

17th March, 2026

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 16th March 2026

Cllrs Present: Cllrs. M Smith (Chair), A. Atkinson, S Parr, I Park, K. Dos Santos, Cllrs R Toon, G Galbraith, Unitary Cllr Mrs J Battye and Mrs A Park (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr D Inman,

115.25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

116.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

117.25 MINUTES – The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record

118.25 OPEN SESSION –

The Clerk advised several concerns had been received via email regarding the Westmorland & Furness Council's consultation on the 'Proposed Home to School Transport Policy Changes'. Cllr Battye having received copies of the emails advised she had taken on board the concerns. She urged everyone affected by the proposed changes to fill in the consultation and make their concerns known to help with the decisions

[Home to School Transport: Public Consultation on Proposed Policy Changes | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)

She explained that cuts are necessary due to Government funding cuts therefore the council had to make savings of £2.5m. The Clerk remarked the consultation documents are too complicated referring to other lengthy policies and asked if something could be done to improve the process. Cllr Battye said she would request this. The Chair asked the clerk to formulate a response to the consultation in line with the concerns received and discussed during the meeting The Chair thanked Cllr Battye for her assistance in this matter.

The Clerk asked Cllr Dos Santos if the Spring Litter Pick is to go ahead, Cllr Dos Santos advised this would take place in April

119.25 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –

- Cllr Battye ask if the Parish Council was interested in having Electric Vehicle charging points on Endmoor Village Hall car park, the clerk advised there were some legal matters to consider in this decision therefore Cllr Battye was asked to make enquiries for more details and advise the council accordingly.
- Cllr Battye will look into the matter of a directional sign for Endmoor Bowling Club
- Cllr Battye is trying to arrange a meeting after Easter with Highways and the Parish Council.
- Cllr Battye also advised money had been made available to the help residents with oil fired heating, details will be released soon.

120.25 HIGHWAYS – The Clerk advised complaints had been received regarding the state of the road surface between Crooklands and Milnthorpe, Cllr Battye advised this road surface is scheduled to be redressed or resurfaced in the coming year 2026/2027.

121.25 POLICE – The clerk advised no local reports found on media for our area, [Home | Cumbria Police](#) and Facebook page [south lakes police - search results | Facebook](#)

122.25 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- A quote had been received for work on the playing field due to flooding. The Council discussed the quote and the costs already incurred and felt they could not afford further work at this time but would like a report on why this further flooding is occurring. The Clerk will contact the Football Club on this matter for their assistance.
- The Playground inspection has been carried and work logged for action.
- Clerk advised we had several quotes for the gardening and grass cutting and one had been selected for the coming season.

123.25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS –

All applications and decisions which can be viewed on [Quick Search | Westmorland & Furness Council \(westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk\)](#)

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

2026/0358/HOU - 1 Enyeat Road Endmoor - Single storey side and rear extension, front porch extension, alterations to the driveway and front garden, and provision of an external store.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS –

2025/2241/FPA - Land East of Milton Lane Crooklands – Erection of timber stable block with ancillary hard standing and much trailer for private use.

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:

2026/0048/HOU - 2 Eskrigg Lane Endmoor - Proposed single storey side extension – approved with conditions

APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS

2025/1855/APP Ikan Ltd Old Smithy Stores Main Street Endmoor LA8 0EU - Advertisement Consent for an internally illuminated sign (Retrospective)

124.25 FINANCE –

Paid between meetings:

Wages & Expenses (Feb) £894.02	HMRC Tax & NI £315.45
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Payments received – 2/3/26 Bank Interest £129.78

Transfers between a/c – None

Next Meeting– 20th April 2026

Meeting closed 8.57pm