

20th September 2023

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 18th September 2023

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

Apologies Cllr Mrs M Daunt, I Park.

53.23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

54.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

55.23 MINUTES – The minutes of the July meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record

56.23 OPEN SESSION –

A resident had raised several issues around the Dove Nest Lane area which the Councillors discussed

- Dog Fouling – this has been a problem for some time, it was pointed out that the Parish Council put in several new bins around the parish in an effort to get people to pick up and place in the bins but unfortunately this does not happen. There are insufficient resources to monitor all areas, the Clerk advised that Westmorland and Furness Council (W&F) are asking members of the public to report the incidents. This can be done by going to [Report dog fouling \(southlakeland.gov.uk\)](https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk) they ask that you have the name and address of the person in charge of the dog, a description of the dog and when the incident took place plus any supporting evidence if you have any. Failing to pick up after your dog carries a £100 fixed penalty fine and persistent offenders can be taken to court and face a £1000 fine. Cllr Battye said she would also obtain more 'No dog fouling' signs for the area.
- Speeding and parking around the Dove Nest Lane and Enyeats Road area. It was pointed out that the Parish Council together with the Community had carried out several initiatives, Speedwatch, Speed Indicators (SID) in addition we have repeatedly asked for help from the Police, County and District Councils but little help has been given. The SIDs seemed to improve matters somewhat and do give supporting evidence to the police on the current situation of speeders. Speedwatch goes a little further by actually getting the accurate speed using police approved speed gun and another member recording the vehicles make and registration number, this being sent to the police for further action by them. This however required members of the public to come forward and give a little time to go out with the gun and get the evidence. Once again, we are short of volunteers to do this. Cllr Battye advised W&F Council are introducing an initiative whereby 20mph speed limits can be asked for on roads that suffer speeding problems, this will be put forward for scrutiny,

by the W&F Local Board and if approved implemented. It was once again pointed out that if offenders don't adhere to the 30mph why would they adhere to a 20mph. The Parish Council felt we definitely require speed cameras especially on the A65 through the village and help with slowing traffic throughout the parish.

- Parking at the Dove Nest Lane/Enyeats Road junction the council is aware of this and have discussed it many times before but with the lack of parking in that area it is difficult to stop. There are no parking restrictions and on previous enquiries from Highways the Parish Council were advised there was little point putting yellow lines as there is insufficient resources to police it.

A second matter that had been raised was the possible purchase of Proctor's Wood however the resident advised this was now under offer and therefore no further action was required.

Cllr Galbraith wanted to raise the problem of the water pipe which is constantly running through the main street, United Utilities have now dug the road up four times and still not cured it. The Clerk will write to United Utilities to complain.

57.23 DEVELOPMENT OF WOODLANDS BUSINESS PARK, (SL/2023/0499)

- The Clerk advised she had made enquiries about the current progress of this application and was advised as the planner in our area had been on holiday no progress had been made as yet.
- A member of the public raised several questions regarding the application: Has the school been notified? The Clerk advised they had been informed. How many objectors can speak should it go to Committee as he understood only three? The Chair advised this was a matter for the Planning Authority, Cllr Battye advised she would make enquiries as a reserve member of the Planning Committee and advise. The resident also advised he had complained to W&F about the public notification catchment area on this planning application 26/7/23 and as yet had received no response. Cllr Battye said she would also look into this matter. The resident felt more should have been done by the Parish Council to make the surrounding areas much more aware of this large development. The Chair advised we did not have the resources or manpower to do this although people had been made aware by publishing extensive minutes on two Facebook pages, our website and 5 noticeboards around the area. We are also aware Preston Patrick has also raised awareness. He asked if Preston Patrick and Richard were in touch, the Clerk advised they were and Cllr Battye advised she was coordinating the responses from both Parish's.

