

# PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

**Cllrs Present:** M Smith (Chair), I Park, I Mason, A. Atkinson, G Galbraith D. Inman, Mr J Lyons of B4PRN and Mrs A Park (Clerk).

- 1.20 APOLOGIES:** Cllrs J Hayhurst, Mrs M Daunt, Cllr County/District R Bingham
- 2.20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None**
- 3.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Inman planning application SL/2020/0148**
- 4.20 MINUTES –** The minutes of last month’s meeting were sent to councillors and were confirmed as a true and accurate record.
- 5.20 B4NPR BROADBAND UPDATE -** Mr Lyons advised the meeting that since the last presentation to the Parish Council the Preston Richard project had been adversely affected by
- a) the Corona Virus pandemic which meant that all group “digging days “ had been cancelled and house installations were also suspended
  - b) the continued uncertainty of the timing of the Story Homes development meant that B4RNPR had to devise other methods to achieve their goals
- However - he was pleased to report that the project had gone live in properties at Crooklands and Millbrook where B4RN had been able to access properties before the lockdown regulations had come into effect. He also thanked all members of the public who had helped with the digging and providing the brownies and bacon butties to support the diggers, a real community spirit. Additionally he advised that the main cabinet had been installed at the Village Hall. The Steering Group continue to meet weekly using video conferencing
- 6.20 COVID-19 –** The Chair introduced Roger Gorman, the leader of the Preston Richard Emergency Plan and thanked him for all his hard work in putting the Plan together and then implementing the actions to support the vulnerable in our Parish. Roger advised that on March 13<sup>th</sup> when he became aware of the emergency had cards printed to distribute to the parish offering help to anyone who needed it. He held a meeting in the Village Hall and got more than enough volunteers to help the vulnerable which showed a great community spirit, the Parish Clerk got a list of all vulnerable patients from doctors surgeries and these were crossed checked with the information the team had put together to make sure no one slipped through the net. To date we still have 30 volunteers helping others and 10 on the reserve list should any be taken ill. He is pleased to say so far none of the volunteers in Preston Richard have fallen ill. We have had one person registered as having the virus and no deaths. The Bakery, the Village shop and the Chippy Van have been fantastic they have all pulled together and people have been out clapping on Thursdays to support our health workers. Roger wished to thank Martin the Chair of the Parish Council and the Clerk for all their support without which he could not have done it. The Council

reiterated their thanks and support for all the Emergency Plan Team and all the volunteers and businesses that have pulled together at this very difficult time.

- 7.20 POLICE REPORT** – The Police are not currently preparing reports due to the current crisis. They will however advise parishes of important information should it be necessary
- 8.20 OPEN SESSION** - No matters were raised on this item
- 9.20 CIL MONEY PROJECTS** – The Clerk reported no applications had been received and no CIL had been forthcoming and she expected that there would be a delay due to staff working from home and busy with other matters.
- 10.20 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS** – Cllrs Cooper and Harvey although invited to attend have not responded. Cllr Bingham sent a report covering both District and County matters as Follows. Due to the current situation there is little council news, the District Council and Police & Crime Commissioner elections have been postponed; there have been no council meeting since 15<sup>th</sup> March. The District Councillor seat held by Cllr Cooper will be contested next year at the same time as the County Council Elections. For the first three weeks of the crisis Cumbria was in the top six of affected authorities. On one day 70 reported cases in Cumbria compared with 37 in Manchester. Cumbria’s Chief responsible officer attributed this disparity between our least populated area and one of the most congested cities by suggesting that many affluent people living in Cumbria were returning from skiing trips, but this would apply to Cheshire and parts of London. More certainly the huge influx of visitors to the area boosted the figures. Following the lockdown most officers are working from home, on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 90% of County and District staff reported they are well and working. Green bin collection has been suspended in favour of domestic and recycling services. The Counties Children’s Services have complex concerns, with schools closed referrals of vulnerable children are down by 40%, but calls regarding domestic violence have increased. Relevant helplines are –
- Domestic Abuse: 0800-2000-247:**  
**Men’s Advice Line 0808-801-0327,**  
**Victim Support: 0808-1689-111**
- Meals are available for those who usually get free meals and for family key workers at some schools, this has had a mixed take up and the alternative payment of £15 per week has alleged problems of fraud and availability of suitable meals.
- 11.20 HIGHWAYS** – Nothing to report at the present time
- 12.20 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL** - The Chair advised the play area is alright at the moment and he praised the public for staying away at the present time.
- 13.20 CALC NEWSLETTER** – The newsletter was mainly concerned with the audit changes and this has been dealt with by the Clerk and will be dealt with under the finance item.

**14.20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-**

**SL/2020/0191** - Land north of Sycamore Close Endmoor - Discharge of conditions 6 & 20 (School Gate Link) attached to planning permission SL/2017/0841

**SL/2019/0730** – Use of agricultural land as garden curtilage (part retrospective) to Fellfield View, Fell Lea, Oxenber. (no decision)

**SL/2019/0836** - 8 & 10 Greenways Drive Endmoor - High Hedge complaint (no decision)

**SL/2020/0100** - Milton Lane Crooklands - New Field Entrance and Woodstore (Re-submission of SL/2019/0120) (no decision)

**SL/2020/0106** - Land north of Sycamore Close Endmoor - Erection of 106 dwellings with associated infrastructure Ref SL/2017/0841 (no decision)

**SL/2020/0148** - Milton Moor Farm Crooklands - Extensions to two existing agricultural livestock buildings (no decision)

Cllr Mason remarked on the 2 temporary wooden gates installed by Story Homes due to the movement of the footpath but no one seemed to have any knowledge of this. The Clerk advised the meeting that she had written to SLDC Planning regarding the discharge of condition 8 the ongoing maintenance of landscaping and the ownership of the street lights on the Story development to ensure the Parish Council does not have to accept the cost of these undertakings.

**PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:-**

**SL/2019/1031** - Holme Leigh, Gatebeck Road, Endmoor – revised scheme 2 storey rear extension – granted with conditions

**SL/2020/0023** – WCA Lane farm - Formation of reinforced access track to show field parking area – granted with conditions

**15.20 FINANCE*****Accounts Audit 2018/19 - Council to approve***

- a) The Annual Governance Statement Section 1 2019/2020 was approved by all present and will be signed by the Chair and Clerk
- b) The Summary of Receipts & Payments for the year 2019/20 was approved by all present
- c) Section 2 of the annual return 2019/2020 covering the Accounting Statements and internal audit report was authorised and will signed by the Chairman
- d) The new High Consequence Infectious Disease policy was approved by all
- e) The Clerk advised she had contacted our insurer regarding the return of our £125 excess on the recent insurance claim.

**Paid between meetings:**

Papermill direct £27 x 2 = £54	Clerk Annual Mileage claim £152.10
Max Recycle (March waste) £48.74	Max Recycle (April waste) £51.91
B4PRN (equipment) £68.27	SLDC annual waste bin emptying £1170.00
B4PRN (website) £20.00	HMRC tax £148.87
Clerks Mar wages & expenses £605.92	

**Payments received:** Messrs' Robinson £510.00

**Xfers between accounts:** 10/04/20 - £2000 Dep – Current account

**16.20 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS:** The cost for the leaflets for the Community Volunteers was discussed and it was agreed this should not come out of the current PREP budget

***Next Meeting due – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020***

**The meeting closed at 8.06pm**