

## Prestbury Parish Council Minutes

### Held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7pm at the Pavilion, New Barn Close

Members Present: Cllrs: Nick Atty (NA) Vice Chairman, Sandra Attwood (SA), K Bishop (KB), H Breach (HB), J Gardner (JG), S Hope (SH), C Hunt (CH), L Langrish (LL), P Kennard (PK), C Taylor (CT), V Russell (VR) and P Whitton (PW).

In attendance: J Tetley Parish Clerk (JT), Stephan Fifield, County Councillor (SF) and 1 member of the public.

The meeting was opened at 7.16pm.

Item no.	Item	Action
<b>24/007</b>	In MH's absence, PW proposed that NA chair the meeting and all members voted in favour. Apologies received and accepted from M Hansen (MH) Chairman, Stan Smith (SS) Borough Councillor and Jan Foster (JF) Borough Councillor.	
<b>008</b>	No Declarations of Interest.	
<b>009</b>	The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 (previously circulated) were approved by the Council. SA proposed approval and CT seconded; the minutes were signed by NA as an accurate record.	
<b>010</b>	Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda: None	
<b>011</b>	<b>Adjournment to Allow for Questions from the Public</b> None	
<b>012</b>	<p><b>Borough and County Councillor Reports</b></p> <p><b>SF - County Councillor</b></p> <p>Further to SF's report published on his website, SF added that <b>Priors Road</b> was due to be completely re-surfaced from 19<sup>th</sup> June through 26<sup>th</sup> June. SF to provide further information later. <b>Regarding Idsall Car Park</b>, SF stated that he had adjusted his comments on his blog in light of further information received. SF noted several <b>Traffic Regulation Orders</b> were being implemented but he had no major concerns and most were welcome. New speed limits are being considered in connection with the new cycle lane. SF to check the proposed speed restrictions for Southam Lane as this is unconnected to the cycle lane. Concern was expressed regarding the roundabout at the end of Noverton Lane as it is believed most motorists do not understand it is a roundabout. SF to investigate. Concern was also expressed regarding the roundabout at the bottom of New Barn Lane.</p> <p>It was noted that there is a new Highways Manager at GCC.</p> <p><b>Q)</b> Does the safe school route still apply?  <b>A)</b> There is always an increased emphasis on road safety around schools.</p>	<b>SF</b>

	<p><b>Q)</b> How do you report an overgrown pathway in Wyman’s Brook?  <b>A)</b> Email <a href="mailto:cleansing@cheltneham.gov.uk">cleansing@cheltneham.gov.uk</a> or report it on Fix My Street.</p> <p><b>SS – Borough Councillor, no report.</b>  <b>JF – Borough Councillor, no report.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SF left the meeting at 7.23pm.</b></p>	
<b>013</b>	<p><b>Committee Reports – F&amp;GP (MH)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KB asked for clarification of the £94.97 paid to Screwfix for items ordered by the groundsman. The order was for a hose to the new groundsman’s building. SH proposed <b>approval of the accounts</b> for the month of April 2024 (previously circulated) and PK seconded the proposal. All members voted in favour with one abstention.</li> <li>• The <b>minutes</b> of the F&amp;GP meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 are available on the website.</li> <li>• The <b>public session</b> is to be kept under review.</li> <li>• <b>Electricity contract</b> - F&amp;GP propose switching to Scottish Power (SP) on a one-year contract for electricity when the present contract with Total ends at the end of June. Several companies were reviewed and SP offered the best deal. NA proposed moving to SP and JG seconded the proposal. All members voted in favour. A spreadsheet outlining costs are attached to these minutes in appendix A.</li> <li>• Further research is being carried out by HEB on bank accounts.</li> <li>• <b>Broadband and Telephone Contract</b> - F &amp; GP propose switching to XLN on a 24-month contract. Several companies were researched by HEB and XLN offered the best deal. NA proposed switching to XLN, PK seconded the proposal and all members voted in favour. A spreadsheet prepared by HEB is attached to these minutes in appendix B.</li> <li>• JG presented his spreadsheet of balances as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Based on his spreadsheet JG proposed that £35k of unearmarked reserves be moved into earmarked reserves for the resurface of the car park. A long discussion took place regarding this proposal and it was clarified that there was no commitment to spend the money at this moment in time. The figure of £35k is based on 3 quotes reviewed by the Pavilion Development Working Group. CT seconded the proposal and all voted in favour with one abstention.</li> </ul>	
<b>014</b>	<p><b>Committee Reports – Allotments (PK)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 84% of rent collected.</li> <li>• 47 on the waiting list and 22 are Prestbury residents.</li> <li>• A tree surgeon has felled a fir tree on the boundary of plots 24A and 36B.</li> <li>• Next allotments meeting to be held Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10.30am.</li> </ul>	
<b>015</b>	<p><b>Committee Reports - Facman (JG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that the meeting of FacMan due to be held on 13 May 2024 did not proceed as it was not quorate and business could not be discussed. JG had been notified of the absence of 4 councillors at short notice.</li> <li>• CH and LL meeting with the <b>tennis committee</b> in June.</li> <li>• <b>Noticeboard in Roberts Road</b> – at the Facman meeting in April a budget was approved for a new noticeboard for Roberts Road of £600 as the noticeboard is now beyond repair. HEB was requested to research noticeboards. As the May meeting did not take place, JG proposed a budget of £800 be allocated to a new noticeboard on Roberts Road to be taken from the contingency fund. A</li> </ul>	

