



Prestbury Parish Council

Minutes of the 9th Ordinary Meeting of Prestbury Parish Council

Date: Wednesday 9th February 2022

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Prestbury Village Hall

Attendance

Prestbury Parish Council

Cllr P Holes

Cllr V Herbert

Cllr M Leather

Cllr D Murphy

Cllr A Toole (left the meeting at 9.43pm)

Clerk – M Wheelton

Assistant Clerk / RFO S Dalrymple

Cheshire East Council

Cllr P Findlow

Members of the public – Three in attendance as observers

PPC 21-22 / 197 - Apologies for absence

Cllrs L Burns (observing on Teams), J Hallowell, K Podmore, A Dicken, T Jackson & D Franks.

PPC 21-22 / 198 - Declarations of interest - None

PPC 21-22 / 199 - Public Participation – None

PPC 21-22 / 200 - Council Minutes

The minutes of the 8th Ordinary Meeting of 12th January 2022 were approved. **Proposed Cllr Toole. Seconded Cllr Leather. Approved by all present at that meeting.**

PPC 21-22 / 201 – Finance A report was presented by the RFO based on the previously circulated papers and the following were noted:

January 2022 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 Herbert. Seconded Cllr Murphy. All in favour

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Debit payments by Direct Debit in January 2022

Armadillo – storage. £177.60

HSBC – Bank charges. £16.94.

British Gas – Gas. £14.68

Armadillo - storage. £177.60

Proposed – The Council is invited to retrospectively authorize the regular payments and VISA debit card payments listed above.

Proposed Cllr Herbert. Seconded Cllr Murphy. All in favour

Payments to be authorized February 2022

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

HM Land Registry – Purchase of a Title & Plan re train station to confirm ownership of the sloping paved area at the rear of Station House. £6.00

Council was also requested to approve the following overtime payment that will be included in the payroll for the following month and be subject to PAYE/NI.

Assistant Clerk / RFO - RFO 20 hours overtime during January 2022.

£confidential.

As set out in the RFO report, the following payments were requested be approved for payment to be made by Bank Transfer on Monday 14th February 2022:

Clerk - Salary £confidential

Assistant Clerk/RFO Salary £confidential

HMRC- Tax/NI £166.34

Shires Accountants Ltd – Payroll Services Q3 (October -December 2021) £104.40

Higgins Lab-Chem Plumbing Ltd – Defib test on 4th January 2022 £66.00

Prestbury Gardening Club – Plant purchase £50.0

Higgins Lab-Chem Plumbing Ltd – Defib test on 26th January 2022 £66.00

Starboard Systems Ltd – Scribe Annual Software Licence £561.60

ANSA Environmental Services Ltd – Maintenance Q1 (April – June 2021) £819.86

ANSA Environmental Services Ltd – Maintenance Q2 (July to September 2021) £819.86

Clerk – Travel Claim October – December 2021 £confidential

Lite Ltd – Christmas Lights £14,659.20

Lite Ltd – Christmas lights £630.00

Proposal - Council is invited to authorize the payments listed above.

This includes the authorization to withhold payment of the current invoice from Smart Parking Ltd until sufficient back-up to support the invoice payment is obtained.

Proposed for payment Cllr Herbert. Seconded Cllr Murphy. All in favour,

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PPC 21-22 / 202 – Committees:

Members noted the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 8th December 2021 and 12th January 2022.

PPC 21-22 / 203 - Councillor Vacancies:

Cllr Leather informed members that the resident who had previously shown an interest in the vacant post had informed the council that they no longer intended to progress their application. It was confirmed that interest had now been expressed by another resident and a CV was awaited should they wish to proceed.

Cllr Leather also confirmed that Cllr Holes would be standing down as a councillor from 30th April 2022 but wished to still be involved as a volunteer with events and Speedwatch activities. Cllr Holes was thanked for all his previous and continued hard work on behalf of the council and residents and that he would be greatly missed.