58.23 LOW PARK LIGHTS – The Clerk advised she had now managed to get the 9 upgraded lights adopted by W&F Council Highways and agreement to get the remaining five lights adopted once the columns are replaced. The Clerk asked the Parish Council if they would like be prepared to use some of the Community Infrastructure Levy money to do this. Cllr Galbraith proposed we should Cllr Atkinson seconded all but Cllr Mason agreed, he abstained as he didn't feel the council should pay.

59.23 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.

60.23 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –

Cllr Battye advised the new County Local Boards had been set up

- [Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Committee](#)

As a member of the of this committee she asks that we notify her what activities are available for children and youngsters in our parish. They are looking at development and promoting youth work

- [Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee](#)

They are developing an action plan for the winter pressures on health issues, looking at community hospitals. The new hospitals are Preston and Lancaster and more money will be put into Furness General and whilst it is hoped more diagnostic work will be coming to Westmorland General the day-to-day health also needs considering. Other winter pressures are roads and pavements, they are setting up a plan to get parishes to help themselves by getting local residents to do some gritting. Cllr Galbraith said too many restrictions were placed on farmers who wanted to help and as such it made it impossible. The Clerk pointed out the bin offered by the Parish Council for the school road has still not been sorted regarding the refilling of same. Cllr Battye said she would make enquiries and come back to us. Outstanding matters were enquired about

- Woodlands Business Park, request for traffic figures for Gatebeck Lane & Road. Cllr Battye said she had been asked to raise it on the Highways system so still awaiting a response.
- Update on how W&F configure the annual lighting figure, she advised the Director of Finance was preparing a reply.
- Update on how W&F arrived at the annual waste charge to the Parish – this is still being looked into.

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61.23 NOTICEBOARD FOR FELLSIDE MANOR

Now we have got permission from planning to place it on the verge Cllr Mason proposed we go ahead; Cllr Galbraith seconded all agreed. The Clerk will organise it.

62.23 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- In the play area 16 new wheels have been obtained for the train and are being painted by Councillor. There is some rot on the train in other areas but this will be replaced.
- Mr Dodd, Secretary of the Village Hall Committee advised the Chair had resigned and they will be looking for a new chair in the future.

63.23 LENGTHSMAN

Cllr Inman advised had been in discussion with the Lengthsman regarding his annual hourly rate increase. Cllr Inman proposed an increase of £2.00 per hour to £23.00, this was seconded by Cllr Galbraith all were in agreement.

64.23 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/2023/0621 - St Patricks C Of E School Gatebeck Road Endmoor - Single storey classroom extension – no objections from Parish Council

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

SL/2023/0499 - Woodlands Business Park, Land North of Gatebeck Lane Endmoor - Change of use of agricultural land to business park, 6 new employment buildings and associated site works (MAJOR APPLICATION)

SL/2023/0244 - Application for a Non-Material amendment following grant of planning permission SL/2022/1072

SL/2023/0451 - Westmorland County Agricultural Society, Lane Farm, Crooklands - Formation of new track

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED: -

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

SL/2021/0577 - Beech Lee Gatebeck Lane Endmoor amendments to previous plans - Grant with Conditions

65.23 FINANCE

- Conclusion of Audit was discussed and approved no recommendation made
- Q2 Finance report – was gone through approved, no questions raised
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Paid between meetings:

B. Cooke (Bowling Club Scoreboard) £280.00	MDJ Staircases Ltd £1050.00 (train repairs)
Wages & Expenses £820.81	HMRC Tax £230.02
Inside Out Services £235.00 (July)	Netherfield Cricket Club £72.00
A2A Advertising (website) £78.00	Truvelo Uk Ltd (Speed gun) £276.00
M. Smith (Paint for train wheels) £53.98	Wages & Expenses £822.14
HMRC Tax £230.02	Moore (audit) £504.00
Inside Out Services £235.00 (Aug)	

Payments received – Bank interest £122.50

Xfers between a/c: 2/8/23 £4,000 - Dep to Cur

Next Meeting – 16th October 2023

Meeting Closed – 9:04pm