

# Prestbury Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018 IN THE LIBRARY

**Present** Cllr's J Payne (Chairman), M Osbourne, R Fuller, M Stennett, K Bishop, B Jones, C Hunt, P Weir.

C Franklin, Clerk

One members of the public in attendance.

Apologies. Cllr A Silcock.

Item		Action																												
1) 17/1/AGM Welcome	Cllr JP welcomed everyone to the AGM																													
2) 17/2/AGM Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the last meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 were adopted, proposed Cllr MS seconded Cllr BJ, all in favour.																													
3) 17/3/AGM Matters arising from last meeting	None raised.																													
4) 17/4/AGM Reports from Officers	<p><u>Planning Report for 2017/2018 submitted by Cllr R Fuller</u></p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2017</th> <th>2016</th> <th>2015</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>TOTAL APPLICATIONS</td> <td>71</td> <td>102</td> <td>86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL WITHDRAWN</td> <td>4</td> <td>6</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL REFUSED BY CBC</td> <td>1</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL PERMITTED BY CBC</td> <td>66</td> <td>93</td> <td>80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PPC HAD NO OBJECTION</td> <td>56</td> <td>89</td> <td>74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PPC OBJECTED TO</td> <td>11</td> <td>7</td> <td>9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>32 Noverton Lane            Replacement single storey sun room (retrospective )            PPC No Objection            Planning Officer No Objection            Planning committee Refused.</p>		2017	2016	2015	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	71	102	86	TOTAL WITHDRAWN	4	6	3	TOTAL REFUSED BY CBC	1	3	3	TOTAL PERMITTED BY CBC	66	93	80	PPC HAD NO OBJECTION	56	89	74	PPC OBJECTED TO	11	7	9	
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**Allotment Report**

**PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Annual General Meeting

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm

In

Prestbury Library.

Report from the Chair of the Allotments Committee  
for  
2017 – 2018

I am pleased to report that the 2017-18 season has been a remarkably quiet and uneventful with no major incidents or problems, and long may it continue that way.

The produce Show was once again well supported with a wide range of high quality produce on show. It is the Committee's intention to continue with the Produce Show as long as it is supported by tenants and Prestbury residents.

Last year the Committee let a plot to St. Mary's School. The plot has now been transformed into a series of raised beds, one for each year group. In addition the school has built a range of additional features to encourage the children to take a more active interest in nature, including nesting boxes and habitats for insects.

The allotment gardens also contains a Community Plot managed by the Aston Project. Over the years this plot has not been well maintained, but it is hoped following recent discussions that the situation will improve. Currently the plot is under surveillance by a badger watch group who have set up CCTV cameras on the plot to observe a family of badgers resident on the plot. Whilst the Parish Council has no objection to the groups activity it would have appreciated being contacted before they set up their camera.

Over the winter the roadways on the allotments have deteriorated. A recent delivery of stone should help to address this issue.

	<p>The Allotments gardens remain popular with Prestbury residents, and there is a slow but steady demand for plots, currently there are 6 vacant plots.</p> <p>John Payne Chair of the Allotment Committee</p> <p><b>Assets and Playing Fields</b></p>	
<p><b>5) 17/5/AGM Statement Regarding Financial issues</b></p>	<p>In accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 and the Accounts (England) Regulations 2011, Prestbury Parish Council has exercised due diligence in the management of its financial affairs.</p> <p>The annual internal and external audit took place between April and August 2017, a successful audit was recorded. The Council issued monthly Bank Reconciliation figures and expenditure details in order to settle accounts efficiently.</p>	
<p><b>6) 17/6/AGM Prestbury Charities</b></p>	<p><b>Prestbury United Charities Report</b> <b>Cllr KB</b></p> <p>The Prestbury United Charities provide assistance to those who are in need in our area of benefit, which is the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's, Prestbury, and the adjoining Parishes of Swindon Village and Southam.</p> <p>The Charity usually has nine trustees: the incumbent of the Parish of Prestbury; three persons nominated by the Prestbury Parish Council; one nominated by Cheltenham Borough Council; four co-opted trustees and an honorary clerk.</p> <p>The Prestbury United Charities uses the income from investments to meet the needs of applicants who we consider are eligible for assistance. During 2016 £2000 was given to Special Olympics Gloucestershire and £590 to Prestbury Memorial Trust to help fund the Christmas Party for the elderly in the Parish. £3,470 was given to help six individuals: one to pay for completing double glazing: one to provide some furniture for a family: others to purchase carpets, clothing and a child's bike.</p> <p>We often find we are unable to reach those in our area of benefit who need help. We are here to help individuals who</p>	

