

Prestbury Parish Council Minutes

Held on Monday 13th June 2022 at 7pm held at the Pavilion, New Barn Close

Members Present: Cllrs: M Hansen (MH) Chair, C Taylor (CT) Vice-Chair, K Bishop (KB), H Breach (HB), H Eagger (HE), R Gibbons (RG), G Griffiths (GG), J Maloney (JM) and P Weir (PW)

In attendance: J Tetley (Parish Clerk), J Payne Borough Councillor (JP) and two members of the public.

The meeting was opened at 7pm.

Item no.	Item	Action
22/23/021	Welcome by chairman. Apologies were received and accepted from P Kennard (PK), I Bassett Smith Borough Councillor and Stephan Fifield (SF) County Councillor	
022	No Declarations of Interest.	
023	The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9 th May 2022 (previously circulated) were unanimously approved by the Council and were signed by MH as an accurate record.	
024	<p>Councillor vacancies - To consider 3 applications for co-option from Peter Whitton, Cathy Hunt and Nick Atty.</p> <p>The candidates for co-option, Peter Whitton (PMW), Cathy Hunt (CH) and Nick Atty (NA), addressed the Council and answered questions from Councillors. It was noted from Q&As that Ubico are responsible for the stream running alongside the footpath leading from St Marys School up to start of Robson Field. The parish can only try and influence issues regarding this area, but the ultimate responsibility is with GCC and CBC.</p> <p>PMW's application was proposed by HB and seconded by GG. CH's application was proposed by CT and seconded by PW. NA's application was proposed by HB and seconded by GG.</p> <p>THE COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR that all 3 candidates should be co-opted with immediate effect as Councillors to fill the casual vacancies on the Council. Cllrs PMW, CH and NA all signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk and participated in the remainder of the meeting as Councillors.</p>	
025	No matters arising from the minutes, all matters covered in the agenda.	
026	<p>Adjournment to Allow for Questions from the Public</p> <p>JP asked if the council would consider publishing financial reports and the councillors' reports. The chair agreed to this in principle.</p> <p>A member of the public raised the issue of parking on Cleavelands Drive, namely cars parked on grass, pavements and on corners obstructing visibility. The amount of cars</p>	

	parking has increased substantially over the last few years. It was noted that although PPC recognise the issues they have no legal power in this matter. JP, as Borough Councillor, to liaise with the member of public regarding this issue.	
027	<p>Borough and County Councillor Reports</p> <p>JP – Borough Councillor</p> <p>Q) The grass verges are very overgrown on Prestbury Road, who is responsible for cutting them?</p> <p>A) GCC devolved responsibility to CBC and CBC devolved responsibility to Ubico. JP has written to Highways under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for a schedule of works for Ubico. A response is legally required after 28 days. JP to update PPC.</p> <p>Q) Any update on the wall in the High Street?</p> <p>A) Waiting for a decision from GCC.</p>	
028	<p>Parish Councillor Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Festival and litter picking reports by GG circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that the infrastructure for the Festival will be in place on Friday 8th July and there will be one security guard in place. <p>Q) Do the Lions provide their own PPE?</p> <p>A) Initially PPC gave them PPE but now they provide their own.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windyridge Sign – on-going 	
029	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Facilities Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 82 Tennis Members. Issues have been raised by one member of the previous tennis club which are being addressed. Incidents of anti-social behaviour, fires and verbal abuse and harassment of Whiskers staff are being reported to the police. Regarding the burnt fence by the compost heaps, the fence belongs to GCC and PPC are liaising with them regarding replacing it. It was noted that the police are patrolling the playing fields during the day when the youths are not around. A new quote of £395 had been received for the removal of the asbestos which has been accepted. Removal is taking place this week and another contractor will remove the mound. Tree outside the office. CT proposed removing the second tree to allow the first tree to flourish as recommended by 3 tree surgeons. JM seconded this proposal. 6 councillors voted in favour and 6 abstained. CT to proceed with the removal. The relationship with Whiskers is being formalised. Whiskers are now paying £200 per month for electricity and rent. Whiskers will also clean the toilets and do the bins when CK is away. New disabled gate installed although it was noted that people on larger mobility scooters will not be able to fit through it. Bug Hotel, next to the sensory garden, being installed on Wednesday 15th June. PPC agreed that a sign approximately 60 x 90 could be installed alongside the bug hotel. CT is seeking to address the rent paid by Little Explorers monthly as it is presently incorrect. 	

030	<p>Planning (CT) 8 applications in May. Only one comment of concern on a building in a garden on New Barn Lane which backs onto the racecourse. Plans have been submitted to knock down the existing building and build 2 new buildings. Concern expressed about building on greenbelt land.</p>	
031	<p>Allotments (PK) Deferred to next meeting as PK absent.</p>	
032	<p>F&GP Approval of financial reports – The accounts for the month of May 2022 (previously circulated) were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY by the council. The new members all abstained as they had not reviewed the financial reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bush Court - £1k was in the financial budget from last year for a project to help Bush Court purchase raised beds and equipment for their shared garden. CBC homes have now given permission for this project to proceed. PPC voted unanimously for the £1k to be granted this financial year as it was not spent last year. • Zoom License - F&GP decided not to renew the license but would in the future if required. 	
033	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Cleveland Drive covered in public adjournment 	
034	<p>Internal Audit An extraordinary meeting was called for next Monday 20th June at 6.30pm to review the internal audit, the governance statement, and the accounting statement for the external audit.</p>	
035	<p>Fund to Improve Road Safety Councillors to review material for this fund and present ideas at the next meeting after the Festival.</p>	
036	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GG emphasised the importance of preparing the playing field and surrounding area for the Festival. It was noted that CT had a meeting with CK on 14th June to discuss tasks needed to be completed. • HE added that the size of the hedge on Prestbury Road was a visibility issue. It was noted that the hedge could only be cut down in September due to wildlife concerns. Deferred to FacMan. 	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.21pm</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting: Monday 18th July 2022 7pm at the Pavilion</p> <p>The July meeting shall take place on the third Monday of the month and it shall continue on the third Monday of every month thereafter.</p>	