

21st June 2023

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 19th June 2023

Cllrs Present M Smith (Chair), A Atkinson, I Mason, G Galbraith, K. Dos Santos, I Park, D Inman, Unitary Cllr Mrs J Battye, Cllr Peter Thornton, Mr John Lyons (Broadband) and Mrs A Park (Clerk).

Apologies Cllr Mrs M Daunt.

The Chair Opened the meeting by announcing the death of Doddy Hayhurst who had been a Parish Councillor for many years until his retirement in May 2021. He also had great input to the building of Endmoor Village Hall. A card was signed by all member sending condolences to his family.

27.23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

28.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

29.23 MINUTES – The minutes of the May meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record

30.23 WESTMORLAND & FURNESS COUNCIL (W&F) Unitary Cllr for Highways Peter Thornton gave a presentation on the structure of W & F Highways and how they deal with road maintenance. He then took questions from the floor of which there were many regarding road maintenance and repairs and the difficulties in communicating with Highways. He took away many questions to be answered and suggestions on how to improve communications. He advised all reports should be put onto the Westmorland and Furness website [Streets, roads and pavements | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)
If unable to do so you should ring the Hotline 0300-303-2992 (Mon-Fri 8:30am – 5pm)

if the report is not dealt with as expected you should contact your local councillor Janet Battye Janet.Battye@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

31.23 BROADBAND UPDATE John Lyons gave an update on the Broadband stating the only remaining area to be completed is around the Elm Close, Longwood Close area which is in hand with B4RN. The Volunteers who received donations from the public for digging a route from their house to the roadside have discussed what should happen to the remaining money and they expressed a wish for it to benefit the children of St Patrick's School and gave £3800 towards the purchase of Chromebooks for teaching the children, an open afternoon presentation will take place for this event. The remaining funds £113.50 have been donated to the Children's Play area on Gatebeck

Road to help maintain the equipment for the children now and in the future. Cllr Mason proposed we accept this offer and Cllr Inman seconded, all agreed and the Chair thanks Mr Lyons and the volunteers for their generosity. Mr Lyons thanked the Council for all its assistance in the project and wished to put on record thanks to the Parish Clerk for her work managing the finances. The Clerk and Council thanked Mr Lyons and his team for all their hard work.

32.23 OPEN SESSION – One matter had been raised by a member of the public as to why the precept had been raised so much this year. The Clerk advised the meeting that this was due to increased costs from SLDC for lighting costs an increase of £1311.62 representing a 63% rise on last year's costs. We also were led to believe we would not receive the annual grant of several hundred pounds (£774 last year) so the Parish Council needed to increase our precept. The grant however was given at a later date when SLDC realised their error. This was too late to adjust our precept figure and we will therefore adjust next year's precept accordingly. If we had not had these new costs, the Parish precept increase was to be £1688.28. which represents £2.91 per annum per household to cover inflation costs on maintenance work throughout the parish. The Precept requested for the current year was £28,500 which equates a cost of £49.16 per household per annum (this figure does not include the new housing).

33.23 POLICE – Police information can be found on their website [Home | Cumbria Police](#) or on their Facebook page [south lakes police - search results | Facebook](#). There was little on the site this month mainly discussing meetings with the public. Cllr Battye reported she had seen a listing on Endmoor and Preston Patrick Facebook page that someone had tried to steal a car on Low Park which was reported to the police and asked everyone to be wary. The Clerk stated it was sad little contact is made between the police and public in our parish, Cllr Battye advised Hayley was our PCSO. The Clerk advised we did not see any presence in the parish.

34.23 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –

Cllr Battye gave a brief overview of what has been happening. All W&F Councillors have received a community grant of £1000 to help communities as required. She advised she had gone round the parish this morning with a Highways Officer to point out the problems and discussed the new 20mph initiative being introduced around the district by them. She is also looking into the matter of where the Parish Council can site of a new noticeboard to serve the Fellside Manor residents. She advised us all she is now the Chair of the [Heath and Adults Scrutiny Committee](#) and the [Heath and Adults Scrutiny Committee](#)

35.23 SPEEDWATCH – The matter of the Speedwatch initiative in our Parish was discussed as the Speed gun is due for calibration however it would appear there may be a possibility that Speedwatch will no longer be available although the need for it has increased. We are getting many complaints from the new houses about speeding past them and in the centre of the village where pedestrians are trying to cross the road. The Speedwatch group do have some possible volunteers ready to be trained to man the gun and hope we can get all the

volunteers required; we also need a volunteer/s prepared to go in to the police station at Kendal to organise letters to be sent to the owners of speeding vehicles. The Clerk and Cllr Battye are to organise a meeting with Parish Council and interested parties such as the Police, Highways, W&F Councillors in an effort to get more support from them to enable us to run it locally with the Police. Anyone interested in becoming a Speedwatch Volunteer please contact the Parish Council, training will be offered on either using the gun or sending the letters out. We are also hoping to get more physical support from the governing bodies to slow traffic down so people can cross the A65 safely in the village and throughout the 30mph zone.

36.23 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

Village Hall - Cllr Battye advised she attended the recent Village Hall Committee meeting and that Mark Hamblett the Chairman of the Hall had told everyone of the future innovations he is trying to bring about. He is working with Action for Cumbria (ACT) who is offering support and ideas. Mark brought along a web designer as he is hoping to have a Village Hall website created, he wants the Village Hall to become a hub for the village and will be surveying us all to ask what we would like from the Village Hall and how we can improve the facility.

Play Area & gardens - The gardener has been busy tidying up the garden and play area and is hoping to do some planting when he has got it cleared. The Clerk advised she had reported the two diseased Ash trees on the verge by the tennis courts have been reported to Highways as the Arboriculturist had reported they now need taking down.

37.23 LENGTHSMAN

Cllr Smith asked Cllr Battye if the Unitary Council was going to re-introduce the grant support toward the cost of the Lengthsman. Cllr Battye did not know of this but said she would make enquiries. The Lengthsman has been busy cutting the verges, removing the ivy around the Village Hall walls and cutting back the hedges where possible, bird nest permitting.

38.23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS

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

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

SL/2023/0450 - Westmorland County Agricultural Society, Lane Farm, Crooklands, - Erection of two agricultural storage buildings (sheep pens/hurdles)

SL/2023/0451 - Westmorland County Agricultural Society, Lane Farm, Crooklands - Formation of new track for pedestrians from car park to show field

No comments received

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

SL/2023/0244 - Application for a Non-Material amendment following grant of planning permission SL/2022/1072 (Raising of roof of existing detached bungalow to form a 2-storey dwelling, pitched roof & single storey side extension to attached garage)

SL/2021/0577 - Beech Lee Gatebeck Lane Endmoor

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED: - None

39.23 FINANCE

b) Paid between meetings:

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| Cartridge Save £58.20 | Coronation celebrations £382.71 |
| Office Supplies £46.16 | HMRC Tax £230.02 |
| Wages & Expenses £820.07 | Netherfield Cricket Club £84.00 |
| Inside Out Services £190.00 | St Patrick's School £3800 (grant from B4PRN) |

Payments received –

Endmoor Football Club £10,001 grant towards drainage work

Bank Interest £126.90

Xfers between accounts: none

Next Meeting – 17th July 2023

Meeting Closed – 9:15pm