



Prestbury Parish Council

Minutes of the 3rd Ordinary Meeting of Prestbury Parish Council of the 2022-2023 Civic Year.

Date: Wednesday 13th July 2022

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: The Village Hall, Macclesfield Road, Prestbury

Attendance:

Prestbury Parish Council:

Cllr A Dicken
Cllr D Franks
Cllr V Herbert
Cllr M Leather
Cllr K Podmore

Cheshire East Councillor: Cllr P Finlow

Members of the public – 2

S Davies – Clerk and RFO

Cllr L Burns observed the meeting virtually.

PPC 22-23/51 - Apologies for absence:

Cllrs L Burns (observing on Teams from item 5), T Jackson, D Murphy, A Toole, J Hallowell and A Thomas.

PPC 22-23/52 - Declarations of interest:

None declared.

PPC 22-23/53 - Public participation:

A resident spoke regarding the Old Coach House and matters that he'd like to bring to the Parish Council's attention:

The resident introduced himself and his relevant background including his work as part of a group who put together 'The Story of Prestbury' publication. Whilst researching the book, a large amount of information was gathered along with a realisation of the amount of historical information owned by various residents, not all of which could go into the book.

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The group would like to form an archive in the village to ensure that this information is not lost. One building identified is the Old Coach House and discussions have taken place with the owner. It was noted that this is an historic building which is in a very poor state of repair.

The group proposed to the owner that they would raise the capital to renovate the building if they could be offered a peppercorn lease for use of the building. An agreement has not yet been reached.

The item 19b from the agenda relating to the Old Coach House was brought forward by the chair.

PPC 22-23/54 The Old Coach House – Correspondence received, discussion and actions.

The Council noted the correspondence received prior to the meeting and thanked the resident for attending and providing the update. After discussion, the following actions were agreed:

- That the Clerk write to Cheshire East to verify the status and listing of the building and their position.
- That the Clerk write to the building owner to enquire about their position.
- That the Clerk invite the building owner to a meeting of the Council to discuss the issue.

PPC 22-23/55 - Council minutes:

The council resolved to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 8th June 2022. Proposed by Cllr Podmore, seconded Cllr Franks. All in favour who attended.

PPC 22-23/56 – Finance

The Council received the RFO report:

a. Bank statements

The Council received and noted an annotated bank statement for June 2022.

b. Bank reconciliation and budget monitoring

The Council received and approved the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring report dated 30th June 2022.

c. To note the summary of payments and approve the summary of receipts and payments.

The Council received a list of payments and receipts dated 30th June 2022.



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d. To note the regular payments.

The Council noted the regular payments made during June detailed in the Clerk's report.

e. To note any Ad-Hoc payments.

The RFO reported that there are no ad-hoc payments to be made on the debit card.

f. To authorise payments.

The Council approved the following payments requiring processing.

The Voice Box	Musicians for the Summer Fair	£250.00	Online
Karamba	Summer Fair Entertainment	£125.00	Online
Stacy and Son	Signs for Summer Fair	£119.99	Online
Emblazened Print and Embroidery – Reimbursement to Cllr Dickens	Hi-Viz Vests	£32.00	Online
Screwfix – reimbursement to Cllr Dickens	Frog Tape masking tape.	£6.59	Online

g. To note the income received.

The RFO reported that a CIL payment of £5727.47 has been received.

h. To receive an update on the HSBC banking arrangements and to consider opening an account with Unity Bank including signatories.

The Council resolved to set up a Unity Bank Account but not to close the HSBC account immediately.

It was further resolved that Cllrs Podmore, Leather, Dickens and Franks along with the Clerk be added to the mandate with the Clerk inputting payments and two councillors required to approve the payments.

i. To confirm that all documents relating to the AGAR submission were posted and photographed by the 17th of June 2022.

It was confirmed that the AGAR was submitted on the 17th June and the notices photographed.



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- j. To approve the increase in the Armadillo rental charges for the storage unit from £13 to £14 excluding VAT per week from 18th July.**

It was resolved to agree to continue with Armadillo given the rental charge increase.

Cllr Franks suggested that the material in storage should be sorted with a view to possibly reducing to one storage container. It was agreed that the Clerk progress this and Cllr Franks and Herbert offered to help.

PPC 22-23/57 Committees – to receive and note committee minutes.

- a. Minutes of the planning committees**

The chair noted that the minutes of planning meetings haven't been approved because of differing members at each meeting. It was agreed that the outstanding draft planning minutes be circulated to ask for comment from those present to allow approval at the next planning meeting.

- b. Minutes of the event committees**

Not covered.

PPC 22-23/58 Future meeting dates and membership of the planning committee.

It was agreed to canvas members to determine the best option of future meetings. Evenings were considered preferable to mornings and a four weekly interval was proposed. The first Monday of the month was suggested which would make the September meeting on Monday the 5th.

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference of the committee be reviewed.

It was further agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 10th August at 9:30am.

