

16th March, 2021

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING VIRTUAL MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15th March 2021

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

Apologies: None,

146.20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

147.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Atkinson item 6

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

149.20 B4NPR BROADBAND UPDATE – Mr Lyons sent the following report
Covid restrictions means the volunteer group have only been able to work in small groups however we have managed to keep moving forward on individual properties. There are now around 20 properties east of Dove Nest Lane and on Main Street able to take the service. The core route has been laid in Felly's Field so the properties around that can now start connecting their properties to the core route. The installation of the core route around Summerlands Trading Estate will start shortly. Regrettably the long planned road crossing of A65 at Sycamore was cancelled by contractors at short notice but we are assured that this work will be done as a matter of urgency. This would enable us to start moving into properties inside the perimeter of the village. Cllr Galbraith advised unfortunately B4RN had disturbed the foundations of a wall by the Bowling Green which now needs rebuilding.

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

- A member of the PREP team has received acclaim from the Curwen's of Low Park for her volunteering during the pandemic.
- Roger has placed a piece in the Gazette this week concerning mental health as the government's roadmap continues.
- St Patrick's CE School opened to all children on March 8.
- One case of Covid reported in the parish earlier this month. The isolating couple asked Roger Gorman to help and he posted a test for them.
- Infections continue to fall and during the last week the Office for National Statistics (ONS) have reported 0-2 infections in our ONS area.
- There have been 3506 vaccinations in our ONS area (52.3% of people) to March 12.
- In South Lakeland there were 2 infections reported on March 12.

- Between 6-12 March, 19 infections were reported in South Lakeland - a 42.4% decrease from the previous week.
- There were no deaths recorded in South Lakeland on March 12.
- One death was reported in South Lakeland between 1-12 March - a 66.7% decrease from the previous week.

151.20 OPEN SESSION – The Clerk reported several problem had been brought to her attention as follows:

- Request for the footpath between Gatebeck Road and Gatebeck Lane to be reopened. The clerk made enquiries and received the following response. “We are unable to assist with your request below to open part of the footpath currently subject to the footpath closure. The footpath ref: 565013 currently ends where it intersects with the SUDS pond, as there isn’t a public right of way from this point to the field gate point B, access can only be reopened after the new routes on site are completed”.
- Flooding on a residents drive from Story’s site. The clerk contacted Story Homes and the resident is in talks with them regarding this matter.
- The poor condition of the road at Sycamore Close post Story Homes connecting sewerage pipes. The Clerk spoke with Story Homes and they advised “The sewer connection works in Sycamore Close are now complete. The excavation has a temporary tarmac covering, which will be replaced with permanent tarmac in due course; the residents will be notified before this is carried out”.
- The Parish Council has been approached by Highways asking them if they would accept responsibility for two seats and toadstools installed on Low Commonmire as there was a legal issue regarding safety. Highways further advised as the seats and toadstools are on public maintained land they are used by the general public and as such should someone have an accident or a seat collapse and cause injury, someone would be held liable. Concerns were raised by the Parish Council that they had not been approached regarding the installation of these seats and as such they had no knowledge of the health safety standards applied to the making of these and as all street furnishing must meet health and safety requirements it was felt it would be imprudent to accept responsibility for them as our insurers may not cover them. A vote was taken and all agreed to decline the offer. Cllr Atkinson abstained as he had declared an interest due to it being adjacent to his land.
- Cllr Smith advised he had joined a meeting regarding the Canal Towpath trail who has received a National Lottery fund to rebuild the aqueduct; they are also trying to improve the Towpath. He advised they were to improve the signs with QR codes which when scanned user will be given access to historical data on the area.

152.20 SPEEDWATCH – The Speedwatch team had asked the council about calibrating the Speedgun when Covid restrictions are lifted. The Council agreed but stated it should not be done until later in the year when it could be used to its full potential. The council also asked if an effort could be made to attract more volunteers to use the gun as speeds seem to be rising through the village.

153.20 POLICE REPORT – The new Police Newsletter advised the following:

- 28th Jan Kirkby Lonsdale store victim of fraud when a male bought goods using a fraudulent cheque for payment.
- 3rd Feb Criminal damage reported to a motor vehicle in Endmoor when two tyres were damaged.
- 3rd Feb - Residential property on Fairfield Kirkby Lonsdale broken into, untidy search but nothing believed stolen.
- 5th Feb - 8 lodges at Endmoor broken into by smashing windows, various items stolen.
- 8th Feb - Residential burglary at Gatebeck, large value of jewellery and Army Medals stolen.
- 9th Feb - Male forced entry to residential property in New Hutton, untidy search but nothing thought to be missing.
- 11th Feb - 3 properties at Barrows Green broken into, various items taken.
- 13th Feb - Burglary at residential property in Natland untidy search and items stolen.
- 15th Feb - Burglary at residential property in Sedgwick, untidy search and a jacket stolen.
- 21st Feb - Shop premises at Endmoor broken into, cash and tobacco products stolen.
- 21st Feb - Two twelve foot metal gates stolen from the county show field Crooklands.

