



Parish Council Office - The Pavilion - New Barn Close – Prestbury – Cheltenham – GL52 3LP

## Prestbury Parish Council Minutes

**Held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm held at the Pavilion, New Barn Close**

Members Present: Cllrs: M Hansen (MH) Chair, Nick Atty (NA) Vice Chairman, Sandra Attwood (SA), H Breach (HB) S Hope (SH), C Hunt (CH), P Kennard (PK), C Taylor (CT), and P Whitton (PW).

In attendance: J Tetley Parish Clerk (JT) and 7 members of the public.

The meeting was opened at 7pm.

Item no.	Item	Action
<b>23/081</b>	Welcome by Chairman. Apologies received and accepted from J Gardner (JG), K Bishop (KB), Stephan Fifield, County Councillor (SF) and Ian Bassett Smith, Borough Councillor (IBS).	
<b>082</b>	No Declarations of Interest.	
<b>083</b>	<p>The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 (previously circulated) were approved by the Council unanimously (SA proposed and PW seconded) and were signed by MH as an accurate record.</p> <p>SH stepped outside at 7.04 and rejoined the meeting at 7.05pm.</p>	
<b>084</b>	No matters arising from the minutes.	
<b>085</b>	<p><b>Adjournment to Allow for Questions from the Public</b></p> <p><b>Q)</b> What is the latest on the anti-social behaviour on the MUGA? There was a drone on Friday night from 11pm until 11.20pm.</p> <p><b>A)</b> It was noted that it is not illegal to fly a drone of a certain size and weight. Also, although there were several incidents of anti-social behaviour in July and August it seems to have decreased recently. MH reiterated that residents need to report incidents of anti-social behaviour to the police at the time it takes place.</p> <p>For the PPC meeting in October, 2 members of the Gloucestershire Constabulary have been invited to give a short presentation on police work, namely anti-social behaviour, and will be available to answer questions.</p>	
<b>086</b>	<p><b>Borough and County Councillor Reports</b></p> <p><b>SF - County Councillor</b></p> <p>MH outlined SF's report circulated prior to the meeting to all councillors. It was noted that the "Fix my Street" app already exists and it was unclear what was changing with the reporting system.</p> <p><b>IBS – Borough Councillor</b></p>	

