

Preston Brook Parish Council

**MINUTES OF PRESTON BROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD at 7:30pm ON TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2022 (POSTPONED FROM 26 JULY 2022) AT
PRESTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL, SANDY LANE, PRESTON BROOK, CHESHIRE, WA7
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Members Present

L. Sanders, M. Marlow, P. Bolton, J. Walton, C. Murray

Also Present:

Luke Trevaskis - Proper Officer

Two officers of Cheshire Police

Two members of the public

Meeting opened at 7.33pm

1. **Apologies** – Cllr A Price, Cllr G Littler.
2. **Declarations** – none.
3. **Minutes** - RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record.
4. **Police**

The Council received and noted a report on local crime statistics.

The Council noted the new grant award scheme launched by the Police Crime Commissioner.

The Council approved the letter to be sent to Cheshire Police / PCC outlining priorities of the Parish (speed monitoring), and requesting clarification of expectations and service delivery regarding PCSO attendance at meetings and monthly updates/newsletters.

It was noted that the speeding camera has been checked and is now in working order.

Members considered that the SID is possibly on the incorrect lamppost.

It was noted that there have been frequent reports of grazing sheep escaping.

5. **Training** - RESOLVED that members consider courses and notify Proper Officer if any are of interest. The Council noted the Proper Officer was also qualified and could deliver training.
6. **Co-Option** - the Council noted no applications for co-option had been received.

7. Public Realm -

It was agreed to ask Halton BC if any trees owned by PBPC are subject to tree protective orders.

It was agreed to obtain quotes for tree survey works.

The Council noted a meeting with HBC had been arranged for 11 August 2022 to discuss the boulders opposite the Spar, the bench on Windmill lane, and plating throughout the parish.

Discussion was had about the finial to the top of the water pump and it was agreed to clarify ownership with Halton BC.

9. Village Hall Committee - the Council noted Cllr J Walton and Cllr A Price had received applications to become personal trustees of the Village Hall. The Council noted that it had not agreed to impose any personal trusteeship on members, and it had been understood that members would join a management committee. A resident advised they understood the Village Hall was a CIC.

10. Highways - the Council agreed to revisit highways at a future date to see how the authorities can move forward together in a more positive and cooperative way for the benefit of the community.

8. Financial Report

- the Council approved the list of payments and received Q1 2022-2023 finance report.

9. Communication

- The Council received an update on social media since the last meeting and gave consideration to developing an online strategy to ensure there is regular content that engages the community.
- Members noted there were a couple of amendments to be made to the newsletter prior to circulation.
- The Council agreed to provide the Historical Society with access to social media once the first few posts had been vetted by the Chairman.
- It was agreed to cost .gov email accounts for all members.
- It was noted that feedback from online content was low and it was suggested that some posts on general interest items may be beneficial to improve engagement (such as a post on the history of the water pump etc).
- It was agreed post frequency would be appropriate and not excessive.

11. Planning

- The Council agreed to submit an area designation letter to Halton BC for the Neighbourhood Plan.
- The Council noted quotes would need to be agreed for the Neighbourhood Plan prior to submission of grant application.

12. Ward Councillor Report - no reports received.

13. Public forum - discussion took place regarding planning application 22/00203/FUL and its potential impact on Preston Brook Wharf.

14. Next Meetings

- 16 September 2022 7PM
- 21 October 2022 7PM
- 18 November 2022 7PM

Meeting closed at 9.27pm.

Signed as a true record

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Chairperson