

Preston Brook Parish Council

**MINUTES OF PRESTON BROOK ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 8:30PM ON TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2024 AT PRESTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL,
SANDY LANE, PRESTON BROOK, CHESHIRE, WA7 3AW.**

Members Present:

A Price, J Walton, C Murray

Also Present:

Luke Trevaskis - Proper Officer
6 members of the public

1. Apologies

Cllrs Lauren Sanders, Peter Bolton and Mike Marlow.

2. Declarations

Cllr A Price - Preston Brook Village Hall

3. Public Forum

Residents requested an update regarding the prior representations made regarding the introduction of 20MPH signs on Sandy Lane. Halton BC has advised they no longer implement 20MPH speed limits due to non-enforcement from the Police. The Council will request a list of highways from Halton BC where a 20MPH speed limit has been introduced.

A resident was advised their reimbursement for Bridgewater Grange costs had been processed.

A resident raised plans that had been announced by the Regional Mayor to create a new railway station in Daresbury. Concerns were expressed regarding the possible implications this scheme may have for local Green Belt.

4. Police

A request has been made by Cheshire Police regarding access to the speed indicator sign in the parish. The PO has forwarded the request to Halton BC, and requested that the Parish Council also receive a data set. It is positive that Cheshire Police are now looking into the speeding issues within the parish.

Residents were advised they can report non-urgent speeding directly to Cheshire Police on the below link.

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/rti/rti-beta-2.1/report-a-road-traffic-incident/>

5. Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record.

6. Village Hall

Members noted the Chairman would follow up with the VH Committee to see if the documentation can be obtained from Steel Solicitors.

7. Public Realm

The Council noted that the knee rail fence had now been installed on Bridgewater Grange.

The Council agreed to site three new Oak trees (at a cost of £414 each) - placement of trees to be agreed at a later stage. Members also noted that the traditional black cast iron planters will also be delivered during summer.

The Council noted that a meeting will be taking place in two weeks with Halton BC (Thursday 11 April) and an update should be available regarding open space works at the next meeting.

The Council resolved to locate the welcome signs to the village at the three below locations:

1. Prior to roundabout opposite Capita
2. Replace existing sign near canal
3. Replace existing sign at entrance close to Windmill Lane

The Council agreed to allocate a budget of £2,000 (delegated to the PO) to facilitate public realm maintenance works throughout the parish, with focus on particular areas of concern (such as Bridgewater Grange) - members to report issues to the PO throughout the year.

8. Planning

Residents requested protection for a cluster of tree cover off Chester Road. The Council agreed these could be considered to be included within the Neighbourhood Plan.

9. Conservation Status

Members noted consultants need to finalise submission (in addition to appraisal) prior to the documentation being sent to Halton BC.

Council agreed to submit appraisal document to ward councillor.

10. Local Educational Project - members voiced support for the Heatherfield Heritage Project to preserve local heritage skills, and agreement was voiced to enter discussions with the organisation to see if funding could be accessed via schemes such as the Community Ownership Fund. The Council delegated to the PO to further liaise with the organisation, and a budget was agreed to support the project of £1,000.

11. **Ward Councillor Report** - none received.

12. **Correspondence** - the Council approved its letter for submission to Mike Amesbury MP.

13. Next Meetings

It was noted that the next meetings of the Council would be held on:

Tuesday 14 May 2024 at 8.30pm

Tuesday 25 June 2024 at 8.30pm

Tuesday 23 July 2024 at 8.30pm

Signed as a true record

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Chairperson