

Preston Brook Parish Council

**MINUTES OF PRESTON BROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD at 7:30pm ON TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2021 AT PRESTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL,
SANDY LANE, PRESTON BROOK, CHESHIRE, WA7 3AW.**

Members Present

L.Sanders (in the Chair), M.Marlow, A.Price, P.Bolton, G.Littler, J.Walton

Also Present:

Luke Trevaskis - Proper Officer
Ward Cllrs M&P Lloyd-Jones
Police Crime Commissioner
Halton Borough Council Highways Officer
2 members of public

Meeting opened at 7.37pm

1. **Apologies** – None.
2. **Declarations** – None.
3. **Police** – the Council discussed priorities with the Police Crime Commissioner. The Police Crime Commissioner advised the PCSO should be forwarding crime statistics periodically. It was reported that 101 service was experiencing delays during the recent election campaign. The Police Crime Commissioner was soon to release a survey to ascertain priorities for areas. The Police Crime Commissioner's Plan will be released on or around 1.11.21. The Council raised concern regarding the speeding around Windmill Lane, Chester Road and Northwich Road. The Council also reported an appetite for additional traffic calming measures to be implemented. The Council asked if Windmill Lane was being used as a police training route. The Police Crime Commissioner advised four pilot schemes would be organised with ChALC to assess the benefits of average speed cameras in parishes. The Police Crime Commissioner advised violence against women and children also remains a priority across the county. The Police Crime Commissioner hopes to increase the number of officers during term.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting** - RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record.
5. **Financial Report** - the Council approved the payment schedule and accepted that the Proper Officer be added to the bank mandate.
6. **Policies** -

RESOLVED that the Risk Management Scheme be approved in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

RESOLVED that the Grievance Procedure, Disciplinary Procedure, and Equality Policy be approved subject to review at the next meeting following advice from a HR contractor.

7. Planning -

The Council noted a brewery has acquired a lease for 40,000 sq ft of warehouse space in Preston Brook. It was noted that the existing space will have had previous use and there was no evidence to suggest any issues would arise.

8. Highways

An officer of Halton Borough Council attended to provide an update on the requests for additional traffic calming measures and street furniture (proposed finger post). The officer referenced a policy document adopted by Halton Borough Council in 2010 advising that locations for traffic calming were not identified in areas where an accident had not occurred. The Council were informed only one personal injury/collision had occurred since 1990 (in 2011). Emergency services have reported difficulties with traffic calming measures which can only be justified if there would be a quantifiable reduction in accidents. It was advised that Halton Borough Council's accident count has reduced from 900 casualties per year to 150 casualties per year, demonstrating sound highways infrastructure improvements. It was noted that the last traffic count took place in 2014 and there was evidence to suggest 20MPH zones increase the collision rate. The Council were advised to pursue greater use of Tru Cam, and the officer at Halton Borough Council agreed to look further at the possibility of a one-way system on Windmill Lane. It was noted by members of the public that Halton BC's corporate strategy marks safety as a key priority and the officer from Halton BC agreed to investigate rumble strips and increased signage. Members of the public urged the ward councillor to take the matter up. It was suggested that there is a £2M investment coming from the Liverpool City Region and it was recommended that statistics be obtained for the percentage of HGVs in the area, versus the normal rate of HGVs.

9. Ward Councillor Report

The Ward Councillor noted they were the only ward councillor present at the meeting.

The updated the meeting that they had arranged for the £8K survey on Northwich Road and have previously visited residents with a petition for traffic lights.

10. Photocopier

RESOLVED to move the photocopier to the Village Hall. Prior officer to arrange for transportation and council to accept liability for any damage.

11. Public forum

A member of the public requested for the Ward Councillors to speak to residents of Windmill Lane.

12. Next meetings

- 23.11.21

- 25.1.22
- 22.2.22
- 22.3.22

Meeting closed at 9:10pm

Signed as a true record

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**Councillor L Sanders
Chairperson**