

## Prestbury Parish Council Minutes

**Held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 7pm held at the Pavilion, New Barn Close**

Members Present: Cllrs: M Hansen (MH) Chair, C Taylor (CT) Vice-Chair, Nick Atty (NA), K Bishop (KB), H Breach (HB), J Gardner (JG), C Hunt (CH), P Kennard (PK), J Maloney (JM) and P Whitton (PMW).

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
<b>22/23/058</b>	Welcome by chairman. Apologies were received and accepted from G Griffiths (GG), P Weir (PW), Stephan Fifield (SF) County Councillor and I Bassett Smith Borough Councillor.	
<b>059</b>	No Declarations of Interest.	
<b>060</b>	The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 (previously circulated) were unanimously approved by the Council and were signed by MH as an accurate record.	
<b>061</b>	Presentation by Karen Watson, Cheltenham Borough Council Environmental Partnerships Officer.	
<b>062</b>	<p><b>Councillor vacancies - To consider 1 application for co-option from Hilarie Owen (HO).</b></p> <p>The candidate for co-option, Hilarie Owen, addressed the Council and answered questions from Councillors. Concern was expressed by KB and JM regarding the system of voting for a member of the public wishing to be co-opted. It was agreed that this concern would be addressed at a later date. JM to email the clerk with specific concerns and a recommendation.</p> <p><b>THE COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR</b> that Hilarie Owen should be co-opted with immediate effect as a Councillor to fill the casual vacancy on the Council. Cllr HO signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk and participated in the remainder of the meeting as a Councillor.</p>	<b>JM</b>
<b>063</b>	Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda:	
	<b>22/23/048 Robson Field</b> – at the last meeting JP suggested that Robson Field was on a planning list at CBC. JT contacted Simon Hodges, Senior Asset Management Surveyor, at CBC and he had no knowledge of Robson Field and no knowledge of it being on any planning list. JP then stated that it was not described as Robson Field but as Land East of the Cemetery but had no further information for the council.	

	<b>22/23/054 Fund to Improve Road Safety</b> – MH has applied for Road Safety Officer Support with KB, CH and JM listed as volunteers. Application deadline is the end of August.	
	<b>22/23/56 Pavilion Development</b> – it was noted that at the last meeting it was suggested by JP that the figure for the CIL payments due to PPC were incorrect on display at the Festival. CT confirmed that the CIL payments were correct on display at the Festival and had further confirmation from CBC that PPC would receive a total of £118k in CIL payments.	
<b>064</b>	<b>Adjournment to Allow for Questions from the Public</b> No questions	
<b>065</b>	<p><b>Borough and County Councillor Reports</b></p> <p><b>SF - County Councillor</b> SF sent his apologies, and his report was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.</p> <p><b>JP – Borough Councillor</b> JP stated that the content of his current report, circulated prior to the meeting to all councillors, was readily available <a href="#">on the CBC website</a>. JP added that he intended to send a report focused on Prestbury Parish for future meetings.</p> <p>JP stated that the planning application for The Paddocks was going to be approved because the planning officers considered the application to comply with the planning guidelines for the greenbelt. He added that the two new dwellings in the present planning application were smaller than the existing building and CBC would accept the planning officer’s report without it going to the CBC planning committee for consideration.</p> <p><b>Q)</b> Are you happy that acceptance of this planning application on a greenbelt area will not lead to further applications on the greenbelt. <b>A)</b> JP stated that he was happy it would not lead to further applications, and that it didn’t set a precedent.</p> <p><b>A discussion took place about the present application for the Paddocks in comparison to the two previous applications. Prestbury Parish Councillors expressed concern and dismay about the present application.</b></p> <p><b>Q)</b> What can PPC do to ensure CBC planning committee review this application? <b>A)</b> Write to CBC and ask them to take it to committee.</p> <p><b>HB, Chair of PPC Planning Committee to write to Paul Baker, Chair of Planning Committee, at CBC.</b></p>	<b>HB</b>
	JP stated that he had requested that the Steeplechase, off New Barn Lane, go to the planning committee but it had been refused.	
	<p><b>High Street Wall</b> – GCC has offered a solution to the owner of the wall, for the wall to be taken down and rebuilt over onto the footpath by a very small amount.</p> <p><b>Q)</b> It appears there are still a few hurdles to overcome for the owner; could this not be advanced for him? <b>A)</b> The owner needs to agree to the solution first.</p> <p><b>Q)</b> What happens if the owner refuses? <b>A)</b> At the end of the day the owner is responsible for the wall.</p>	

