

Preston Brook Parish Council

MINUTES OF PRESTON BROOK ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8:30PM ON TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2024 AT PRESTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL, SANDY LANE, PRESTON BROOK, CHESHIRE, WA7 3AW.

Members Present:

A Price, J Walton, M Marlow, P Bolton, L Sanders, C Murray

Also Present:

Luke Trevaskis - Proper Officer

10 members of the public

Ward Cllr Martha Lloyd Jones

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations

Cllr A Price - Preston Brook Village Hall

3. Public Forum

Residents reported concerns regarding vegetation blocking a walkway on Chester Road and the need for increased signage for 20MPH on Sandy Lane.

Residents also reported a blocked drain/grid on Chester Road, and advised HBC should undertake more grounds maintenance work in the parish.

4. Police

An official report had not been received but it was noted there was ongoing dialogue regarding the speeding issues.

5. Minutes

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

6. Village Hall

Members requested that the PO follow up with the VH Committee to see if the documentation can be obtained from Steel Solicitors.

6. Public Realm

The Council noted that the knee rail fence would be installed at Bridgewater Grange within the first two weeks of March.

The Council approved for additional planting once the fence had been installed (delegated to the PO to process).

The Council noted there had not been any update provided by Halton Borough Council regarding the ongoing issued discussed with the Open Spaces officers. The Council reassured members of the public that the S106 funding remained with HBC for expenditure on open spaces within the parish.

The Council agreed to purchase an additional three sandstone boulders from the same supplier in the new financial year, if HBC could not provide the ones that they had initially offered (PO to facilitate).

Residents asked if the boulders could be positioned closer to the edge of the green, in order to restrict vehicles.

7. Finance

- The Council accepted the Q3 Finance Report and approved all expenditure to date, and accepted its updated budget summary and bank reconciliation.

8. Communications - members resolved to defer the approval of the next newsletter to the following meeting.

9. Planning

22/00203/FUL - the Chairman reported that an agreement had been reached with Morris Homes regarding a 30MPH Traffic Regulation Order on Chester Road.

The Council provided residents with an update on the Conservation Status appraisal which will help developers consider future housing density, design and impact.

It was noted that a meeting had been arranged with Castle Green regarding additional housing planned for Daresbury.

10. Ward Councillor Report - the ward councillor commented on additional developments earmarked for Sandymoor. A report was also provided regarding the (stalled) plans to extend Murdishaw Health Centre which do not seem to have progressed due to insufficient funds.

11. Next Meetings

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 8.30pm.

Signed as a true record

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Chairperson