

Prestbury Parish Council Minutes

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

Members Present: Cllrs: M Hansen (MH) Chair, Nick Atty (NA) Vice Chairman, Sandra Attwood (SA), K Bishop (KB), H Breach (HB), J Gardner (JG), S Hope (SH), P Kennard (PK), C Taylor (CT) and V Russell (VR).

In attendance: J Tetley Parish Clerk (JT), Stephan Fifield, County Councillor (SF) Stan Smith, Borough Councillor (SS) and 11 members of the public.

The meeting was opened at 7.25pm.

Item no.	Item	Action
24/213	Welcome by Chairman. Apologies received and accepted from C Hunt (CH), L Langrish (LL), P Whitton (PW) and Ian Bassett Smith, Borough Councillor (IBS).	
214	No Declarations of Interest.	
215	The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18 th March 2024 (previously circulated) were approved by the Council. SH proposed approval and VR seconded; the minutes were signed by MH as an accurate record.	
216	Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda: None	
217	Adjournment to Allow for Questions from the Public Q) Are there any cost savings regarding electricity now the solar panels have been installed? A) Electricity is being generated and PPC are saving money. However, PPC are not yet getting paid to export any excess electricity. This will be resolved when PC switch electricity supplier in June.	
218	Borough and County Councillor Reports SF - County Councillor Further to SF's report published on his website, SF added that he had started a petition to sort out Priors Road. The road is mostly outside of SF's County Division, but as it has a significant impact on Prestbury's residents SF believes that with public pressure the road could be repaired sooner rather than later. The Highways Management Committee need to approve the resurfacing of Priors Road as the expense is beyond any individual county councillor's budget. Q) Why is it not obvious that Priors Road needs to be repaired as it is in a very poor state? A) There is a difference between patching and a total resurface. Priors Road needs a total resurface as it was patched previously, and this was of a poor standard that did not last. SF intends to keep applying pressure for the road to be resurfaced.	

	<p>Q) Is a piece of paper sufficient with signatures on it as not everyone has access to the internet? A) Yes, please forward any signatures to SF.</p> <p>JG and CT declared an interest in Roberts Road.</p> <p>Q) Are Roberts Road and Finchcroft Lane scheduled for repair? A) Yes, within the next 12 months although there is an issue of scheduling at present. SF stated that the expense of the repairs will fall under his budget.</p> <p>Q) Are Finchcroft and Roberts Road worse than Priors Road then? A) Finchcroft and Roberts Road fall under SF’s budget and SF determined priority on the number of residents within Prestbury that are affected by these roads. Only a fraction of Priors Road is within SF’s district hence the petition. Priors Road needs a huge investment from County Council as the road covers many wards.</p> <p>Q) Is the priority list of roads available to the public? A) SF did not think the list was available as highways would state roads are reprioritised at short notice. SF to ask Danny Taylor at Highways if the list is available.</p> <p>A member of the public stated that the potholes in Noverton Lane are also quite large. SF stated he would investigate.</p> <p>SS added that he had received an email from the police stating Priors Road was dangerous. SS contacted Highways with this information and was told the potholes were not deep enough.</p> <p>SS – Borough Councillor SS contacted highways regarding clearing the footpath and cutting back the hedge on Southam Road. SS asked highways to investigate a sign which has fallen down on Bowbridge Lane.</p>	
219	<p>Committee Reports – F&GP (MH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The accounts for the month of March 2024 (previously circulated) were deferred for APPROVAL due to a mistake in the recording of one payment to NetWise of £24.00. JT to reopen accounts for 23/24 and amend error. The minutes of the F&GP meeting held on 11th April 2024 are available on the website. 	
220	<p>Committee Reports – Allotments (PK)</p> <p>There are currently 51 applicants on the waiting list and 26 are Prestbury parish residents. The next allotments meeting is in May.</p>	
221	<p>Committee Reports - Facman (JG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JG outlined the FacMan minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2024 which are available on the website. Tennis Courts – have been cleaned and are due to be resurfaced in September. JG to apply for a grant from the National Lottery. A noticeboard for the tennis courts has been approved along with a replacement for the broken noticeboard in Roberts Road. A councillor questioned whether this had been approved by F&GP. It was noted that this approval was made by FacMan and not F&GP. Children’s Play Area has been inspected by CBC. JT has a meeting with CBC regarding the play area on 18.04.24. 	JG

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Green -JG presently researching a contractor to install the posts. A member of the public asked if Highways had given permission for the posts. JG stated that it had been discussed at FacMan. Cllr Hunt had investigated and stated it was OK. Another member of the public stated it was a heavy expenditure for such a small piece of land where parents pushed prams onto the grass to sit on the bench. JG assured the resident that there would be enough room left for prams to access the bench. • Drains -have been repaired. • Investigating planter for Windyridge Road, signs for the sensory garden and aluminium goal posts for the adult football pitch. All part of the budget for 24/25. 	
223	<p>Committee Reports – Planning (HB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 applications. • PPC to object to the planning application for Coronation Road as it is considered over-development, a loss of amenities to the immediate neighbour and out of keeping with the rest of the road. Original application has been changed significantly but no new application has been submitted. HB has asked what warrants a new application, but it remains unclear. • Green Acre Application – planning committee to discuss application. • Bowbridge Lane – stables being converted into a property in a greenbelt area. Planning committee to discuss. 	
224	<p>Pavilion Development and Car Park Working Group (PDWG)</p> <p>NA outlined the schedule for phase 3 which involves erecting the new building for the groundsman located on the tarmac next to the tennis courts. NA added that the biggest challenge now was getting quotes from builders. He asked for recommendations for builders to be sent to the clerk.</p> <p>VR stated that there was now a preferred contractor for the refurbishment of the car park at the pavilion. However, the latest uncertainty was whether planning permission was required. VR to investigate.</p>	
225	<p>Parish Reports -only by exception and only if a critical issue needs to be raised. None.</p>	
226	<p>Matters for Future Consideration (not for discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CT – public involvement in council business which contravenes PPC’s Standing Orders. • SH – parking on verges within the parish. 	
	The meeting closed at 20.06pm	
	<p>Date of next meeting: Annual General Meeting 6pm 20th May 2024 at the Pavilion Full Council Meeting 7pm 20th May 2024 at the Pavilion</p>	