PPC 21-22 / 204 - Roads, pavements and safety of the public realm:

Prestbury Village Speed Watch group - Cllr Holes reported that the group was still operating once a week and whilst still restricted to Castle Hill, a request had been made to the temporary replacement PCSO to review if the coverage could be extended elsewhere in the village. The most recent session had noted eighteen vehicles travelling over 30mph with one over forty. He also confirmed that following resident's complaints about speeding on Butley Lanes the PCSO had attended with a speed gun.

Highways issues in Prestbury – It was confirmed that an onsite meeting will be held with a Highway's officer from Cheshire East Council on 28th February 2022 1.00pm starting at the Village Hall. Cllr Leather reviewed the range of key proposed items and areas for discussion. All members who are available were invited to attend.

To discuss the current position in respect of gritting of local roads – The Clerk confirmed that the Chairman had written to a number of neighbouring parishes including Macclesfield Town Council to ascertain if they wished to work together to review future additional gritting needs over and above those currently undertaken by Cheshire East Council.

To discuss improvements to finger post signage in the parish – The Clerk confirmed that a contact to undertake the repair work had been sourced and passed to members for future progression.

To discuss the proposals for a "lorry watch" scheme.- It was felt that this could be considered once the Bonis Hall Lane junction improvement works had been completed but that the problem should also be raised at the meeting with CEC Highways.

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PPC 21-22 / 205 - Cheshire East Local Plan, Part 2 Examination In Public:

Members reviewed the update provided in advance of the meeting by Cllr Burns and her request for funding for professional planning advice and input to the final consultation stage of the Site Allocations and Development Policies Document. It was agreed to support the proposal that planning consultant Mr Peter Yates be employed to work on the response to the modifications proposals, most particularly on those relating to housing density.

Proposal – That Prestbury Parish Council agrees to set aside a budget of £2,000 to pay Mr Peter Yates to work alongside Councillor Burns on the final consultation stage of the Local Plan.

Proposed Cllr Toole. Seconded Cllr Holes. All in favour.

PPC 21-22 / 206 -NALC Policy Consultation Briefing - OFCOM Postal Regulation Consultation –

Whilst members agreed not to submit a response to this consultation due to its extent and complex nature, they requested that the clerk communicated to NALC that any such requests for comments required an executive summary to allow for a better understanding of what was being proposed.

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

PPC 21-22 / 207 - Prestbury Squash Club lease:

The Clerk confirmed that the Chairman had made contact with the squash club and had offered some dates for a meeting which is now expected to take place in late February.

PPC 21-22 / 208 - To discuss potential funding available from the Poynton Area Partnership Group:

Cllr Leather confirmed that she is still to meet with contractors to discuss possible works to the fencing at Bollin Grove Playing Fields but will report back at the next meeting on progress.

PPC 21-22 / 209 - Prestbury Railway Station:

Cllr Murphy updated members on the meeting with Northern Rail on 21st January 2022 as outlined in the notes previously circulated. He confirmed that in respect of improving “access” on platform one (the previously used path down from Prestbury Lane) that there was the opportunity to bid for external funding from the Department of Transport via Northern Rail as part of their “Access for All” programme. He confirmed that any bid needs, with completed surveys, to be with Northern Rail by 15th April. The findings would then be submitted to the Department of Transport for consideration. This may or may not be successful at the first instance and payment to Northern towards the costs of the Surveys is not required until after all the work is complete and forms submitted.

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Cllr Holes confirmed that adequate funding is available in the “Station Improvement” budget.

Proposal – That Cllr Murphy be authorised to approach Northern Rail (NR) to offer up to 50% of the cost of the requirement for an “Option Selection Report” with a “Diversity Impact Assessment” (total cost £11,960.00) in order to bid for “Access for All” funding. This offer would be subject to confirmation by NR that the required surveys will be completed by 15th April to meet the submission deadline.

Proposed Cllr Murphy. Seconded Cllr Holes. All in favour.

Cllr Murphy was requested to update members on progress at the March meeting.

PPC 21-22 / 210 - Grounds Maintenance:

Sundial planting bed – This item will be considered at the March meeting. Members felt that given the high profile of the bed upon entering the village, that should there be no progress that a proposal for some spring bedding in the interim should be brought forward for consideration.

