

Preston Brook Parish Council

MINUTES OF PRESTON BROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at 8:30PM ON MONDAY 27 March 2023 AT PRESTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL, SANDY LANE, PRESTON BROOK, CHESHIRE, WA7 3AW.

Members Present

Cllrs A. Price, J. Walton, C. Murray, P. Bolton, G. Littler, M. Marlow, M. Hughes and L Sanders.

Also Present:

Luke Trevaskis - Proper Officer

1 member of the public

Meeting opened at 8.40pm

1. **Apologies** – none.
2. **Declarations** – Cllr Price declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of Preston Brook Village Hall.
3. **Police** – the Council noted the recent report and there was discussion about moving the SID. Cllr Hughes advised they would report back regarding speeding data in future.
4. **Minutes** - RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record.
5. **Public Realm**
 - Members noted the further emails that had been sent to Halton BC regarding the boulders for opposite the Spar and it was understood their installation would be imminent.
 - Members noted the consultation that was taking place on 28.3.23 (5-8pm) regarding the village enhancement projects for the S106 monies.

6. Village Hall

Members noted one additional trustee document had now been located. The new manager of the hall attended the meeting to make an introduction.

8. King's Coronation

- The Council noted arrangements are underway for the community event, and the Council is still awaiting confirmation of funding - all contractors will be confirmed once it is known whether Lottery grant application has been successful.

10. Finance

- The Council approved Month 11 finances.

- The Council approved to appoint JDH Business Services as its internal auditor for 2023-2024.

11. Planning

- Planning Application 23/00082/COU - The Tunnel Top - no objections.
- The Council resolved to explore the opportunities to create a community woodland on a farm holding adjacent to the parish.

12. Ward Councillor Report - none.

13. Public Forum - none.

14. Next Meetings

The Council agreed to meet on the fourth Monday of April, May and June at 8:30pm.

15. Exclusion of Press and Public

The Council resolved to exclude the press and public in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds that the content of the matter being discussed could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

16. Personnel

The Council amended the employment terms of the PO as outlined in exempt report HR2023/01.

Signed as a true record

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Chairperson

Exempt Report HR2023/01 - CONFIDENTIAL

The Council resolved to increase the hours of the Proper Officer, from five hours per week, to ten hours per week.

Signed as a true record

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Chairperson