideas of how to deal with highway speeding had been logged. He agreed to follow up the issue again with them.

To discuss the current position in respect of gritting of local roads

Cllr Findlow confirmed that there had been no changes to the agreed Winter Service Plan in respect of gritting, but that there should now be in place a number of local grit bins. The clerk was requested to contact CEC Highways to enquire both where these will be located and the proposed timescale.

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The clerk was also requested to work with the Chairman to draft a letter to neighbouring town and parish councils including Macclesfield Town Council, to ascertain if they were prepared to work together to fund additional local gritting.

To discuss improvements to finger post signage in the parish

Cllr Jackson confirmed that she was still seeking a number of quotes but that this could also now include the contractor undertaking the refurbishment of

the finger post currently being organised by the Kings School. The clerk was requested to get both these details and also to ask if it was known where the original "mile marker" is stored following the recent Macclesfield Road junction works.

PPC 21-22 / 186 - Cheshire East Local Plan, Part 2 Examination In

Public:

Cllr Burns had previously informed members that CEC were yet to receive the initial post-hearing letter, which the inspector had originally promised to send at the end of November.

PPC 21-22 / 187 - To discuss potential funding available from the Poynton Area Partnership Group:

Cllr Leather confirmed that she will shortly be organizing a meeting with Cllrs Holes and Herbert to discuss this matter further but confirmed that prices for the Bollin Grove Playing Field fencing were being sought.

PPC 21-22 / 188 - Prestbury Railway Station

Cllr Leather reminded members of the meeting on site with various agencies on 21st January at 11.00am. She confirmed that there had been further progress on improvements to the station including window replacement and waiting room painting. But there had been no response from CEC In respect of the mud slip from "Waterbank".

PPC 21-22 / 189 - Grounds Maintenance:

Sundial planting bed –

Cllr Podmore will progress this shortly in time for spring bedding planting out

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

Following discussions with Cllr Murphy, Cllr Herbert outlined the proposed specification for works required. She agreed to request an estimate from ANSA for such work and to report back.

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Litter bin cleaning

Cllr Franks is to contact ANSA to ascertain their current schedule of emptying so that the bins can be examined immediately afterwards to then decide how best to deal with long standing litter that remains within the bins.

Gardening Club

Cllr Herbert requested that a contribution of £50.00 be approved as a contribution to purchasing plants for the bed next to the Shirleys Car Park.

Proposed Cllr Herbert. Seconded Cllr Franks. Four in favour, none against. Two abstentions.

PPC 21-22 / 190 - Children's Playground / Playing Field:

Playground surfacing –

Cllr Holes confirmed that he had met with the contractor to finalise the work with the “ground works” commencing on 24th January and resurfacing on 7th February, with each taking approximately one week to complete. This will necessitate the closing of the car park for these periods to allow the work to be undertaken safely. Neighbours including the squash and tennis clubs have been notified. The work is expected to be completed by 11th February.

PPC 21-22 / 191 - Bollin Valley Link Route:

As per the meeting with CEC Countryside staff it was agreed to ascertain via the Land Registry the landowners for the non - CEC land. Cllr Holes agreed to undertake this. Once the details are known it was agreed to set up a further meeting with CEC officers to review how to progress landowner discussions. The clerk confirmed he is awaiting a discussion with the CEC Acting Public Rights of Way Manager to get the details on a number of possible contractors who could quote for improvements to the path from the recently refurbished Shirleys bridge on the Bollin Valley. Once quotes are available, they will then be brought back for a decision by council.

PPC 21-22 /192 - Events:

Christmas Fair – to provide a report on the Christmas 2021 event and to review possible event support for 2022

Cllr Holes confirmed that it was felt by all that the event had been a success. The fair was well attended and the local businesses were very supportive. He confirmed that it will be reviewed at the next Events Committee meeting on 24th January 2022. To date costs were £3057.00, Income/contributions £676.00, net cost £2381.00 against a budget of £3000.00.

Cllr Franks proposed that if the Council considers a summer fair then preparations should commence in February and include the local businesses more closely.

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Cllr Holes also confirmed that the council had also had correspondence from Lisa Cowley of Independent Street in respect of possible support to further events in 2022 on Parrots Field. Cllr Podmore felt that until CEC provide their decision on the issue of a covenant on Parrots Field plus issues with traffic management and event oversight that the Parish Council should not make any further decisions. This will be discussed further at the Events Committee but that it was for independent street to agree the outstanding issues direct with CEC.

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022

It was confirmed that whilst Prestbury doesn't have a natural high point for a beacon that the Prestbury Golf Club could be a possible site. Cllr Franks is to progress this with them.

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Dealing with national events that require preparations for a local response

Cllr Franks confirmed that he will prepare a report on this for the next meeting, but it would include actions needed for both the website and also to other local procedures such as the lowering of flags in the event of a royal death.

PPC 21-22 / 193 - Parish Council website and branding:

To discuss the quotes for work to develop the Parish Council signage and branding

Cllr Franks confirmed he is still seeking a number of quotes for this work.

To agree the protocols for dealing with questions raised by residents when the information links are on the council's website –

The clerk outlined to councillors the number and type of enquiries from residents that require a response. It was confirmed that the clerk could respond directly back to an enquiry but also involve the member who specifically leads on that area of work. It is hoped that as the website develops that links to the most commonly asked questions, particularly those that relate to CEC services, can be included.

PPC 21-22 / 194 – Council IT systems

Cllr Franks outlined the need now to back up key data currently held in Microsoft Office 365 system. He will seek quotes and bring back to council.

PPC 21-22 / 195 - Police Report:

To provide Parish Council members with a review of the monthly data

No current report was available from the police.

Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner Budget Consultation 2022 / 2023 - to consider a response to this consultation.

It was agreed not to respond to this consultation.

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PPC 21-22 / 196 - Clerk's report:

Correspondence –

Members reviewed the actions on items of correspondence received and circulated during the month. There were no clarifications required.

Damage to Prestbury Tennis Club car park –

Cllr Podmore confirmed that a large hole had recently appeared in an area of the car park. Cllr Holes confirmed that the council was not insured for this damage. This item to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Prestbury Squash Club lease renewal –

Members were informed that the lease ends on 25th March 2022. Cllr Podmore agreed to discuss the matter in more detail with the RFO and the item then to be brought back to the next meeting

Date of next meeting: - To note that the next scheduled meeting is programmed for Wednesday 9th February 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.52pm

Signed

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Chairman - Prestbury Parish Council