

# Preston Brook Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PRESTON BROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD at 7:30pm ON TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2022 AT PRESTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL, SANDY LANE, PRESTON BROOK, CHESHIRE, WA7 3AW.

### Members Present

L. Sanders (Chairman), M. Marlow, P. Bolton, J. Walton, A Price.

### Also Present:

Luke Trevaskis - Proper Officer

Members of the Preston Brook Village Hall Committee.

Meeting opened at 7.34pm

1. **Apologies** – Cllr G Littler.
2. **Declarations** – None.
3. **Police** – the Council noted the Police update provide by the PCSO, and members requested the PCSO be invited to the next meeting.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting** - RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record, subject to Item 10 being amended to read ‘Cllr Littler’.
5. **Financial Report** - the Council noted the requirements for the End of Year Audit.
6. **Village Hall Committee** - discussions took place regarding the future of the Village Hall and courses of action that could enhance the facility and provide financial stability for future years. Examples of facilities in other parishes were discussed and both the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee agreed to continue to give consideration to all opportunities moving forward. Cllrs Price and Walton agreed to attend future meetings of the Village Hall Committee and provide a report back to the Council. The Village Hall would circulate the Trust Deed to the Council and the Proper Officer would advise on pros/cons of different routes that could be taken once a three-year plan had been prepared detailing the additionality that Preston Brook Parish Council could deliver for Preston Brook Village Hall.
7. **Planning** - the Council resolved not to submit representations for 22/00119/S73 - Land at Former Turfland.
8. **Highways** - the Council noted the PCSO was undertaking regular speed monitoring. It was reported that some dog fouling signs were deteriorating and the Council agreed to write to Halton Borough Council to request these be replaced. It was agreed that data from the SID be included in the next newsletter. It was noted that a policy was mentioned at a previous meeting by an officer of Halton BC which was understood to suggest Halton BC’s procedure for road safety measures were

dependent upon the number of road traffic collisions causing injury. The policy document has yet to be provided to the Council. It was noted the working group would clarify recommendations for the Council to consider at a future meeting once thought had been given to what the priorities for the area should be.

9. **Platinum Jubilee** - the Council considered the scope of the event, and prospective contractors. A certificate for each child was discussed and a member agreed to approach the WI to see if they could provide tea and cake. It was noted that the grant application was still awaiting an outcome and much would depend on whether or not the Council receive additional funding. A grant for the Area Forum was discussed and the Proper Officer would submit an application once details had been received.
10. **Public Realm** - the works to the land opposite the SPAR was deferred. A member agreed to contact Peel Water to see if there was any scope for improvement works to the canal.
11. **Communications** - it was agreed that the newsletter would also be digitally available on social media and that the new Facebook page would share news from all three villages. It was agreed that the newsletter would retain its existing format to include the gardening tips and recipes.
12. **Action Plan** - the Council agreed to publish its Action Plan on its website and in its newsletter so residents could see the work being undertaken.
13. **Queen's Jubilee** - the Council resolved to host an event for the community (bouncy castle, music, bunting, face painting etc) and to purchase a gift for each child. Proper Officer to apply for an Awards for All grant to support the event and obtain prices from contractors. The Council resolved to ring fence a budget of £1,000.00 for the event - expenditure delegated to officer in consultation with members offline.
11. **Policies** - deferred.
12. **Ward Councillor Report** - it was noted that no ward councillor was present and it was agreed to ask each ward councillor for a list of the casework that has been completed for the area each month.

### **13. Public forum**

- a resident advised that the ward councillor is yet to knock on door regarding the speeding on Windmill Lane as agreed.
- it was noted that debris on the Railway Bridge / Bridge 49 needed to be removed.

### **14. Next Meeting**

- 26.4.22

Meeting closed at 8.52pm.

**Signed as a true record**

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**Councillor L Sanders  
Chairperson**