

# PRESTON BROOK PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF PRESTON BROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8:30PM ON TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2026 AT PRESTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL, SANDY LANE, PRESTON BROOK, CHESHIRE, WA7 3AW.

### **Members Present:**

C Murray, A Price, K Dainty, L Hewlett.

### **Also Present:**

Luke Trevaskis - Proper Officer, and 20 members of the public.

### **1. Apologies**

None

### **2. Declarations**

Cllr Kerry Dainty and Cllr Liam Hewlett noted an interest in the Chester Road Development (Planning Application 22/00203/FUL) for 136 Homes.

### **3. Co Option**

The Council considered the application for co-option, and agreed to Co-Opt Peter Bolton.

### **4. Minutes**

The minutes of the prior meeting were deferred.

### **5. Police**

None.

### **6. Borough Councillor Report**

None.

### **7. Public Forum**

Residents noted the pre-meeting presentation provided by the Council regarding the FY2627 budget and precept, and thanked the Council for their ongoing work to protect the village against the ongoing planning applications. The resident also highlighted the importance of the village having the opportunity via the precept to ensure its voice is heard, and requested that progression on the Neighbourhood Plan take place as soon as possible.

### **8. Parish Survey**

The Council provided a brief update regarding the parish survey and advised results would be published in the next newsletter. It was noted that the most important themes developing appeared

to be regarding biodiversity, improvements to open space, and protecting the parish against mass urban sprawl.

## **9. Planning**

- Members noted that ongoing planning applications, and objections were taking considerable officer time and resource, and it was confirmed that this was a top priority for the Parish.
- Members noted several updates regarding planning and thanked a developer for taking the time to present their proposal for Hill Top Road. The Council raised a number of concerns regarding this application directly to Halton BC, which it awaits responses to from the developer.
- It was noted that there are various NP consultants who can be approached to quote, and the Council had a shortlist of contractors used by other parish and town councils.

## **10. Public Realm**

- Members noted an update regarding the planters.
- Members noted an update regarding the works scheduled to take place at Bridgewater Grange.
- Members noted that PBPC had received approval from Halton BC to use their preferred contractor to paint the railings black at the centre of the village, install finials, and railing planters.
- Members asked for an update at a future meeting regarding the finger post, and gateway signs.

## **11. Internal Audit FY2526**

The Council noted that the FY2526 IA was underway.

## **12. Newsletters**

The Council agreed to print and distribute a newsletter at least twice per annum - delegating to PO to facilitate in line with budgets. Residents requested that a history/heritage article be included in each. The Rainhill Trails of 1889 were mentioned.

## **13. Policies**

The Council noted that the IA was currently reviewing policies and that the Council would be expected to update some in the upcoming year.

## **14. Grant Process**

The Council reviewed and adopted the grant procedure in line with the IA's recommendations.

## **15. Next Meetings**

The Council noted the date of the next meetings would be 26 May 2026 and 23 June 2026.

**Signed as a true record**

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**Chairperson**