

22nd June, 2021

# PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 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

**31.21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None**

**32.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None**

### **33.21 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

This year has been a very difficult year for everyone but together we have managed very well. I would like to thank our PREP team and volunteers for the wonderful work they have done in supporting everyone and in particular Roger Gorman who worked tirelessly coordinating everyone and producing the monthly bulletins. Another major achievement has been the rolling out of hyper fast broadband in the parish. Our thanks to the broadband team and the volunteers who work so hard on making this happen in particular John Lyons, Pip Tedcastle. With Council work everything has slowed down due to Covid restrictions, we coped with Zoom meetings, my thanks to all councillors who persevered. One of our long serving members retired Doddy Hayhurst who will be greatly missed and we wish him well. We had to provide many more bins due to much more dog walking in the district, our Crooklands bus shelter mysteriously disappeared overnight and had to be replaced, however we had requests for it to be moved to the other side of the road and other requests to keep it where it was so in the end, we opted for both. The train on the play area got vandalised however the offenders were caught on CCTV and dealt with. The saga of the seats and toadstools raised quite a lot of consternation due to the council being unable to accept liability for them until all the necessary paperwork and insurance cover had been arranged but once sorted, we were pleased to go ahead. The Clerk and Councillors thanked the Chair for all his hard work throughout the year, working with the B4PRN team, with the PREP team, with the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, repairing the Play Area all in addition to carrying out Council business remarking it would be a sorry place without all his time and effort.

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

**35.21 B4NPR BROADBAND UPDATE** Mr Lyons gave the following report:

Progress has been steady, around 80 live connections plus a number of properties where the connection has been made and house kits fitted but the property owners have not yet taken the service. B4RN and local volunteers have completed their

work at Summerlands Trading Estate and Summerlands Hall so property owners can take the service. Plans are well advanced to push the core route through to Club Inn which would mean the 3 main social hubs for the village school, village Hall and Club Inn will all benefit from the fastest broadband speed in UK. Other than individual tidy up jobs that will complete Stage 1 of the volunteer group work.

**GOING FORWARD** - We are faced with 2 severe problems before we can move forward to Stages 2 & 3, Stage 1 was relatively easy - plough through fields and connect in to the rear of properties. When faced with built-up areas there is a problem digging up footpaths etc. (known as 'Hard Dig') which is much more expensive than the original costing. Despite our efforts B4RN have not yet agreed to fund this Hard Dig. A further problem is local - Our existing team of diggers have an average age of 68/70 years and have been working on this project for 18 months. To take project into the built-up areas of the village (Summerlands Housing estate and Low Park) volunteers are needed from those areas, to date they have not been forthcoming despite our repeated requests for volunteers.

**PROJECT PAUSE** – Due to these two problems combined we regretfully advise we will have to suspend our group activities until B4RN agree to fund the hard dig and local volunteers can be found to assist in the Summerlands Low Park areas. This is concerning as we found back in 2019 as when a project is paused it is doubly difficult to restart so if any residents in those areas are wishing to take up the service perhaps, they could spare some time to help?

**36.21 OPEN SESSSION** – many matters arose as follows:

- a) The 4 bins on the play area and Village Hall car park are constantly full and the matter was discussed, Cllr Mason proposed we ask SLDC to empty the bins fortnightly, Cllr Daunt seconded all agreed.
- b) Cllr Mason asked the pot hole on Woodside be re reported as nothing had been done.
- c) Cllr Mason stated the speeding on Gatebeck Road is a problem particularly late at night, the clerk advised she had asked Highways to monitor the situation however nothing has been done yet, she will write again.
- d) Cllr Daunt brought up the matter of questions being raised on a social media page re the new development on which council members had been asked to respond. The Chair advised that should any member of the public wish the Council to address any matters they should contact the Council direct. The Clerk had also been asked to respond via social media but as no request had been made direct to the Council, she was unable to bring it to the Council's attention for them to respond. Whilst we are always happy to respond to letters and emails, telephone calls, we do not trawl social media sites for questions raised within their content. We can respond on social media sites once the request has been made to the Council and discussed at open meeting and therefore public knowledge but we do not conduct our business via social media sites.
- e) The matter of anti-social behaviour was highlighted as a problem in the area, recent events are the roller from behind the football hut being pushed down the Village Hall steps, doing damage to the steps and wall, intimidating behaviour to an elderly lady in her home. The bicycle being thrown in Peasey Beck and when challenged by a member of the public, threatening behaviour ensued. Three persons at the top of Nuttinghall Lane being abusive to members of the public and throwing firecracker at dogs being walked. These three people also ride up

from Crooklands on the centre white line of the road holding up traffic. The Clerk will report these to the police.

- f) Cllr Daunt brought up the matter of the Village Hall car park wall needing some attention. The Council will inspect it and put it on the next agenda.

