

20<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

# PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING VIRTUAL MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Cllrs Present:** M Smith (Chair), I Park, I Mason, A. Atkinson, D Inman, Mrs M Daunt, G Galbraith, County/ District Cllr R Bingham, Mr J Lyons from B4PR group and Mrs A Park (Clerk).

**Apologies:** None,

**1.21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None**

**2.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Atkinson item 5.21**

**3.21 MINUTES –** The minutes of last month's meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record

**4.21 B4NPR BROADBAND UPDATE** Mr Lyons gave a brief report to the meeting advising the team had been working hard and achieved much and advised they are coming to the end of stage one. There are three stages to the project stage two progresses through the village from the west side of the A65 and stage three goes behind the Club Inn and on down to Carter House and then the other way towards Low Park. Whilst stage one was easier in some way, although never easy, as it was open fields, going into stage two through the village is a more urban environment and as such negotiations are taking place with B4RN re costings for their help in achieving this. So far they have managed to connect 90 properties so things are looking good. The Chair thanked John for all his hard work and John advised he would pass this on to all those who did all the hard physical work and thanked the technical team Martin Smith and Pip Tedcastle for their hard work in connecting everyone. He explained the group were still looking for funding and hoped the Parish Council would help with this in the new financial year. The Chair thanked John for his report.

**5.21 OPEN SESSESION** the clerk advised it had been a very busy month for correspondence.

- a) The clerk advised the Parish Council has managed to track down the actual owners of the seats and toadstools with the help of a member of the public. We have contacted both owners to discuss ongoing maintenance and inspections of the seats and toadstools and to obtain values for the items to meet the requirements of our insurers. This information was then forwarded to the insurers together with agreements on future safety requirements for their consideration. A response has now been received and we have met all future requirements with the help of the owners. The members having been informed that the insurers will now insure said items it was felt they were now in a position to vote again on the matter. Cllr Mason proposed we accept the liability and Cllr

Daunt seconded, a vote on accepting liability for the items concluded 6 voting yes and one unable to vote due to declaring an interest.

- b) The claim for Crooklands Bus shelter has now been paid and the Parish Council have talked to nearby residents obtaining their views on the replacement. Some residents pointed out that it would be better situated at the other side of the road as the school children wait there in the morning for the bus. No one objected to this. However other residents felt it should be left on the north bound side as people also used that shelter. The clerk in an endeavour to further this made enquiries about the price if we were to purchase two bus shelters and found we could make a big saving. After discussing the need the comments and the financial aspect it was agreed to vote on the matter, Cllr Inman proposed we should purchase both and Cllr Mason seconded. A vote was taken and all seven Councillors agreed.

Other matters raised in the opens session were the replacement of the flower box at the north entrance to the village, it was agreed to leave this until Story Homes had finished working in that area of the development. Complaints had been made to councillors regarding the state of the wall on the footpath between Woodside and Weston Houses, the Clerk was instructed to write to the owners on this matter.

#### **6.21 PRESTON RICHARD EMERGENCY PLAN (PREP) REPORT – Roger Gorman sent the following report.**

- Government road map is on target. April 12 saw relaxation of rules on self-catering holidays, pub gardens open, all retail outlets open, including hairdressers. Next important date is May17.
- Vulnerable persons need no longer shield
- The R rate is not expected to rise significantly
- Up to date information: In South Lakeland, 3 new people had a confirmed positive test result reported on April 17. Between 11 and 17 April 2021, 30 people had a confirmed positive test result. There have been no deaths in the past week, and 13 people are in hospital.
- Local concerns include the rise in volume of visitors, how to recognise the end of the pandemic, and celebration of our volunteers. We may use local media for people to nominate a volunteer for special thanks.
- Finance - much of our "kit" in the "red bag" is either out of date or running out of date and will require renewal. PREP would like to ask the PC for help replacing these items for the year 2021/22.

#### **7.21 POLICE REPORT – no police newsletter received this month**

#### **8.21 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS – Cllr Bingham gave the following report.**

COVID is not yet an episode of the past with reports of various mutants being on the way but for the councils it feels if it has retreated with a few employees coming back to their offices. Even so I think partial or flexi home -working is here to stay which will have an effect on council buildings especially when Local Government reorganisation is completed in just two years' time. No arrangements have yet been made about staffing structures or redundancies which with 500 fewer District

Councillors will affect member's services especially. The Secretary of State's decision will be still some months off. Whether we have one unitary Cumbria or if it is split in two or even if the proscribed scheme (because of crossing County Boundaries) Morecambe Bay Authority expensively promoted by SLDC is still being debated. Very little about the reorganisation was touched on at the April County Council meeting which nevertheless lasted for nearly seven zoom hours with only three short breaks We said thank you and farewell to Labour Councillor from Carlisle Christine Bowditch as Chairman who because had served two years instead of one because of Covid and welcomed Tony Martley a Conservative Councillor from Silloth as the new chairman. The Vice Chairman who will be the last County Council Chairman is a Lib Dem from Appleby. This means that I will hold the 'record' of being the only councillor to have been Chairman (a title I used) from South Lakeland to chair both County and SLDC.

