

Prestbury Parish Council Minutes

Held on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7pm held at the Pavilion, New Barn Close

Members Present: Cllrs: M Hansen (MH) Chair, Sandra Attwood (SA), Nick Atty (NA), H Breach (HB), J Gardner (JG), C Hunt (CH), P Kennard (PK), C Taylor (CT), D Taylor (DT,) and P Whitton (PMW).

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

The meeting was opened at 7pm.

Item no.	Item	Action
23/007	Welcome by Chairman. Apologies received and accepted from K Bishop (KB), Ian Bassett Smith, Borough Councillor and Stephan Fifield County Councillor (SF).	
008	No Declarations of Interest.	
009	The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17 th April 2023 (previously circulated) were unanimously approved by the Council and were signed by MH as an accurate record.	
010	Matters arising from the minutes: 205 – Resurfacing of Priors Road – MH tried to liaise with Cllr Hay regarding this matter. MH was informed that Prestbury Road had been brought forward in the schedule for resurfacing and that GCC had been made aware of Priors Road.	
011	Adjournment to Allow for Questions from the Public One member of the public stated that the re-naming of Barley Road Field to the King Charles Field was a wonderful idea.	
012	<p>Borough and County Councillor Reports</p> <p>JP – Borough Councillor JP’s report was circulated prior to the meeting to all councillors. He added that the owner of the wall of concern in the High Street had rejected all offers sent to him from GCC and CBC. The matter will now go to court. The owner believes it is GCC Highways responsibility. It is unclear how long this matter will take to resolve.</p> <p>SF - County Councillor SF’s report was circulated prior to the meeting to all councillors. HB requested ideas for the youth fund grant as outlined in SF’s report. The following were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email the Head of Pittville School regarding any projects that may need financial support. • A lock up facility for sports equipment for the playing field to enhance the experience of young people playing sport. • CH to ask Oakwood School regarding any projects that may need financial support. 	<p style="text-align: right;">JT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CH</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-a-side goalposts for Robson Field. • An outdoor facility for Little Explorers. <p>A discussion took place regarding SF's boundaries. HB to check with SF.</p>	HB
013	<p>Parish Councillor Reports</p> <p>The Local Government Boundary Commission has decided that the number of councillors in Gloucestershire should be 55. This is a change from the current council which has 53. Residents can register their views on county boundaries on the GCC's website.</p>	
014	<p>Committee Reports – F&GP (MH)</p> <p>Approval of financial reports – The accounts for the month of April 2023 (previously circulated) were APPROVED by the council.</p> <p>CT suggested an email to all members of the tennis club who had not renewed their membership.</p>	
015	<p>Committee Reports – Allotments (PK)</p> <p>PK outlined an update from allotments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 89% of rent due has been collected. • In April 11 plots were available for new tenants. 7 have been let to Prestbury residents. 4 prospective tenants are due to be shown plots. • 48 on the waiting list and 19 of those are Prestbury residents. • The rats have returned and CBC have been informed. Any further sightings of rats should be referred to PK. 	
016	<p>Committee Reports - Facman (JG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new defibrillator has been installed at Park Stores on New Barn Lane. JG outlined the location of defibs within the parish. It was noted that the only area that still needs one is Noverton. HEB researching a possible location. A plaque for the Park Stores defib was considered. • Sensory Garden – it was noted that SA has produced a maintenance schedule with the help of Prestbury Planters. • The Coronation Competition was a success with 15 entries and 5 winners. • Living Christmas Tree – has been planted and thanks were expressed to the library volunteer gardeners for helping. The anonymous donor of the tree was also thanked for their generosity. • Barley Road Field – renaming. HB proposed to start the process of renaming the Barley Road Field the King Charles III Field. JG seconded the proposal and all councillors voted in favour bar one councillor who abstained. HEB to research if permission is required and how to register at the Land Registry. • HB outlined 2 Coronation Benches. HB and JG to review coronation benches and whether they would be suitable for the tennis courts. It was noted that there is a budget of £500 for the two benches for the tennis courts. • Free MUGA use during the school holidays – CH expressed concern regarding noise levels by children during the holidays when using the MUGA. It was noted that PPC had already approved the continuation of the scheme and that no complaints had been received. To be kept under review. 	HEB HB & JG
017	<p>Committee Reports – Planning (HB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 applications – no objections. Comments made on 2 applications regarding the lack of sustainability. • There has been a re-submission of dual use for the student village at Pittville. Concerns have been expressed regarding parking. This has been referred to the full planning committee at CBC this week. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An application for a 5G mast has been made at the racecourse. No objection as it was concluded this was a better location than Barley Road. It was noted that the lease for the old chemist on the Prestbury Village High Street is being taken up by the Church and they are working through various options with their partners. One possibility is a community hub. 	
018	<p>Pavilion Development Working Group (PDWG) NA outlined the 3 strands of activity currently taking place:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings to be arranged with 2 of the planning consultants. They will be presented with a more defined brief. <p>Q) Any danger they would want to add on percentages to purchases? A) NA to consider.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Solar panels – it was noted that FacMan had approved expenditure on solar panels for approximately £14k to generate electricity. <p>Q) Is it easy to add accessories later, for example, batteries? A) Yes Q) Can the panels heat the water to be used later? A) Yes, the water could be heated during the day on a Friday and used on a Saturday although this would be a separate installation. Q) What tariff do you expect to get for selling back to the grid? A) It is envisaged that most of the electricity generated will be used, however, it is something to review after we know how much is generated and used. Q) Will it be completed by the end of our present electricity contract that ends in June 2024? A) Yes</p> <p>It was noted that the payback time without batteries is approximately 5 years.</p> <p>MH proposed that PPC approve the purchase and installation of solar panels with a budget of £15k. CT seconded the proposal and all voted in favour.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed for the hard work completed so far on the project.</p> <p>The wider pavilion refurbishment – plans are on-going.</p>	
019	<p>Net Zero Plan – Working Group DT to liaise with NA regarding a meeting.</p>	
020	<p>Councillor Training New dates have been released for “Being a Better Councillor”. PMW and NA to advise JT of whether dates are suitable.</p>	
021	<p>Speed watch Camera and Speed Limit Speed watch camera - A discussion took place regarding the location of the camera and the process of administering letters to offenders. It was agreed that further information was required, that the location needed further consideration and CH to search for the speed camera.</p> <p>Speed Limit – A discussion took place regarding making 20mph the default speed limit for residential areas in Prestbury. There was a debate regarding making it for the whole of Prestbury or specific areas and whether it should include the two main roads. DT proposed making 20mph the default speed limit for residential areas in Prestbury. No-one seconded the proposal. It was agreed to defer the proposal for a future meeting.</p>	CH

022	Litter Picking No-one volunteered to coordinate the next litter pick for 27 th May.	
023	IT Issues It was noted that on-going issues with the MUGA calendar meant it could still not be shared. PK to review and implement an alternative calendar.	PK
024	Matters for Future Consideration (not for discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CH to email JG with ideas for Robson Field • CH wanted a hardware audit. JG to put on FacMan agenda. 	
	The meeting closed at 8.18pm	
	Date of next meeting: Full Council Meeting 7pm 19th June 2023 at the Pavilion	