

# PRESTBURY

P A R I S H C O U N C I L

## The Pavilion, New Barn Close, Prestbury, Cheltenham, GL52 3LP

Minutes of the **FULL COUNCIL** Meeting of Prestbury Parish Council on Monday 11th October 2021 at 7pm held at Prestbury Library.

Members Present: Cllrs: I Mcallister (IM) Chair L Langrish (LL) Vice-Chair, K Bishop (KB), H Breach (HB), R Gibbons (RG), G Griffiths (GG), M Hansen (MH), P Kennard (PK), J Maloney (JM), H Singh (HS), J Slater (JS), C Taylor (CT)

In attendance: J Tetley (Administration Officer), J Payne (JP) Borough Councillor, S Fifield County Councillor (SF) and nine members of the public

The meeting was opened at 7.00pm

Item no.	Item	Action
<b>21/104</b>	<b>Welcome by chairman</b>	
<b>105</b>	Apologies were received from I Bassett Smith Borough Councillor	
<b>106</b>	No Declarations of Interest	
<b>107</b>	The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 (previously circulated) were unanimously approved by the Council and were signed by IM as an accurate record.	
<b>108</b>	The following were matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda:	
	A) Item 21/090 – LL has acquired two quotes so far for the repair, renovation, and extension to the children’s playground area. HB to put bid together and present to SF in principle. Present to PPC in November for approval.	<b>HB</b>
	B) Item 21/094 – Finance and General Purposes Committee setting up schedule and process to determine the precept. IM to action.	<b>IM</b>
	C) Item 21/102 – JM enquired about a Christmas tree at the church, it has been referred to the Church’s committee.	
	D) Item 21/102 – St Nicholas Church have the defibrillator and a quote from an electrician used by PPC. The church is waiting for a quote from their own electrician. JT to follow up on outcome.	<b>JT</b>
	E) Item 21/102 – Wall in High Street. JP has written to CBC asking for an enforcement order to be placed on the wall. IM to write on behalf of PPC as requested by GG. JP outlined the present situation in that the structural engineers state the wall will collapse and take the tree with it. The tree cannot presently be felled, also if it was felled it could cause damage to the property and its foundations. If the wall is taken down the tree will also come down, so to rebuild the wall it would need to be built on the pavement or an alternative bridging solution could be considered (LL)	<b>IM</b>
<b>109</b>	<b>Borough and County councillor reports (circulated prior to meeting)</b>	

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	<p><b>County Council Report - Stephan Fifield</b></p> <p>SF is now vice chair of the Audit and Governance Committee for Gloucestershire which has received a lot of recent media attention. SF welcomes any questions related to this topic.</p>	
	<p><b>No report from Cheltenham Borough Council - John Payne (JP)</b></p>	
110	<p><b>Councillor reports</b></p> <p>JS – There has been intense activity on the flood scheme GG – Litter update posted on PPC website</p>	
111	<p><b>Councillor vacancy - To consider an application for co-option from Peter Weir</b></p> <p>The candidate for co-option, Peter Weir, addressed the Council and answered questions from Councillors. PW's application was proposed by RG and seconded by HB. <b>THE COUNCIL VOTED IN FAVOUR</b> by 11 votes to 1 that Peter Weir should be co-opted with immediate effect as a Councillor to fill the casual vacancy on the Council. Cllr Peter Weir (PW) signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk and participated in the remainder of the meeting as a Councillor.</p>	
112	<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>	
	<p><b>Allotments (PK)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting list now down to 30 applicants, full but not closed yet</li> <li>• Reviewing uncultivated plots. Still have 154 plots</li> <li>• Problem with large trees, PK liaising with CBC on the matter</li> </ul>	PK
	<p><b>F&amp;GP (IM)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precept - working on schedule</li> <li>• Review of banking process taking place</li> <li>• Idsall Drive Car Park – received letter from Paul Jones at CBC. The car park will attract business rates, but the actual bill will be zero as PPC attracts small business rates relief. This could possibly change in the future. CBC keen to proceed with sale. PPC need to consider options, costs involved including maintenance and upkeep and possible grants. LL and JS to review and present a proposal at the meeting in November.</li> </ul>	LL JS
	<p><b>Planning (LL)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 applications, no objections</li> <li>• One appeal decision considered on Church Court Cottages. Appeal dismissed.</li> <li>• 15 Deep Street has been inspected, await decision.</li> <li>• Post Office – Objection raised about the potential noise from the air conditioner if Baker and Graze take over and bake on the premises.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Facilities Management (MH)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-social behaviour continues on the prestbury playing fields. Incident on 10<sup>th</sup> October reported to police with CCTV footage</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased use of junior football pitches</li> <li>• Prestbury Tennis Club – PTC will not be renewing their contract in March 2022. The Facilities Management Committee are presently compiling Terms of Reference and reviewing options for a way forward.</li> <li>• Queens Platinum Jubilee – PPC will look at ideas of supporting the idea of a Big Lunch across communities in Prestbury</li> <li>• Quotes obtained for extension, repair, and maintenance of the children’s play area</li> <li>• Signs – Facilities Management Committee recommended purchasing the smaller sign for Windyridge Road at a cost of £1100. A discussion took place about the cost and the position of the sign. RG proposed that the sign could be sponsored by a local company. The council voted with the following results: <b>In favour 7, Against 5, Abstain 1</b></li> </ul>	<b>MH</b>
<b>113</b>	<p><b>Climate Change: Vision 21 and Cheltenham Zero</b></p> <p>Speakers unable to attend, postponed to November meeting</p>	
<b>114</b>	<p><b>Questions from the public</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JP requested PPC to give authority for a seat to be situated at the Pieces. IM to action. LL clarified that PPC would not be liable for the maintenance of the seat. JP confirmed that it would not be the responsibility of PPC</li> <li>• Tree in New Barn Close obscures view to New Barn Lane. JP sent letter to SF</li> <li>• Residents working group formed to give ideas to the parish about any potential future developments of Robson Field. In general, the community and residents would welcome more involvement but have no immediate priorities.</li> <li>• Better communication to the residents of Prestbury would be welcomed; more effective distribution of the newsletter planned.</li> <li>• JP requested that expenditure of PPC be considered for all parts of the parish</li> </ul>	<b>IM</b>
<b>115</b>	<p><b>Monthly Financial Information</b></p> <p>The accounts for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (previously circulated) were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY by the council</p>	
<b>116</b>	<p><b>Remembrance Day 2021</b></p> <p>PW continues to work on the organisation of Remembrance Day which will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am at the War Memorial in Prestbury. Volunteers were requested to help with the road closure at the service.</p>	
<b>117</b>	<b>AOB - None</b>	
	<b>The meeting closed at 8.32pm</b>	
	<b>Date of next meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 7pm at Prestbury Library</b>	