	<p><b>Race Week – Extension to five days</b>          JP stated that the racecourse had contacted him regarding an extension to the March Festival to five days. PPC expressed surprise at not being consulted on this issue. PPC to contact Swindon Village who have submitted comments on this matter and the racecourse.</p>	<p><b>JT</b></p>
	<p><b>Badhams Pharmacy</b> – another pharmacy has challenged the closure of Badhams in Prestbury which means there could be a delay in its closure. A discussion took place regarding businesses on Prestbury High Street.</p>	

066	<p><b>Parish Councillor Reports</b></p> <p><b>PK</b> – there is now a link on the PPC website to the <a href="#">PPC Facebook page</a>.</p> <p><b>HB</b> – The defibrillator outside the office was recently used by a local resident. Paramedics took the defibrillator, and it has not been returned. HB is trying to locate and secure its return. The defib at St Nicholas Church has also been recently used. There have been 5 cases of the defibs being used in the last month. HB expressed concern and asked if the council could increase the number of defibs available.</p> <p>Referred to F&amp; GP for consideration.</p> <p><b>CT</b> – sign for Windyridge due to be installed next month.</p>	
067	<p><b>Committee Reports – F &amp; GP (MH)</b></p> <p><b>Approval of financial reports</b> – The accounts for the month of July 2022 (previously circulated) were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY by the council.</p> <p><b>Tennis</b> – 90 members income £3575, tennis coach income £1200, Pay and Paly sessions income £580. Total Income generated <b>£5355</b>.</p> <p><b>Bush Court</b> – 2 tonnes of soil delivered. JT and CT to visit next week.</p>	
068	<p><b>Allotments (PK)</b></p> <p>41 on waiting list, 13 from Prestbury. There is currently one vacant plot.</p> <p><b>Rats</b> – rat experts have been consulted and there is no reason to believe the rats in the garden of a local resident are caused by any activity on the allotments.</p>	
069	<p><b>Facilities Management (CT)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help for the groundsman has been organised.</li> <li>• Tree outside office has been removed along with the tree stump by the tennis courts. All roots removed from the main entrance to the playing field.</li> <li>• Ownership of the burnt fence by the compost piles remains inconclusive. CT following up.</li> <li>• The compound around the new kissing gate to be enlarged by CK to allow for bigger mobility scooters.</li> <li>• Robson Field – rounders pitch has been marked out which local residents are using. Signs have been erected stating not to use disposable barbeques.</li> <li>• Sensory Garden – CT meeting Prestbury Planters this week with a view for them to take care of the garden. CK continues to water the plants.</li> <li>• Football starts on the adult pitch this weekend. Aluminium goalposts are being reviewed as a possible purchase.</li> </ul>	
070	<p><b>Planning (HB)</b> 6 applications. No objections. 1 application is for a columbarium at the racecourse.</p>	
071	<p><b>Pavilion Development Working Group</b></p> <p>NA, CH, JG and PMW have all expressed an interest in joining the working group. MH, to draft Terms of Reference for the working group.</p> <p>A further public consultation to take place on Sunday at the Kings Arms Pub in Prestbury at the market in the car park. Public consultation so far includes: a flyer asking for comments, a consultation request on Facebook and the Festival presentation with cards to leave comments.</p>	<b>MH</b>

072	<p><b>Cheltenham Borough Council Electoral Review of Boundaries</b></p> <p>C5 have expressed an interest in an extension to the boundary review. It was noted that the current review is of the wards to ensure that the number of electors per councillor is similar in each ward and not a review of the parish boundaries.</p>	
073	<p><b>Forward Look – Staffing, Parish Plan, Policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HE has resigned as a councillor, MH sent email thanking her for her contributions as a councillor.</li> <li>• Helen Bridger has been selected to fulfil the role of Administration Officer and starts on 5<sup>th</sup> September.</li> <li>• MH expressed a need to recommence work on the parish plan.</li> <li>• An Absence Policy and a General Communications Policy will be reviewed and circulated within the coming months.</li> <li>• There are no plans for a future newsletter at present due to circulation problems. It is under review.</li> </ul>	
074	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member of the public requested a copy of the draft minutes so that he could circulate them to his 60 followers. MH stated that the council would consider this request.</li> <li>• It was suggested that a parish forum whereby the council engaged with local businesses would be a way forward to engage with the community. MH stated that the council would consider this idea.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.33pm</b></p>	
	<p><b>Date of next meeting: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 7pm at the Pavilion</b></p>	