	<p>long discussion took place regarding this purchase including which cost centre it should be allocated to. CT seconded the proposal and members voted in favour with 2 abstentions.</p>	
<b>016</b>	<p><b>Committee Reports – Planning (HB)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 applications in April and May with no objections.</li> <li>• A formal complaint has been received from a resident regarding an objection by the planning committee to a planning application made to CBC. The complainant has been invited to the July meeting of the full council for his complaint to be heard.</li> </ul>	
<b>017</b>	<p><b>Pavilion Development and Car Park Working Group (PDWG)</b></p> <p><b>Phase 3</b> - erection of groundsman building to be completed by the end of May. Welfare shed for groundsman being erected on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Existing yard and garage to be emptied by 7<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.</p> <p><b>Phase 4</b> – Little Explorers New Area. Builders to start on 10<sup>th</sup> June at the latest. LL presented the financial outlay for phase 4 and referred to PW’s report circulated prior to the meeting on 13.05.24. Phase 4 requires £88k of expenditure, approximately £6k has already been spent. LL requested approval for expenditure of £88k for phase 4.</p> <p><b>NA proposed approval for expenditure of £88k on phase 4. CT seconded the proposal and all members voted in favour of the proposal.</b></p>	
<b>018</b>	<p><b>Parish Reports</b> -only by exception and only if a critical issue needs to be raised. None.</p>	
<b>019</b>	<p><b>Matters for Future Consideration (not for discussion)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CH – Consideration given to how committees are formed and their TORs.</li> <li>• SH - grass verges.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 20.45pm</b></p>	
	<p><b>Date of next meeting: Full Council Meeting 7pm 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at the Pavilion</b></p>	

## Appendix A - Electricity Quotes Compiled by JT

Actual amount Mar 23 – April 24 – 19,341

Company/tariff	Standing charge per day	SC pa	Unit Rate per kWh	Unit rate X total usage	Monthly charge	Yearly charge	SEG
Green Octopus 12 month Fixed	194.63p	<b>710.40</b>	20.63p	<b>3990</b>	391.70	<b>4700.40</b>	
Green Octopus 24m Fixed	160.73	<b>587</b>	21.44p	<b>4147</b>	394.50	<b>4734</b>	
Green Octopus No Sc 12m fixed			25.14		405.19	<b>4862</b>	
EDF 12 month	50p	<b>182.50</b>	23.1p	<b>4468</b>	388	<b>4650</b>	<b>5.6p</b>
EDF 24 month	50p	<b>182.50</b>	23.8	<b>4603</b>	399	<b>4786</b>	
EDF 36 month	50p	<b>182.50</b>	24.3	<b>4700</b>	407	<b>4882</b>	
British Gas Lite 12 month	40p	<b>146</b>	25.05	<b>4845</b>	416	<b>4991</b>	<b>15p per kWh for British Gas Customers not Lite</b>
British Gas Lite 24 month	42p	<b>153</b>	25.66	<b>4963</b>	426	<b>5116</b>	
British gas Lite 36 month	45p	<b>164</b>	26.22	<b>5071</b>	436	<b>5235</b>	
Scottish Power 1 year	140.35	<b>512</b>	21.51	<b>4160</b>	389	<b>4672</b>	<b>12p</b>
S Power 2 year	140.35	<b>512</b>	21.63	<b>4183</b>	391	<b>4695</b>	
S Power 3 year	140.35	<b>512</b>	21.38	<b>4135</b>	387	<b>4647</b>	

### Electricity Companies

**OVO – 03330 303 5063** Tried to contact OVO by email. It bounced back because we do not have an account with them. I phoned them and the advisor stated that as we had solar panels we couldn't have a smart meter fitted.

**Rebel Energy – 01345-528-0195** phoned them and the advisor stated I needed to go their website and check out SEG tariffs. The link stated the page could not be found.

**Octopus** – Emailed and asked for a quote for importing and exporting. Given a link to their website which does not work. Asked for a quote via email.

**EDF – 03332005103** Quoted for importing. Given another number to try to see if we can export as well. The telephone number is for existing customers only. Given another number to try and the advisor stated I needed to email a request. Sent email.

**British Gas Lite** – online quote for tariffs. SEG only available for British Gas customers not British Gas Lite.

**Scottish Power** – need to switch and then sign up to the feed in tariff.

## Appendix B – Broad band comparisons compiled by HEB

Provider	Term of Contract	BroadBand	Telephone	Handsets
XLN	24 months	80Mb fibre Free router £30.95 per month £9.99 delivery and router configuration charge Payment by DD	Internet based. £5 per month per phone Unlimited calls Keep number. Handsets not included.	Yealink phones priced from around £60 depending on spec. W73p model is around £100.
Bionic – Daisy Communications	36 months	80Mb fibre Free installation £6.95 delivery charge Free router	Digital Phone line £19.95pm per phone Phone included: Wireless Yealink W73p Unlimited calls to UK numbers Mobile App	Included
Bionic – Focus Communications	60 months	80Mb fibre £31.00 per month £6.95 delivery charge Free installation Free router	Digital Phone line £14.99pm per phone Phone included: Wireless Yealink W73p or Polycon VVX250 Unlimited calls to UK numbers Mobile App	Included

Currently we pay BT £153 per quarter for broadband and nothing for the landline.

All costs are excluding VAT.