

# PRESTON BROOK PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL PRESTON BROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8:30PM ON TUESDAY 26 MAY 2026 AT PRESTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL, SANDY LANE, PRESTON BROOK, CHESHIRE, WA7 3AW.

### **Members Present:**

C Murray, K Dainty, L Hewlett.

### **Also Present:**

Luke Trevaskis - Proper Officer, and 2 members of the public.

### **1. Election of Chairperson**

Cllr Alan Price was duly elected for FY2627 Civic Year.

### **2. Election of Vice Chairperson**

Cllr K Dainty was duly elected for FY2627 Civic Year.

### **3. Apologies**

Cllr Alan Price

### **4. Declarations**

Cllr Kerry Dainty and Cllr Liam Hewlett noted an interest in the Chester Road Development (Planning Application 22/00203/FUL) for 136 Homes.

### **5. Minutes**

The minutes of the prior meeting were deferred.

### **6. Police**

None.

### **7. Borough Councillor Report**

Members noted a new ward councillor had been elected and thanked the outgoing ward councillor for all their hard work for the Parish in recent years.

### **8. Public Realm**

Members noted that the planters had been planted.

Members noted that the Windmill Lane sign had been damaged and reported to Halton BC.

Members noted a quote would be obtained by the contractor for the heritage work to the railings in the centre of the village once railing planters had been sourced. Members approved to delegate authority for this work to the PO, within existing highways, and public realm project, budgets.

## **9. Policies**

The Council approved its Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

## **10. Planning - Chester Road Development (22/00203/FUL)**

Members reviewed the recent “non-material planning applications” relating to the development and agreed to object, delegating the objection and associated costs to the PO.

## **11. Next Meetings**

The Council noted the next meeting would be held on 23 June 2026.

## **12. Public Forum**

Residents discussed strategies to promote the vacancies on the Parish Council and it was agreed everybody would try to raise awareness.

A resident noted that often people see what isn't being done, as opposed to what is being done, which should be promoted more, especially given the limited resources of the Council. The resident also noted priorities from month-to-month are not always about visible improvements in the Parish, and sometimes the work of the Parish Council is to prevent or stop the Parish becoming unrecognisable. The resident recommended the PC consider how best to help local people understand what is done, and that some of its best work may not always be seen, but it would be felt greatly if the PC didn't exist and if the Parish did not have a voice.

**Signed as a true record**

.....  
**Chairperson**