

18th July 2023

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 17th July 2023

Cllrs Present M Smith (Chair), A Atkinson, I Mason, G Galbraith, K. Dos Santos, I Park, D Inman, Unitary Cllr Mrs J Batty, and Mrs A Park (Clerk).

Apologies Cllr Mrs M Daunt.

40.23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

41.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Galbraith, Cllr Atkinson item 43.23

42.23 MINUTES – The minutes of the June meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record

43.23 DEVELOPMENT OF WOODLANDS BUSINESS PARK, (SL/2023/0499)
Gatebeck Lane, Endmoor – This development was discussed by the Parish Council and members of the public were given the opportunity to give their comments on the proposed development to the council. Many people were present and raised the following objections or concerns: -

- The plan has incorrect criteria shown in it
- Air pollution is a problem due to the nature of the position of the site
- Road leading to and from the site are not conducive to accommodating such a site as they are narrow, no pavements and used by many pedestrians and HGV's to Gatebeck and on a bus route. No passing places
- This area should not have been included in the local plan as it is outside the Local Plan criteria
- This is a greenfield site designated agricultural and as there is no need for a brownfield site to be created on a greenfield site as there is an empty brownfield site practically adjacent and empty warehousing on that site so why build on a greenfield site?
- The size of the site will overwhelm the footprint of the village
- It would be totally out of character in this area which is ill equipped to facilitate the increased traffic and amenities to such a site
- There is no need to build this type of commercial property on greenfield sites as there are many commercial properties available and advertised in the area with good access and already well equipped such as the old K Shoes site Natland Road, Kendal, Fell View, Shap Road Kendal. The new Unitary Government needs to look outside the box instead of allowing greenfield sites to be turned into brownfield sites

- If the plans were allowed to go ahead how would Highways stop all HGV traffic from using Gatebeck Road which is used by many pedestrians.
- The site has parking for 120 cars which indicates a large increase in traffic to and from the site, objections were due to the anticipated increase in light vehicles on Gatebeck Road which already has a speeding problem. This always assuming HGV access will be restricted.
- Concerns from a resident of Gatebeck Lane regarding the bend on that road as he has already had one vehicle through his garden wall.
- Concern from residents of Gatebeck Road on the speeding which will be exacerbated as the police have ignored all complaint on this matter to date even though we have had a fatality on this road. How do they intend to stop the HGV's using Gatebeck Road and slow down the increased traffic.

The public asked Unitary Councillor Battye her view on the plans, she stated she had concerns about turning greenfield sites in brownfield as she felt they should be kept for agricultural in rural areas. She stated should the Parish Council register an objection to the plans it would then be sent to committee for a determination

A vote by the Parish Council on the matter was taken and the results were:

Objections: Cllr Mason, Cllr Park, Cllr. Dos Santos, Cllr Inman, Cllr Smith

Declarations of interest were declared by Cllr Galbraith and Cllr Atkinson so they were unable to vote.

The council has written to request stats to be gathered on traffic movements The Clerk will write a letter of objection to the planners.

44.23 OPEN SESSION –

- Julia Smithers asked for someone to take over the organising of the Carol Service as she felt it required a fresh pair of eyes. Cllr Dos Santos, Mark Hamblett Chair of the Village Hall and Gemma Charlton have agreed to take on the task so our Carol Service around the tree will be saved. The Chair thanked them for their kind offer. Julia advised she had booked the Brass Band and Endmoor Choir would be in attendance and said she was willing to give the new recruits assistance as required.
- Loss of water in the parish, the Clerk advised she had written to United Utilities to ask when are they going to carry out a permanent repair by replacing the pipe at Crooklands Hill as the bursts are always in that area. She had received a response confirming they have now secured funding for the replacement of this pipe and the work is planned for September 2023.
- As concerns had been raised regarding the matter of the plan to remove the out of hours doctor service from Westmorland General Hospital (WGH) between the hours of 2am-8am on Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays (Wednesday and Thursday post bank holidays) to save costs the Parish Council had registered those concerns with Tim Farron as people are worried not only about the cover during those time but is it a forerunner to

running it down the service at WGH altogether? A response had been received from ChoC advising stating if a face-to-face appointment or home visit was required these would be shared from other sites.