	No report received from IBS.	
087	<p><b>Committee Reports – F&amp;GP (MH)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The accounts for the month of August 2023 (previously circulated) were <b>APPROVED</b> by the council. Proposed by HB &amp; seconded by CH. All voted in favour with no questions.</li> <li>The Unity Trust Bank account is now open, £85k has been transferred into it.</li> <li>JT to investigate opening a Cambridge and Counties Bank Account.</li> <li>AGAR completed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Speed Watch Update</b> - Following on from CH's report circulated at the last PPC meeting and a summary document produced by CH for this meeting (attached to these minutes and circulated at the meeting) the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns regarding the cost, in CH's report these are listed as purchase of a camera and set up £1100, yearly checks, time and letters £1058 per year.</li> <li>It was noted that recent police data had shown 12 speeding offences on New Barn Lane by Barley Road travelling towards the racecourse over a 30-minute slot and 9 offences opposite Barley Road traveling towards Prestbury over a 30-minute slot.</li> <li>CH stated that a camera on New Barn Lane would cause traffic to migrate to Priors Road and Prestbury Road and another camera would be required.</li> <li>CH added that she knew Prestbury St Marys School were actively trying to find and work out this safe school route which will impact on that area and help.</li> <li>HB stated that he considered it to be an expensive outlay for possibly a minimal impact on a fairly large problem and it would be better for the Road Traffic Safety Partnership to boost their attendance rates which would produce £100 fines and 3 points for speeding offences.</li> <li>CT added that PPC should not be paying for something that the police should be doing otherwise residents would be paying through their police levy part of the council tax and paying again through their precept.</li> <li>NA expressed concern regarding the effort and time to run it.</li> </ul> <p>MH clarified that no councillor had a different opinion from one already expressed. MH concluded from the discussion that there was no-one in favour of pursuing the instalment of the camera and the matter was closed.</p>	JT
088	<p><b>Committee Reports – Allotments (PK)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since the last report one allotment plot has been given up by the tenant.</li> <li>All other plots (153) are let, some tenants are being contacted due to lack of cultivation as required under the Terms &amp; Conditions.</li> <li>Current number of people on the waiting List is 52 (23 are Prestbury residents).</li> <li>3 new applicants added in the last month.</li> <li>List closed to non-residents.</li> <li>Tenants are being reminded that bonfires are not allowed until 1 November this year. This change to the T&amp;C was made in October 2022 in response to requests from the residential properties on three sides of the site.</li> </ul>	
089	<p><b>Committee Reports - Facman (CH)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CH outlined the FacMan minutes.</li> <li>CH and SH to meet with tennis coach to discuss his concerns regarding tennis.</li> <li>The defib was used at Park Stores. New pads have been purchased and installed by HB.</li> <li>It was confirmed by the Land Registry Official copy of the title plan for Robson Field that the trees identified requiring work are not on PPC's land.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HB presented the dog poo dispenser scheme currently being run at Hatherley Park.</li> <li>CH and JG to review the asset register.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q)</b> Whose responsibility are the bus stops and shelters?  <b>A)</b> It is the responsibility of Gloucestershire County Council and it is presently unclear who owns the bus shelter on Priors Road.</p> <p>It was noted by a member of the public that documentation existed showing that the children's play area on Prestbury Playing Field is owned by CBC. Documents to be sent to the PPC.</p> <p><b>Q)</b> Where are PPC regarding the resurfacing of the tennis courts?  <b>A)</b> PPC have received 2 quotes and are researching a third. An LTA representative inspected the courts and stated that the courts need attention, but it is not an immediate problem.</p>	
<b>090</b>	<p><b>Committee Reports – Planning (HB)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 applications – no objections.</li> <li>CBC are hosting a planning training session for councillors this Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and 5 members of the planning committee are attending.</li> </ul>	
	<b>A member of the public arrived at 8.28pm</b>	
<b>091</b>	<p><b>Pavilion Development Working Group (PDWG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presently reviewing windows, heating solutions and the new facility for the groundsman.</li> <li>It was noted that Prestbury Rovers Football Team had sent an email of thanks for the refurbished changing rooms. Thanks were expressed to L Langrish for all her hard work on the changing room project.</li> <li>Solar panels are currently producing 2000 kWh of electricity and most is being exported back to the National Grid. The clerk is in the process of trying to export for financial gain.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q)</b> Will there be better toilet facilities for the public?  <b>A)</b> There are plans to have more toilets inside and access will depend on opening hours. PPC note the request for extra toilet facilities.</p>	
<b>092</b>	<p><b>Councillor Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PW has signed up for Being a Better Councillor course online in October.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q)</b> When will in-person events restart?  <b>A)</b> No timetable yet but a new CEO has been appointed for GAPTC.</p>	
<b>093</b>	<p><b>Councillor Vacancies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 councillor vacancies presently exist.</li> <li>It was noted that a member of the public had joined the meeting tonight as an observer with a view to being co-opted onto the council in October.</li> <li>Another member of the public who attended the meeting in September and due to be co-opted tonight had been unable to attend. Co-option rescheduled for October.</li> <li>2 more members of the public have expressed interest.</li> <li>JT and possibly PK to visit Bush Court.</li> </ul>	<b>JT</b>
<b>094</b>	<p><b>Remembrance Service 12th November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CH and CT are organising the event this year. NA to liaise with them this Friday.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MH stated that he was happy to read out the names again this year but if anyone else wanted to be considered to let him know.</li> </ul>	
<b>095</b>	<b>23/24 Budget</b> The budget needs to be considered. MH to email all chairs of committees to ascertain their perceived expenditure for next year.	<b>MH</b>
<b>096</b>	<b>Addresses and Phone Numbers for Councillors</b> No member objected to their address and phone number being shared with other councillors.	
<b>097</b>	<b>Idsall Car Park</b> MH outlined the background to Idsall Car Park. It was noted that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held in Jan 2022 regarding Idsall Car park had been circulated prior to the meeting. Also, a link to the CBC's documents relating to the disposal of surplus land, namely Idsall Car Park, to be discussed at the CBC's Cabinet Meeting to be held on 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 had also been circulated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that PPC had not been notified of the meeting to discuss the disposal of Idsall Car Park and had not had the opportunity to comment.</li> <li>Idsall Car Park sparked interest on social media sites with some opinions expressed being significantly inaccurate. HB was thanked for his attempts to address these comments with factual information.</li> <li>It was noted that SF, County Councillor, strongly objects to the sale of Idsall and IBS, Borough Councillor, shared PPC's concerns.</li> <li>MH had tried to contact Paul Jones, Executive director of finance, assets and regeneration at CBC regarding the sale but with no success.</li> </ul> <p>A lively discussion took place regarding the potential disposal of the car park with comments made by 3 of the prospective candidates for the Prestbury by-election for Borough Councillor.</p> <p><b>Q)</b> What have the People Against Bureaucracy Group (PAB) done as representatives for Prestbury at CBC regarding saving Idsall Car Park?</p> <p><b>A)</b> The prospective PAB representative stated that he had no idea what they had done as he was new and had stepped in at the last minutes. He added that he was unaware of JP's position (former Borough Councillor for the PAB at CBC) or IBS's (present Borough Councillor PAB) position.</p> <p>MH ended the discussion by thanking everyone for their contribution and asked the prospective borough councillors to pass on their representations regarding Idsall to CBC.</p>	
<b>098</b>	<b>Matters for Future Consideration (not for discussion)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CH proposed a Christmas Gardens competition, like the Coronation Competition.</li> <li>CT proposed consideration given to a Festival for 2024.</li> </ul>	
	<b>The meeting closed at 8.13pm</b>	
	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> <b>Full Council Meeting 7pm 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the Pavilion</b>	