	<p>are in need and welcome applications directly from individuals or from a third party e.g., carers, social workers or visitors.</p> <p>If anybody knows of individuals within our area of benefit who are in need, would they please contact either the Clerk to Prestbury United Charities, Mr Brian Wood, 2 Honeysuckle Close, Prestbury, Cheltenham, GL52 5LN, e-mail: <a href="mailto:puc.clerk@prestbury.net">puc.clerk@prestbury.net</a> or any Trustee of the Charity.</p> <p>Copies of our flyer giving details of PUC are placed in the Library, St Nicolas' Church and St Mary's Church in Prestbury.</p>	
<p><b>7) 18/7/AGM AOB</b></p>	<p><b>Overview and Future Plans</b> <b>Cllr JP</b></p> <p>It is only when you look back through the Minutes of the previous meetings that you realise the range of issues that have been discussed.</p> <p>Back in May 2017 fears of development in the Green belt were raised by a scoping application for 450 dwellings on land at the end of Swindon Lane. Whilst the site was not in Prestbury, had it been allowed, it would have been the thin edge of the wedge for the whole of Swindon Lane and beyond.</p> <p>Also in May 2017 the suggestion of another Prestbury Village Fayre was raised at Council, once again with Councillor Peter Weir at the helm.</p> <p>On a more sombre note, the first evidence of drug dealing on the Parish Playing Field emerged. The Police were informed and agree to increase patrols in the area.</p> <p>In June Councillor Malcolm Stennett and myself attended the Mill Lane Housing Development appeal, brought by Gleasons against the refusal of Tewkesbury Borough Council to grant planning permission. It was gratifying that the Inspector recognised the contribution made by the Parish Council during the appeal, which was subsequently lost. The Inspector cited the impact of</p>	

the proposed development on the setting of the AONB and The Hayes, arguments that the Council could use in future planning applications.

In July Catherine Simpson joined the Council, and took on the task of managing the deployment of the Portable Defibrillator, which Cllr. Malcolm Stennett proposed the Council should purchase back in April. The deployment is in the final stages, the equipment has been selected, the location chosen we are just awaiting planning permission.

Even in July, Christmas is never far from Councillor Weir's thoughts and plans for the Village Christmas Tree began to be formulated. Peter's meticulous planning, once again resulted in a stunning event, that was grossly oversubscribed, but never the less delivered £450 for the Prestbury Memorial Trust, and a great deal of enjoyment on the day. It would be remiss of me not to mention the contribution of Doddington Estates who provided the tree, free of charge and the WI for the provision of refreshments.

August is usually a quiet month, but the new Cheltenham Crematorium was given the go ahead.

In September, the Council was approached by Bloor to begin discussion on the donation of land adjacent to the current playing fields. Whilst the Parish is keen to accept this land discussions continue as to the possible use of the land.

In October Councillor Simpson published the first draft of the Village Emergency Plan. A plan that will in the event of a disaster provide a structured response.

In November, Councillor Stennett announced that at long last the Joint Core Strategy would finally be signed off in December. And Councillor Weir confirmed the date of the Prestbury Village fayre would be Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

In December, Councillor Weir announced that the events surrounding the Christmas Tree had raised £950. Looking forward, Councillor Cathy Hunt raised the

	<p>question of the use to which the Robson Fields was put. It was agreed to look at possible options for the field, which is used predominantly by dog walkers, and has been subject to minor vandalism during the year.</p> <p>In January, following discussions regarding the administration of the Parish Council, it was agreed that the Parish Clerk would reduce his hours, and that a Minutes Secretary be appointed.</p> <p>In February Councillor Stennett announced that The Cheltenham Plan has been published and is available for consultation, and that the JCS has now been adopted, which should protect the Prestbury Green belt until at least 2031.</p> <p>Nikita Hooper, the Conservation Officer from CBC came to the meeting to describe the proposal to create a new conservation area centred on Park Lane. The proposals will form part of The Cheltenham Plan. The meeting was particularly well attended at a current planning proposal includes the demolition of one of the houses deemed to have architectural merit.</p> <p>The Parish Council is very much a team effort, and I would like to thank all the Councillors for their valuable contributions to proceedings.</p>	
<p><b>8) 17/08/AGM AOB</b></p>	<p><b>No issues were raised.</b></p>	