

21st September, 2021

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Apologies: Cllr D Inman, J Lyons (Broadband group)

61.21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

62.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

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

64.21 STANDING ORDERS - The Councillors having been sent a new set of Standing Orders for Councillors the Chair asked members if they were willing to accept and comply all agreed therefore Cllr Atkinson proposed we adopt them and Cllr Mason seconded all Councillor will now work to these orders.

65.21 B4NPR BROADBAND UPDATE - Mr Lyons sent the following report:

There was a slowing down of activity during August due to holidays, Grandparent/ family duties, the Bank Holiday and more recently the County Show but work did not cease completely. A number of businesses on Summerlands Trading Estate are now connected, B4RN have largely completed the core route to the housing scheme and residents of Alexander and Warwick Drives, Summerlands residents are in the course of digging the connections to their own properties. Within Endmoor last Saturday volunteers assisted residents of Woodside Close to lay ducting from the main cabinet to houses and it is anticipated this will be completed next weekend. The team is working with residents at Carter House and Deer Park to establish how to construct the route from the club Inn to Crooklands Farm. A more immediate problem is the Government's proposal to change the way contracts for provision of Hyper fast Broadband are awarded. Whilst discussions on the proposals are ongoing the immediate effect is that new applications for Dig Grant vouchers (this being the way suppliers such as B4RN or BT get paid from the government when a property owner has taken the service) have been stopped until tenders for provision of Hyper fast Broadband in Cumbria and Northumberland are issued and contracts awarded which is estimated to take 12-18 months. A possible effect for Preston Richard would be that our community would be subject to a technological divide - current users enjoying 1G mbps, others stuck on their current speeds. This is a severe blow to the objective of improving broadband capability throughout the entire parish. Local MP's are lobbying ministers to at least enable projects like B4RNPR to be permitted to complete what has been started.

66.21 OPEN SESSION – Two members of the public attended the meeting to discuss planning application **SL/2021/0711** on this meeting's agenda after going through the plans the Chair advised that no comments on this application had been sent to the Parish Council and no member had any objections to the plans.

67.21 PRESTON RICHARD EMERGENCY PLAN (PREP) REPORT – Roger Gorman sent the following: There have been no reports of Covid-19 cases or deaths in our Parish. There were 326 confirmed cases 13-19 September in South Lakeland which is a decrease of 7.6% on the previous week. There have been no deaths. Our PREP Group has been invited to a "Table Top Exercise" with emergency teams from Kendal, Sedgwick and Beetham on 4th November at Newbiggin, near Penrith. This will give us an opportunity to meet people in the area concerned with emergency planning. Although the focus is largely "flooding" it should be useful. We are losing Ceri Watson from our team mid-October as she is leaving the area. Ceri has been a very valuable member of the team in her role as Secretary.

68.21 POLICE REPORT – There was very little to report in our area other than benches vandalised at Sedgwick.

69.21 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS – Cllr Bingham reported Covid still dominates Council Concerns. At the beginning of September epidemic rates were already rising, although we were assured that they were below the England average. Now, a fortnight later there were 2001 new cases and increase of 15%. Barrow over took Eden with the highest percentage of 438 cases per 100k population. Later Allerdale (north west Cumbria) experienced the greatest proportional increase of 30+ %. Fortunately, the number of hospital cases were far fewer than during previous surges. There were 36 hospital cases. On hospitals I am told that the new 500 space car-park for Lancaster Royal Infirmary is going ahead and the new CT scan suite at Westmorland General is now open. These and other improved facilities constitute a great boon to patients and their visitors for years to come. Prior to the Chancellor's Autumn Statement both the County and District Councils have reported satisfactory balances and good reserves, thanks largely to good management of the government's multi million pounds grants to help cope with pandemic. Specifically, Lakeland's unusually good weather, compared to the south of England, led to a higher than projected rise in car park income. The new charge points are to be installed by Cybermoor Ltd. in two Council Car-parks in Kendal and Ulverston and individual car-parks in Bowness, Windermere, Bowness, Ambleside and Grasmere. None are as yet planned for rural areas like ours. SLDC had a lively debate on cemetery regulations. In Lower Kentdale Division all burial grounds are in Churchyards their arrangements adopted by the Diocese of Carlisle. Many families have graves in municipal cemeteries in Kendal, Ulverston, Grange etc. and the main rule is that 'memorials erected will be the sole responsibility of the owners of the memorials and shall be maintained by the owner and should the council (or church authorities) take down or remove a memorial that may be dangerous, this will be at the expense of the owner of the grave memorial. By the same criterion families are responsible for the funeral expenses of first-degree relatives, although in some cases a Social Security grant can be obtained to pay for a 'simple funeral' where the deceased leaves insufficient assets. So called 'public funerals' paid by the Councils are very rare-generally only one or two a year for instance when a body without any identity or whose family are unknown.