45.23 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.

46.23 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –
As Cllr Battye had to leave early in order to attend Preston Patrick’s meeting no report was available.

47.23 SPEEDWATCH –
The council discussed the matter of the Speedwatch initiative in our Parish and the cost of the calibration of the Speedgun, they felt as speeding was getting worse in the village we should continue with the programme. Cllr Inman proposed the Speedgun be calibrated Cllr Mason seconded, all agreed. The Clerk will organise the calibration of the Speedgun. The Council felt that once the Speedgun was in use perhaps more volunteers could be found. Malcom Burton who currently runs the Speedwatch scheme for our Parish stated he had two more volunteers waiting to start and possibly a third. He gave an appraisal of what he felt should be done with physical solutions such as speed cameras, strips over road, lights and felt there should be zero tolerance on speeders in built up areas. Julia Smither who looks after the stats from the Speed Indicator Devices and deals with the letters sent out to offenders stated she is currently in discussion with the police regarding the continuation of the scheme and Malcolm advised he would be willing to go to the police station to send out the letters if required.

48.23 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- The matter of the mole in the play area having been discussed previously Cllr Atkinson came armed with a ‘harmless to humans’ mole deterrent and would place them around the play area.
- Several improvements had been made to the train; new steps and handrails have been installed however 16 new wheels are required and quote of £388.00 has been obtained, Cllr Park proposed we accept this quote, Cllr Atkinson seconded, all agreed. Once they are installed, they will need painting so volunteers are being sought. It was noted caps were missing off the shelter, Cllr Park said he would sort it.
- A quote of £450 has been received for the tidying up all around the edges playing field which have become overgrown. Cllr Galbraith proposed we go ahead seconded by Cllr Park, all agreed. The clerk will advise the contractor accordingly.

49.23 CIL MONEY

- A member of the public asked if the council would consider buying Proctors Wood for the community. The Chair asked the cost of the wood and was advised £25K the Chair stated it would be put on the next agenda.
- Endmoor Bowling Club had requested new Score Cards at a cost of £280 in total, the council felt as the club was popular entertainment for the community it should be considered. Cllr Inman proposed we purchase them, Cllr Galbraith seconded and all agreed,

50.23 LENGTHSMAN

Cllr Inman advised the Lengthsman has been busy tidy up around the village hall in addition to his duties in cutting the verges in the parish.

51.23 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/2021/0577 - Beech Lee Gatebeck Lane Endmoor amendments to previous plans.

The plans were discussed at length with the owner of the property having been objected to at the last attempt. The owner went through all the previous objections made by the Parish Council to advise that they had all been addressed. A neighbour had written to the Parish Council about some issued and these were gone through with the owner responding to each in turn.

The Council then took a vote on whether they now had any objections to the plan and none had.

All Councillor present had no objections to the current plan. The Clerk will advise the planner accordingly.

SL/2023/0499 - Woodlands Business Park, Land North of Gatebeck Lane Endmoor - Change of use of agricultural land to business park, with the erection of 6 new employment buildings and associated site works (Class E(g), B2 and B8 Uses) (MAJOR APPLICATION)

This item having previously been discussed at length (43.23) with the public the Clerk will write a letter to the planning officer informing them of our objections.

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/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

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED: -

SL/2023/0391 - 1 Birchfield Endmoor - Erection of a double garage with storage room above- Grant with Conditions

52.23 FINANCE

Paid between meetings:

L&W Wilson £21,600.00	ICO for CCTV £35
Wages & Expenses £819.01	HMRC Tax £230.02
Inside Out Services £235.00	Netherfield Cricket Club £84.00

Payments received – None

Xfers between accounts: 21/6/23 £12,000 - Dep to Cur

Next Meeting – 18th September 2023

Meeting Closed – 9:00pm