PPC 22-23/59 Roads, pavements and safety of the public realm

- a. Prestbury Village Speedwatch Group**

Cllr Dickens provided an update. There are new members with regular groups going out. Cllr Dickens further reported that neither SID, six and eight years old, will now not download data and that the Speedwatch group would like to purchase new SIDS along with signs and vests (approximately £9K).

It was noted that there isn't currently a budget-line, and that the money would need to be allocated from general reserves or vired from another budget line.

Various options were discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Dickens seek at least one further quote for the SIDS.

The Council resolved to approve the expenditure for the signs and vests.



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It was further agreed that the group should have a dedicated laptop. Item 15 was considered and it was agreed that the older of the two current laptops be given to the Speedwatch group and a new laptop be purchased when an assistant is recruited.

b. To discuss improvements to finger post signage in the parish.

An update on this item was deferred.

c. To update the situation with regard to the possible subsidence in the car park at the tennis club.

It was agreed that this item has now been resolved and is no longer required as an agenda item.

d. To receive an update on the progress of the ROSPA inspection of the playground.

The Clerk reported that she is pursuing this item.

e. Street lighting – response to David Rutley re letter received from resident.

Cllr Herbert updated the Council. A resident has contacted both the previous Clerk and MP David Rutley to enquire about increasing the street lighting to make Prestbury more difficult for criminals. The MP subsequently also contacted the Parish Council.

It was noted that the police have informed that there isn't an increase in crime in Prestbury compared with pre-covid.

It agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Herbert write to update both the resident and MP David Rutley to convey this information.

f. To receive an update from CE Cllr Paul Findlow regarding the Minor Works Highways top-up scheme.

Cllr Findlow corrected the description of the agenda to the Cheshire East Ward Members budget. He updated that he has submitted seven areas including those raised at the last meeting. Four have been selected for further costings: fading yellow lines (part of Macclesfield Rd), zebra crossing repainting, reprofiling and repointing Bridge End Lane through car damage and cracked footway flag stones.

Cleaning road signs, replacing cats' eyes and rectifying dangerous flooding across a part of Macclesfield Rd.

It was noted that the bollards at the bridge is a separate issue not included in this scheme and that these will be replaced.



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Cllr Leather raised about the state of the road and complaints received on some areas of Macclesfield Rd Broad Walk. Cllr Findlow agreed to ask for costings for the areas raised.

PPC 22-23/60 Prestbury Squash Club lease.

Cllr Podmore updated that he has received two quotes from solicitors and is seeking a third quote.

PPC 22-23/61 Prestbury Railway Station

It was agreed to defer this item.

PPC 22-23/62 Grounds Maintenance – Litter bin cleaning

Cllr Franks said he had looked on a Friday after being told they were emptied on a Thursday and all bins were full. He agreed to keep monitoring the situation.

PPC 22-23/63 Bollin Valley Link Route and Footpath repairs

Cllr Podmore updated the Council that regarding footpath 38, the closure notices are now up and he's waiting for confirmation of a start date, originally due for the 18th July.

Regarding the Bridge Green to Riverside Park section, it was reported that Cheshire East has asked the Parish Council to negotiate with the landowner. It was agreed that a letter be written by the Clerk to Cheshire East to request a meeting of all three parties.

PPC 22-23/64 Events

Cllr Franks updated that the organisation of the stalls at the event went well and that outsourcing the organisation was beneficial. Volunteers were thanked by Cllr Franks.

It was noted that the use of haybales had left a mess and perhaps wouldn't be used again.

Cllr Franks circulated a financial breakdown.

PPC 22-23/65 Website and branding

It was agreed to defer this item.

PPC 22-23/66 Parish Council laptops

Item covered in item PPC 22-23/59a

PPC 22-23/67 Police report

The council received the police report and newsletter. It was agreed that the newsletter should be placed on the website and social media.



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PPC 22-23/68 Replacement councillor

Cllr Herbert updated the Council and reported that the vacancy notice had been submitted to Cheshire East and that the permission to co-opt if an election isn't called is due later in July.

PPC 22-23/69 Airport consultation

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

PPC 22-23/70 Clerk's Report –

- a. Request from the Royal British Legion (Prestbury) regarding planting a tree, creating a war memorial and installing a replacement goalpost.**

The requests were considered. It was agreed that the Clerk thank the RBL for the offer of a goalpost and invite them to a meeting to discuss the other two issues.

- b. Promotion of Crewe Railway Station's nomination as the Headquarters for Great British Railways**

It was agreed to promote the consultation.

PPC 22-23/71 Kings School

It was agreed that the Clerk invite representatives at the school to a future meeting.

PPC 22-23/72 Christmas Lights: To consider a quote from lite-ltd.

It was agreed to defer this item to the August meeting.

PPC 22-23/73 Project List – to discuss a draft project list for 2022-2023.

It was agreed to defer this item.

PPC 22-23/74 PPC Board in the Club Room – To consider a proposal to update the information boards with Chairman and Clerk's details.

It was agreed that Cllr Herbert progress the updating of the information boards.

PPC 22-23/75 Bridge Street Car Park contract

It was agreed to defer this item.

PPC 22-23/76 Date of the next meeting

To note that the date of the next meeting will be 10th August 2022, 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 21:50pm