

Preston Brook Parish Council

MINUTES OF PRESTON BROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at 8:30PM ON MONDAY 24 APRIL 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, and M. Hughes.

Also Present:

Luke Trevaskis - Proper Officer

No members of the public.

Meeting opened at 8.37pm

1. **Apologies** – received from Cllr Marlow and Sanders.
2. **Declarations** – Cllr Price declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of Preston Brook Village Hall.
3. **Police** – the Council noted that the PCC is advocating for future beat attendance and additional use of Tru Cam. The Council also noted that an officer at Halton BC was arranging for all speed signs in the village to be cleaned, with the installation of an additional speed sign to be located near to the SPAR.
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.
 - The Council agreed that if the boulders were not moved within two weeks, the Council would purchase three boulders within a budget of £350.00 and notify Halton BC with the hope that they would reimburse costs from the allocated S106 monies.
 - The Council approved a budget of £250.00 for the removal of some roots in a bed on Bridgewater Grange.
 - The Council aimed to install cast iron planters by summer.

6. Village Hall

Members noted that further updates still await.

8. King's Coronation

- The Council noted arrangements are underway for the community event, and that the grant application to the National Lottery had been successful. Contractors will be

booked - including a magician, balloon modeller, face painter, ice cream cart, band, and bouncy castle provider. The Council agreed to also source a DJ.

10. Finance

- The Council approved Month 12 finances.
- The Council noted further work was required to the 'Explanation of Variances' for the auditor.

11. Planning

- Planning Application 23/00143/REM - Land at Daresbury Park (Red Brow Lane) - no motion.
- The Council agreed the Neighbourhood Plan Community Open Forum would be 9pm on Monday 22 May 2023 (after the full council meeting).
- The Council noted the grants available for woodland grant schemes and it was agreed to set a meeting up with CWaC.
- Conservation Status - letter to be sent to Mike Amesbury MP

12. Ward Councillor Report - none.

13. Public Forum - none.

14. Next Meetings

The Council noted its next meeting was to be held on 22 May at 8:30pm.

Signed as a true record

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Chairperson