

18 March, 2025

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 17th March 2025

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

Apologies Cllr D Inman,

123.24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

124.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Atkinson item 131.24

125.24 MINUTES – The minutes of the February meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate records

126.24 OPEN SESSION – The owner of Cheeky Monkeys Child Minding Services attended the meeting to ask for some support from the Parish Council as the planning officer was requesting further information for them to obtain the certificate to continue their child-minding services. After listening to the owner, it would appear there was some difficulty in assuring the planning officer that the service had been operational for the last 10 years continuously. The Chair and several councillors confirmed they could confirm this one stating their children had attended their 27 years ago. The Council unanimously agreed a letter should be sent to planning to advise them that they could confirm continuous operation of the service at that address for more than 10 years.

A member of the public complained about fly tipping of garden waste on to the footpath which runs down the length of the new Story development from the A65 to Gatebeck Road. She advised she had spoken to the person but it appears it is still happening. The complainant was asked to obtain details so the Council could discuss the implications with the offenders.

127.24 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –

Cllr Battye advised she had checked on the matter of the bin problem on Low Park Lane raised last month and informed the meeting that it had been emptied and cleaned, the Chair said he had observed the bins being emptied today around the village and the clerk confirmed she had reported the Low Park and Nuttinghall Lane bin to ensure they are included in the round. The situation will be monitored.

- **Low Park:** Cllr Battye had put forward to Westmorland & Furness Council (W&F) the case for them to consider Low Park for inclusion in the next 20mph zones to be created, however they were not successful as there are more urgent cases. Cllr Battye advised Highways had agreed to come back

to meet with the Parish Council to discuss speeding in the village. The Chairman advised traffic monitoring equipment had been placed on Gatebeck Road and Gatebeck Lane to gain insight into the problem areas.

- **Election dates:** Cllr Battye advised W&F are hoping to bring Town and Parish Council elections in line with their elections in the hope of cutting costs and as such the Parish Council will be contacted in the future to ask for their decision on such a move.
- **Devolution:** Cllr Battye advised W&F Council are discussing the possibility of introducing a Mayoral Combined Authority. She explained that this would mean having devolved powers from Government to an elected Mayor who would administer the running of Cumbria in the hope of addressing local needs and making the county work better. She advised in some areas where a mayor had been employed that it had improved such matters as transport and financial spending, the mayor would work closely with the Police Commissioner to best serve our area. Consultations are still ongoing. It was explained a mayor would be responsible for economic development, tourism, businesses and working closely with Police and Fire services.
- **Boundary changes:** W&F are looking to change local boundaries to make constituency figures under W&F Councillors more even with a target figure of approximately 2800 per councillor. Details can be found on their web page where members of the public can have their say. [Westmorland and Furness | LGBCE](#) on the proposals.
- **Local Plan:** Cllr Battye advised the proposed sites for the Local Plan should be published in April and advised everyone to check them to see how it affects your area.

128.24 POLICE – The Clerk advised that the Police reported nothing in the Endmoor Area, they appear to have been targeting parking outside schools in the Kendal area. Details about police in your area can be found on [Home | Cumbria Police](#) and Facebook page [south lakes police - search results | Facebook](#).

The Police are also having a purge on anti-social behaviour should you experience this please report to [Report antisocial behaviour | Cumbria Police](#)

On the matter of appointing two representatives from the Parish Council to liaise with the police on local matters, it was agreed Cllrs Smith and Parr would take up this role.

129.24 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- The chair advised a stop had been placed on the entrance gate to the playing field to avoid it swinging onto the car park. However, the spring for the new gate on the children's play area has not yet arrived but has been ordered.
- Cllr Galbraith advised the play area check has not been done but will be done shortly.
- Quotes had been received for maintaining the playing field and for the children's play area and the village car park, garden, boxes and around the clock and these were considered and accepted.
- The trees pruning had been completed but a few minor matters such as ivy removal will be done by the lengthsmen.

130.24 HIGHWAYS -SPEEDWATCH – Cllr. Parr advised a notice had gone out to the public to ask for volunteers to carry out Speedwatch and although many requested that we speed watch in their area of the village no volunteers have come forward. We currently 5 members as one has recently left the village and therefore with so few we can only cover a very limited area. Should anyone wish to join, training will be given and perhaps we can then take requests. It was announced as the weather is improving more sessions are planned. Cllr Smith asked Cllr Batty to speak with highways about loose stones and gravel at the junction of Woodside Road and the A65 which has recently been swept but left large holes and dips and is concerns someone may trip crossing the road. He also suggested that with the amount of traffic maybe W&F may consider inspecting Woodside and Gatebeck Road more than the once annually currently scheduled. Cllrs agreed that there are many large potholes on Gatebeck Road, the clerk advised they had been reported yet nothing is being done.

131.24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS –

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

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2025/0277/HOU - 3 Weston Houses Dove Nest Lane Endmoor - Proposed two storey side extension and single storey front extension.

2025/0262/HOU - Hameland Endmoor - Erection of front porch, utility extension, carport and outside store.

2025/0231/FPA - Westmorland County Agricultural Society Lane Farm Crooklands - Westmorland County Agricultural Society Lane Farm Crooklands.

No comments received

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

2024/2209/FPA- Stubb Farm Gatebeck Road Endmoor - Erection of an extension to farm building roof to cover yard

2025/0164/LDPR - Land at Gatebeck Lane Gatebeck, Endmoor - Lawful Development Certificate (proposed) seeking confirmation that planning permission SL/2018/0148 (Demolition of redundant store, erection of a two-storey industrial unit and extension of lorry parking area) has been implemented

2025/0093/HOU - 6 Woodside Road Endmoor - Proposed detached garage, replacing existing shed

2025/0124/LDEX - Elm Grove Endmoor - Lawful Development Certificate (existing) to establish the mixed use of the building as a dwelling and childminding business has been for more than 10 years (Since 1998)

2024/1642/FPA - Milton House Crooklands - Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian & creation of manège with post and rail fencing & sand and Fibre mix surface

SL/2023/0244 - Fairwinds, Low Park Lane, Endmoor - Application for a Non-Material amendment following grant o-f 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)

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED: - None

132.24 FINANCE –

- Paid between meetings:

Black Sheep Iron Works ££8742	Wages & Expenses (Feb) £894.29
HMRC Tax & NI £260.44	DH Forestry £225.00

Payments received – 03/03/2025 Bank Interest £259.04

Transfers between a/c – 21/02/25 £9k from dep - cur account

Meeting closed 8:35pm

Next Meeting– 21st April 2025