

Prestbury Parish Council Minutes

Held on Monday 15th January 2024 at 7pm held at the Pavilion, New Barn Close

Members Present: Cllrs: M Hansen (MH) Chair, Nick Atty (NA) Vice Chairman, K Bishop (KB), J Gardner (JG), S Hope (SH), C Hunt (CH), P Kennard (PK), C Taylor (CT), P Whitton (PW), and V Russell (VR).

In attendance: J Tetley Parish Clerk (JT), Stephan Fifield, County Councillor (SF) and 9 members of the public.

The meeting was opened at 7pm.

Item no.	Item	Action
23/155	Welcome by Chairman. Apologies received and accepted from Sandra Attwood (SA), H Breach (HB), Ian Bassett Smith, Borough Councillor (IBS) and Stan Smith, Borough Councillor (SS).	
156	No Declarations of Interest.	
157	The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18 th December 2023 (previously circulated) were approved by the Council with 2 members abstaining due to non-attendance at the December meeting. SH proposed approval and JG seconded, the minutes were signed by MH as an accurate record.	
158	There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda.	
159	<p>Adjournment to Allow for Questions from the Public</p> <p>Q) Have the Council ensured that the money invested in Cambridge and Counties Bank is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.</p> <p>A) The council have not invested any money with Cambridge and Counties Bank. All banks are checked prior to investing money that they are covered by FSCS.</p>	
160	<p>Borough and County Councillor Reports</p> <p>SS and IBS – Borough Councillors No report received from SS or IBS.</p> <p>SF - County Councillor SF outlined his petition to stop the sale of Idsall Car Park which can be found here: https://www.gloucestershireconservatives.com/petition-to-stop-sale-of-idsall-drive-car-park </p> <p>The petition currently has 500 signatures and needs 750 signatures from residents to trigger a debate at CBC. SF noted that he was working with the PAB on this issue, making it a cross party petition with no political aim. Signatures can be in paper form as</p>	

	<p>well and residents can sign a petition located at Waghornes on Prestbury High Street. Residents can also email SF to sign the petition, his email is as follows: stephan.fifield@gloucestershire.gov.uk</p> <p>If the petition reaches 750 signatures it will be submitted to the February Cheltenham Borough Council meeting and will then have to be debated at the March CBC meeting. It was noted that it is up to Cheltenham Borough Councillors to decide what to do with the car park, but SF feels that with public pressure it may be possible to reverse the decision to sale the car park. SF added that if the car park is sold for housing any planning application would need to consider parking for any new development.</p> <p>MH commented that he was pleased that the PAB were on board and working together towards a positive conclusion.</p>	
161	<p>Committee Reports – F&GP (MH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accounts for the month of December 2023 (previously circulated) were APPROVED by the council with no questions. • MH outlined the minutes of the F&GP meeting held on 11th January 2024 which are available on the website. • Thanks were expressed to a local resident for filling in the potholes at the entrance to the car park. A temporary solution. • The Car Park Working group are having their first meeting on Friday 19th January. • Only items belonging to the Council and those it had provided to Little Explorers were subject to recent portable appliance testing. Responsibility for own items lies with Little Explorers. 	
162	<p>Committee Reports – Allotments (PK)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One plot has a new tenant and three plots are being prepared, by the Allotment Representatives, for letting soon. • Recent actions include a tree removal and the creation of a turning area for vehicles in the north-west corner. • There are 53 people on the waiting list, 24 are Prestbury Parish residents, the rest live outside the Parish and will have a very long wait as residents take precedence. • The waiting list was closed to non-Parishioners on 23 February 2023 and remains closed as the list is so long. • Tenants have been informed of the rent increase for 2024-2025, requests for payment will be sent out on 1 April so that money is paid in the new financial year so as not to cause accounting issues. • New rent Half Plot £35.00 Full Plot £55.00 • Potholes in the site tracks have been filled and 6 tonnes of Type 1 scalpings (£259.20, £216 ex VAT) have been delivered this month for future use. 	
163	<p>Committee Reports - Facman (JG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JG outlined the FacMan minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2024 which are available on the website. • DBF fixed the Christmas tree lights, the problem is with the timer. The timer needs to be removed and a normal socket installed. • The working group looking after the sensory garden are working well. • A new memorial bench is to be installed in memory of a local resident who sadly died suddenly in December. A request has been made to plant some bulbs around the bench. The clerk to take guidance from the groundsman regarding this request. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus shelter – following extensive communication, GCC have agreed to maintain the bus shelter located on Priors Road (site ref P6). • The trees located near to Robson Field, which have been a long-standing concern of PPC, now appear to belong to Bovis Homes as recorded in the land registry records of GCC. SF and MH to request Bovis Homes to maintain the trees. Thanks were expressed to SF for moving this issue forward with GCC. 	
164	Committee Reports – Planning (CT in HB’s absence) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 applications –one objection submitted on an application on Prestbury Road. Concern expressed regarding highways/footpath safety. • 5G Mast on Barley Road GL52 3DB –Appeal by CK Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd against the refusal to grant approval for the 5G mast on Barley Road has been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. 	
165	Pavilion Development Working Group (PDWG) NA gave the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee are very close to completing the planning application submission. • Next stage, if planning permission is granted, is the groundsman’s new building. 	
166	Policies Lone Worker Policy and Risk assessment – one amendment noted on page 4 of the Lone Worker Policy, under Lone Workers, bullet point 4. “Not to work alone where there is adequate information to undertake a risk assessment” changed to “Not to work alone where there is inadequate information to undertake a risk assessment.” CT proposed approval of the amended policy. CH seconded the proposal and all members voted in favour of adoption. Health and Safety Policy – work in progress.	
167	Parish Reports -only by exception and only if a critical issue needs to be raised. None.	
168	Matters for Future Consideration (not for discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recycling presentation by CBC 	
	The meeting closed at 19.33pm	
	Date of next meeting: Full Council Meeting 7pm 19^h February 2024 at the Pavilion	