

16th April 2024

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 15th April 2024

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

Apologies, Cllr D Inman,

1.24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

2.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Smith on item 10.24 Bowling Club

3.24 MINUTES – The minutes of the March meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record

4.24 OPEN SESSION –

- The request for a library in the phone box on Gatebeck Road was discussed, Cllr Mason proposed we proceed, Cllr Atkinson seconded, all agreed. The Clerk and Chair will organise appropriate shelving.
- A report had been received from Mrs Mason that the benches on Commonmire have been checked, maintained and given a coat of preservative stain. The mushrooms have been replaced with new and are much appreciated by all. Mrs Mason also advised dog fouling had increased in the Commonmire area and signs will be appearing on gates to ask people to please pick up after their dogs to keep the area pleasant for everyone.
- Dog fouling down Dove Nest continues to be a problem, Cllr Batty will check to see how many signs have been installed in that area.

5.24 LITTLER PICK PROJECT - Cllr Dos Santos informed all is set for the Spring Litter Pick which will take place on the 28th April 2-4pm followed by refreshments at the Club Inn afterwards for all participants.

6.24 POLICE –Police information can be found on their website [Home | Cumbria Police](#) or on their Facebook page [south lakes police - search results | Facebook](#). The clerk advised there was little to report on the pages a few reports of anti-social behaviour around the district but nothing in our area. The Clerk advised training by the police for the new Speedwatch volunteers had taken place on Sunday and the Chair stated traffic had visibly slowed whilst this was taking place and if anyone wanted to join the group please contact the Parish Council.

7.24 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –

Cllr Batty asked the Clerk if she had received an email concerning the charging for street lighting which was requesting information, the clerk advised she had received the email and would be responding shortly. Other initiatives

she advised were information on how W&F Council and Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) can work better with Parish Councils, Verges and how best these can be dealt with on matters such as wild flowers, less pesticides etc., and another on Health and Wellbeing. The Clerk asked if she had managed to get any figures for traffic around our village, she hadn't but would ask again. She stated although we had not opted to introduce 20mph zones at present she would keep us informed on those that had.

8.24 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- The annual inspection of the play area has been carried out by Westmorland & Furness Council (W&F), a few minor issues were identified and local companies are being sought to do the work.
- W&F has brought to our attention that cars have been parking on the volley ball court which is outside the Village Hall. This must not be used for parking as the soft pour surface will be damaged and more importantly it is for children playing. After discussion it was agreed a fence should be erected to stop this practice, Cllr Galbraith proposed the motion and Cllr Mason seconded, all agreed. The Clerk will organise the work.

9.24 HIGHWAYS

The new grit bin for the school road will be installed shortly.

10.24 CIL MONEY EXPENDITURE

Suggestions:

- The 2 new benches for the Bowling Club were discussed and it was agreed to purchase them, Cllr Park proposed, Cllr Mason seconded, all agreed.
- More improvements to the drainage on the playing field – plans have been drawn up but still awaiting costs.
- The Club Inn suggested solar panels to be considered, the Clerk will make enquiries from W&F Council.

11.24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS –

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

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2024/0525/FPA – Hillside, Gatebeck Road, Endmoor - Change of use of a dwelling house (Use Class C3) as a home for up to 2 young people (no older than 18 years of age). They will have care provided 24 hours a day by up to 2 care staff and a manager during the day with 2 staff overnight (Use Class C2 - Residential institution)

Many residents attended the meeting to discuss this planning application, the Council listened to their view or concerns and after due consideration they felt on balance that they should object to this application mainly due to the location of the proposed Care Home. The Clerk will inform the Planning Office. Details of the Council's response can be found on the Planning Website. [Quick Search | Westmorland & Furness Council \(westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk\)](#)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

2023/1158/FPA – Regularise the built retaining wall by plats 35/70 – Cllr Battye advised this has been approved pending screening taking place

2023/1156/NMA – Non-Material Amendments to SL/2017/0841 – this has now been approved

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) (no committee shown as yet) – Cllr Battye believes this has been referred to the Strategic Planning Committee in May

SL/2023/0244 - Fairwinds, Low Park Lane, Endmoor - 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) – no update.

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:

SL/2023/0688 - Woodland adjoining 1 Woodlands Close Endmoor - Change of use of woodland to domestic garden - **Withdrawn**

12.24 FINANCE –

Paid between meetings:

Wages & Expenses £823.29	HMRC Tax & NI £230.02
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Payments received – Bank Apology £100, Bank Interest £198.26, H Robinson £510

Transfers between a/c - none

Next Meeting which will be the AGM – 20th May 2024

Meeting Closed – 8:45pm