The meeting was advised PCSO Martin Boak who has been looking after our Parish for many years is to retire shortly, the Council wish Martin well in his retirement.

154.20 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS –

Council News - So far no part of the County has decided which parts should form a new Unitary Authority and despite what one party has said very few people have been consulted. There has been no referendum and very little talk about having one. Although the Morecambe Bay authority is superficially enticing as the probable HQ at Lancaster is nearer than a Whole Cumbria authority which would be based in Carlisle, it would in itself hardly be unit as geographically it is so widespread. The distance from Heysham to Barrow is almost as wide as the English Channel and no one would say that Dover and Calais are in the same travel to work area which is what is claimed for a 'union' of Barrow, South Lakeland and Lancaster. The fact that in a Morecambe Bay authority there would be two police forces Cumbria police and Lancashire operating would cause difficulties. The different social issues seem to have been ignored like Lancaster with Morecambe and Barrow having higher crime and deprivation rates than South Lakeland and when I asked about this disparity my question was said to be insulting to our neighbours. On the other an obvious link- up between SLDC and Eden seems unlikely because of Eden's opposition. Other combinations like Copeland and Allerdale are also in the pipeline. Incredibly everything has to be decided before 2022 when the current set up a County Council and six Districts will be abolished. In the meantime County and District elections have been postponed but the Police and Crime Commissioner, by-elections and, where it is their turn, parish council elections will still go ahead on the 6h May. Meanwhile breaking news has it that there will be a public Inquiry about the Whitehaven Coal Mine which is a relief as I am still being bombarded by letters and e-mails generally of objections. But local views seem largely the other way contending

that if coking coal is need to make steel required by Cumbria industry it does not make environmental sense to import it from America or even Australia. As I cannot make up my mind until all evidence has been presented I am relieved if the County's development control committee, of which I am a member, will not have to make the final decision.

Local news -Seven mile bridge is now being repaired and there are assurances that Crooklands Canal bridge will be reinstated after, less than a year since it was last bashed. Also a new government grant to deal with pot holes has been made. Fortunately I presented County Highways with my survey of local pot holes in February. Green waste collection has resumed but we still don't know if it will be monthly or go back to fortnightly collection so again we are face with uncertainty.

155.20 HIGHWAY – Cllr Bingham has given a list of all the pot holes to Highways, Cllrs raised the issue of the pothole on Gatebeck Road at the junction with the entrance to L&W Wilson's which is getting larger, the clerk advised on the last report Highway said it did not require any action. Cllr Bingham will speak to the Highways engineer on this matter. Cllr Inman advised he had been approached by a member of the pubic asking when the bus shelter was to be replaced at Crooklands, he had responded that things were in the pipeline however requests had been made to put the replacement at the other side of the road for the many children attending Queen Elizabeth School Kirkby Lonsdale. The clerk having made enquiries with Highways regarding this idea is currently being considered by them. Once we have heard from CCC whether it is possible the council will need to decide which side it should go and would be interested to know people's views.

156.20 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). The Clerk advised this is still in the hands of SLDC and their Legal Team and unlikely to be decided until May.
- School Road - The Chair advised he had carried out to tests to check the drains on the road and is now aware of the drainage route which is needed for improvement of drainage for the playing field.
- The quotes for the annual grass cutting contract were considered by the members and Cllr Mason proposed it be awarded to D&C Atkinson, Cllr Daunt seconded, all agreed.
- 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.

157.20 CALC NEWSLETTER – Nothing to report from the newsletter as mainly to do with the annual audit.

158.20 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/2021/0165 - 5 Alexander Drive Endmoor - Two storey side extension and replacement single storey rear extension

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

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

No comments received on any of the above.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

SL/2021/0082 - 3 Meadowside Close Endmoor KENDAL LA8 0EJ - Single storey rear extension.

SL/2020/0728 - 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.

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

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:-

SL/2020/0701 – Storth End Cottage, Stainton - Change of use & conversion of garage to a dwelling (Retrospective) - withdrawn

SL/2020/0919 - 20 Greenways Drive Endmoor - Single storey side extension – granted with conditions.

159.20 FINANCE - The Clerk advised

- **No news yet on claim for excess on bus shelter claim**
- **Paid between meetings:**

P. A Park wages and expense £654.86	HMRC (tax) £159.85
Max Recycle waste Feb waste £51.91	T Inman CCTV signs £46.50
Max Recycle waste Mar waste £51.91	J Faulkner ground work £50.00

Payments received £4361.00 **Xfers between accounts:** None

160.20 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS: - None

Next Meeting – Monday 19th April 2021

The meeting closed at 20:37