To consider a proposal to employ a contractor as an additional resource to maintain the public realm in Prestbury - Cllr Herbert confirmed that following correspondence with ANSA that they felt that they were unable to provide a quote for further works and that they were undertaking what was felt required. Members were dissatisfied with this response and wished to discuss this further with ANSA. Cllr Findlow agreed to speak to the manager at ANSA to see if progress could be made on this issue.

Litter bin cleaning – This item was rolled forward to the next meeting.

To review the actions required to repair the Prestbury Tennis Club car park – The Clerk informed members that Cllr Podmore will progress this issue on his return. Cllr Holes confirmed that there was no insurance provision for the as yet to be quantified works.

There was a discussion on repairing some smaller potholes in the car park. Cllr Holes offered to progress this by purchasing the necessary material.

Proposal – Cllr Holes be authorized to purchase materials by VISA Debit Card up to £50.00 to undertake minor car park repairs.

Proposed Cllr Holes. Seconded Cllr Toole. All in favour.

PPC 21-22 / 211 - Children’s Playground / Playing Field:

Playground surfacing – Cllr Holes confirmed that the works were progressing well and nearing completion.

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PPC 21-22 / 212 - Bollin Valley Link Route and footpath repairs:

Cllr Holes confirmed that the none - CEC landowners had been identified via the Land Registry. One of the landowners was proving difficult to contact and the Clerk confirmed that this information was being sought from Cheshire East Countryside Service.

The Clerk confirmed that two contractors had now been contacted by the Chairman to ascertain quotes for the footpath repairs previously identified at the site meeting.

PPC 21-22 / 213 - Events:

Review of possible event support for 2022 including a Summer Fair – Cllr Holes confirmed that the Events Committee had reviewed the Christmas Fair at a meeting on 24th January 2022. Lisa from Independent Street had attended the meeting and was directed to discuss any future use of Parrot's Field with the Event Manager at Cheshire East Council to ascertain its status and what could take place there. She was informed that any future support from the Parish Council to further events would be based on this outcome. The Committee is proposing that the Summer Fair coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration on Sunday 5th June 2022.

Cllr Leather requested that additional bunting be ordered in advance of the event to ensure its availability.

**Proposal Cllr Leather be authorized to order extra bunting up to the value of £100.00, payment being made via VISA Debit Card.
Proposed Cllr Leather. Seconded Cllr Herbert. All in favour.**

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022 – This item to be rolled forward to the March meeting.

Dealing with national events that require preparations for a local response -
This item to be rolled forward to the March meeting.

PPC 21-22 / 214 - Parish Council website and branding:

To discuss the quotes for work to develop the Parish Council signage and branding - This item to be rolled forward to the March meeting.

PPC 21-22 / 215 – Council IT systems - This item to be rolled forward to the March meeting

PPC 21-22 / 216 – Spring Newsletter – Cllr Burns had previously circulated a request for approval to agree the payment of up-front costs for the layout of the Spring Newsletter.

**Proposal – That approval be given for the advance payment of £425.00 plus VAT to Fox Graphics for layout of the Spring Newsletter.
Proposed Cllr Holes. Seconded Cllr Herbert. All in favour**

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PPC 21-22 / 217 - Police Report:

To provide Parish Council members with a review of the monthly data – it was confirmed that this had not been made available due to the change of PCSO cover for Prestbury.

PPC 21-22 / 218 – Manchester Airport consultation –

Cllr Leather informed members that the full public consultation, for the Manchester Airspace Change Proposal, follows in Stage 3, which is likely to take place in 2023

She offered to follow up the opportunity of a workshop for members with a representative of the airport at an appropriate time. She confirmed that at present members could follow progress on the issue on the following websites:

manchesterairport.co.uk/futureairspace

airspacechange.caa.co.uk

www.acog.aero – the Airspace Change Organising Group

Cllr Leather informed members they can attend future meetings of the MACC (Manchester Airport Consultative Committee).

PPC 21-22 / 219 - Clerk's report:

Correspondence –

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

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

The meeting closed at 10.25pm

Signed

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Chairman - Prestbury Parish Council