This month my most acute local business has concerned Crooklands Canal Bridge about which the Rivers and Waterways Authority have displayed their customary confusion. The bridge was designated to be closed for repairs for 12 days unto 23rd April. I am told that two engineers inspected the site on the Monday and Tuesday but no other members of a work force appeared in the first week! With enormous difficulty I managed to get the Highways authority to amend their Road Closed signs, put up three miles away in the middle of Milnthorpe, to add 'closed at Crooklands and businesses opens as usual '. Getting 'engineers ' to come out three times to attend to the widely reported broken drain cover near Crooklands Hotel took almost as much time before inadequate danger cones were provided and the bother continues.

**9.21 HIGHWAY** – Reports for this month, potholes on Woodbank, Endmoor, and Pothole on road near Milton Moor Farm. The Clerk will send report these again.

**10.21 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –**

- The Clerk advised D&C Atkinson's have commenced cutting the grass as requested.
- Cllr Inman has now obtained the CCTV signs for the play area and he and Cllr Smith will meet to see where they can be installed. Cllr Smith is currently carrying out work from the annual SLDC inspection of the play area with the help of Cllr Atkinson.

**11.21 CALC NEWSLETTER** – Nothing to report from the newsletter

**12.21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS**

*All applications, comments and decisions which can be viewed on*  
[South Lakeland District Council Planning application register](#)

**NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-**

**SL/2021/0319** 17 Meadowside Close Endmoor - Replacement enlarged garage

**SL/2021/0280** - 6 Woodside Close Endmoor - Front & rear extensions

**SL/2021/0277** - Hazel Garth Crooklands - Single storey rear extension

No comments received on any of the above.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS**

**SL/2021/0165** - 5 Alexander Drive Endmoor - Two storey side extension and replacement single storey rear extension

**SL/2021/0128** - Land adjacent to the south of Urchin Rigg Bodyshop Gatebeck Lane Endmoor - Demolition of existing workshop and temporary building, construction of new workshop and associated site works

**SL/2021/0189** - Westmorland County Agricultural Society Lane Farm Crooklands - Formation of two reinforced access tracks in show field parking areas

**SL/2020/0106** Land north of Sycamore Close, Endmoor. - Modification of S106 agreement attached to planning permission SL/2017/0841 - corrected affordable housing list

**SL/2020/0956** - Lake View 3 High Birkrigg Park Stainton - Erection of agricultural barn

**5/20/9009** - L & W Wilson (Endmoor) Ltd, Shiralee, Gatebeck Road - Concrete batching operations taking place in L & W Wilson (Endmoor) Ltd yard.

## **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:-**

**SL/2020/0934** - 5 Deer Park Barn Crooklands, Replacement UPVC windows and single story extension to replace existing porch – Granted with conditions

**SL/2021/0082** - 3 Meadowside Close Endmoor KENDAL LA8 0EJ - Single storey rear extension - Granted with conditions

### **13.21 FINANCE** - The Clerk advised

- 2020 -2021 Finances & Audit Papers for inspection were now with the internal auditor.
- The claim for excess on bus shelter claim still awaiting response
- Grants to PREP, CP, B4RN it was agreed that PREP and B4RN would receive a £600 Cllr Park proposed, Cllr Inman seconded all agreed. As the Community Plan Group are inactive at the moment due to Covid and their Chair being extremely busy with the B4Rn installation it was agreed to not make a grant until they became active again.

### **Paid between meetings:**

B4RN materials £86.63	P. A Park wages and expense £661.02
B4RN materials £232.35	HMRC (tax) £159.65
B4RN materials £23.88	B4RN website domain £20
B4RN materials £30.68	SLDC waste bin emptying £2150.93

**Payments received** £510.00

**Bank Interest** .70p

**Xfers between accounts:** None

### **14.21 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS:** - None

**Next Meeting** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and will be the AGM

**The meeting closed at 20:37**