70.21 HIGHWAY – A member of the public reported a pothole on Gatebeck Road at the junction with the road to Wilson's, the Chair advised this has been reported numerous times but highways advise it will not be attended to at the moment.

71.21 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- The play area was inspected and Cllr Smith reported it is okay at the moment but is undergoing repair/repainting by council members.
- Resurfacing around the train and swings will start October 13th weather permitting.
- The Village Hall car park wall, the Clerk reported she had had no response from the builder although having contacted him several times and several different ways and the members had been unable to supply any local builder's names who may provide a quote to undertake the work. Cllr Galbraith said he would make enquiries and advise the Clerk.

72.21 LENGTHSMAN – David has in hand the reinstating of new flower boxes for the village entrances and the flooring for the new bus shelter at Crooklands. The Clerk advised she had been in touch with Story Homes regarding the reinstating of the verges outside their development. As the noticeboards are in need of repair it was suggested we ask for quotes for replacements. Cllr Mason proposed this and Cllr Atkinson seconded, all agreed. The Clerk will further this.

73.21 CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (CALC) – nothing to report from the newsletter to the meeting.

74.21 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/2021/0711 - 11 Birchfield Endmoor - Proposed front, side and rear extensions and roof alterations

SL/2021/0754 - 31 Meadowside Close Endmoor - Two storey side extension

SL/2021/0761 - Milton House Crooklands - Installation of new sewage disposal system within the curtilage of Milton house

SL/2021/0753 - Orchard House Crooklands - Side garage extension with glazed balcony above accessed from first floor lounge

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

SL/2021/0577 - Beech Lee Gatebeck Lane Endmoor - Replacement dwelling and garage and change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage.

5/20/9009 - L & W Wilson (Endmoor) Ltd, Shiralee, Gatebeck Road - Concrete batching operations taking place in L & W Wilson (Endmoor) Ltd yard.

The Clerk informed the meeting she had been on touch with the planning officer again regarding Wilson's application and a report was still being compiled for the decision.

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED: -

SL/2021/0561 - Deer Park Crooklands Milnthorpe - Single storey front and rear extension & internal alterations – Granted with conditions

SL/2021/0614 - The Paddock Crooklands Milnthorpe - Garage and store side extension - Granted with conditions

SL/2020/0956 - Lake View 3 High Birkrigg Park Stainton - Erection of agricultural barn – refused.

75.21 FINANCE –Paid between meetings:

Truvelo (speed gun calibration) £301.20	Arnold Greenwood £540.00
P. A Park wages and expense £644.14	HMRC (tax) £159.16
Barn Materials £150.00	DH Forestry (Jun & Jul) £1854.63
A2A web hosting £78.00	Max Recycle May waste £57.94
D&C Atkinson grass cut £228.83	Barn Materials £9.00
Lakes Computers £1012.80	Barn Materials £20.19
P. A Park wages and expense £637.54	HMRC (tax) £158.96
SLDC (Waste bins) £420.00	Barn Materials £263.25
D&C Atkinson grass cut £228.83	Max Recycle May waste £59.78

Payments received - 27/7/21 Broadband donations £300, 14/7/21 Tennis Club Lease £450.00, 27/7/21 SLDC street lighting refund £141.18.
6/9/21 Bank Interest .83p

Xfers between accounts: **20/7/21** £2k from deposit to current account
06/8/21 £3k from deposit to current account

76.21 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS: - none.

Next Meeting – Monday 18th October 2021

The meeting closed at 20:25