**37.21 PRESTON RICHARD EMERGENCY PLAN (PREP) REPORT** – Roger Gorman sent a report covering the whole year for the AGM which can be read on our web site. However, for the past few months the following was said  
The PREP team continued to meet over Zoom. Vaccinations began in a staged manner. Dawn Humble was presented with a Community Hero Award for volunteering during the pandemic. A few volunteers continued their support for vulnerable people. Only 2 deaths were reported in the parish as a result of the virus. The PREP Team are seeking ways of recognising volunteers when the emergency is over. The Government set out a “road map” out of the pandemic. The “Delta” variant of the virus became widespread but due to the vaccination roll out and there were fewer hospitalisations and deaths. “Freedom Day” was moved from 21<sup>st</sup> June to 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**38.21 POLICE REPORT** – nothing to report for our area this month in the police news letter received this month.

**39.21 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS** – Cllr Bingham sent the following report. - “They think it’s all over” no I’m not referring to the Euro football World Cup but to COVID. A month ago- the County’s Health Chief Officer Colin Cox reported that Cumbria had recently suffered no COVID deaths. Now the grim mortality tables have been turned –yet again- and the modified Lock Down is continuing for another four weeks. In the first half of June there were 77 new cases in the County. The greatest number were in Eden, once the ‘safest’ district and the most vulnerable age groups are people under 30 for whom the vaccination programme has now been stepped up. Even so all Cumbrian districts were below the averages for vulnerable areas especially of those Lancashire Districts around Blackburn which are only 50 miles from us. 19 COVID patients were admitted to Carlisle hospitals and there were no new cases admitted to Lancaster, RLI or the other Morecambe Bay hospitals. A welcome NHS sign is that Lancaster RLI is being expanded for which a new 500 space car-park is being built. To politically minded people the biggest news for many years concerns the changes on constituency boundaries. Apparently, Cumbria’s current six MPs are too many for our population while expanding areas mainly in the south–east require more representatives. Thus, our current Westmorland and Lonsdale Constituency is to be broken up. In particular our local area is designated to become part of ‘Morecambe and South Lakeland’. This will include Morecambe, Carnforth and our nearby Lancashire villages like Warton along with (in South Westmorland) our current Lower Kentdale Division as far as Preston Richard plus Milnthorpe, Arnside, Levens and the Lyth Valley. But Bowness and Windermere will become part of Copeland –so irrespective of the Lakes and Mountains in between Windermere will be linked to Whitehaven. Kendal, Kirkby Lonsdale and points north will form another Constituency of Westmorland with part of Eden including Penrith. North Eden will join part of Carlisle. The proposals for our area may bring nearer the prospect of our joining a Unitary Morecambe Bay Authority which so far has been discounted by many authorities. Please what do you think? Meanwhile I am pursuing further complaints about speeding

on the A65 and as usual chasing up on road repairs and when total liberation arrives, I hope to be able to tour the parish with Highway's officer to record the need for repairs.

**40.21 HIGHWAY** – Reports again for this month, pothole on Woodbank, Endmoor. Cllr Galbraith raised the question of who owns the trees on the grass verges as there have been cases of dispute between residents and County Council Highways. Cllr Bingham said he would make enquiries and advise us accordingly.

**41.21 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL** –

- The play area was inspected and all is well.
- The tennis club lease was signed and witnessed for return to the solicitors

**42.21 CALC NEWSLETTER** – Nothing to report from the newsletter all for Clerks info

**43.21 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/2021/0577** - Beech Lee Gatebeck Lane Endmoor - Replacement dwelling and garage and change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage. – objections have been raised and these were discussed, our comments will be forwarded to Development Control for their consideration.

**SL/2021/0561** - Deer Park Crooklands Milnthorpe - Single storey front and rear extension & internal alterations - no comments received

**SL/2021/0614** - The Paddock Crooklands Milnthorpe - Garage and store side extension – no comments received

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS**

**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/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/2021/0319** 17 Meadowside Close Endmoor - Replacement enlarged garage – Granted with conditions.

**44.21 FINANCE** – to approved again at a face-to-face meeting

- a) Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 20/2021
- b) The Summary of Receipts & Payments for the year 2020/21
- c) Section 2 of the annual return covering the Accounting Statements and internal audit report.

All the above after being gone through and discussed Cllr Iman approved them all for signature, Cllr Mason seconded and all members agreed.

d) No news on claim for excess on bus shelter claim

Paid between meetings:

Max Recycle Apr waste £54.14	P. A Park wages and expense £640.95
BHIB Ltd insurance £683.39	HMRC (tax) £159.16
BC Energy Bus shelters £8880.00	Barn Materials £32.85
J. Mason Tree stump removed £50.00	Barn Materials £398.57
Max Recycle Apr XS waste £1.43	D&C Atkinson grass cut £228.83
Barn Materials £32.27	Max Recycle May waste £75.23
Barn Materials £132.71	Barn Materials £4.63

**Payments received** B4PRN £50.00

**Xfers between accounts:** £2k deposit to current account

**45.21 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS:** - None

**Next Meeting** – Monday 19thvJuly 2021

**The meeting closed at 20:50**