

# Preston Brook Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PRESTON BROOK ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at 8:30PM ON MONDAY 22 MAY 2023 AT PRESTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL, SANDY LANE, PRESTON BROOK, CHESHIRE, WA7 3AW.

### **Members Present:**

Cllrs A. Price, P. Bolton, G. Littler, M. Hughes and L. Sanders.

### **Also Present:**

Luke Trevaskis - Proper Officer  
Two members of the public.  
Beat Manager - Cheshire Police

Meeting opened at 8.35pm

### **1. Election of a Chairman**

Cllr Alan Price was duly elected Chairman for 2023-2024.

### **2. Election of a Vice Chairman**

Item deferred.

### **3. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Marlow, Murray and Walton.

### **4. Declarations**

Cllr Price declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of Preston Brook Village Hall.

### **5. Police**

The Beat Manager of Cheshire Police attended the meeting and introduced himself. It was advised that ongoing speeding is a concern in the village, along with road closures implemented without due notice. The Beat Manager shared his email address with the Council to make communication easier moving forward. The Council expressed hope that Cheshire Police would lend its support to future efforts to reduce the speed of vehicles in the Village and the Beat Manager voiced support for schemes that would result in improvements to road safety.

### **6. Minutes**

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

### **7. Village Hall**

Members noted that further updates still await.

## 8. King's Coronation

The Council discussed the recent success of its community event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The weather was favourable and there was increased attendance on the event held the previous year for the Queen's Jubilee. Thanks were noted to the new Village Hall manager who was very helpful on the day. Thanks were also expressed to all vendors who made the day run smoothly.

Following a successful grant application to the Communities Fund of the National Lottery, a grant of £4,385.00 was received to cover costs. The grant was used to cover the below expenditure. Two vendors cancelled and owe the Council refunds. Two vendors are yet to submit their invoices (which will be covered by the remaining £1,105.00). The Council agreed that if there are any remaining funds following all expenditure the Proper Officer should seek approval from the National Lottery to purchase a planter to mark the historic occasion.

<b>CORONATION EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Band	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
DJ	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
Magician	£295.00	£0.00	£295.00
Balloon Modeller	£225.00	£0.00	£225.00
Magician (Cancelled)	£160.00 (refund due)	£0.00	£160.00 (refund due)
Village Hall Hire (TBC)	£TBC	£TBC	£TBC
Ice Cream Bike	£750.00	£0.00	£750.00
Foamex Board Printing	£360.00	£72.00	£432.00
Bouncy castle, soft play, mini playground, games	£1,000.00	£200.00	£1,200.00
Face Painter (Cancelled)	£120 (refund due)	£0.00	£120 (refund due)
Newsletter Printing	£TBC	£TBC	£TBC
Total Expenditure:	£3280.00	£272.00	£3552.00
<b>INCOME</b>			
National Lottery			£4,385.00
Net Position			£1105.00

**10. Finance**

- The Council approved Month 1 finances for 2023-2024.
- The Council resolved to return the photocopying machine and pay whatever outstanding fee exists at the time of return.

**11. Standing Orders & Financial Regulations**

- The Council approved the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

**12. Risk Management Scheme**

- The Council approved the Risk Management Scheme.

**13. Planning**

- The Council noted that an officer at Halton Borough Council had advised Morris Homes would be resubmitting their planning application for the proposed development off Chester Road.
- The Council received a strong letter of support from Mike Amesbury MP for its work to introduce Conservation Areas to Preston Brook.

**14. Ward Councillor Report** - none reports have been received from ward councillors.

**15. Public Forum** - a residents reported concern regarding speeding vehicles on Sandy Lane.

**16. Next Meetings**

The Council noted its next meeting was to be held on 26 June at 8:30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.22pm

**Signed as a true record**

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**Chairperson**