

19th May, 2026

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 18th May 2026

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

Apologies, None

13.26 The Chair stood down and the Vice chair took over to ask for nominees for a Chair for the year, Cllr Smith was nominated, all agreed, Cllr Smith accepted

14.26 The Chair asked for nominees for Vice Chair, Cllr Inman advised the meeting he wished to step down as vice chair, Cllr Parr was nominated all agreed, Cllr Parr accepted

15.26 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

16.26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

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

18.26 OPEN SESSION – A member the public raised concerns regarding problems exiting Birchfield due to a bush on the corner obscuring the traffic on Gatebeck Road. As it is not known who owned the bush a site visit will be made and the clerk will report it to Westmorland & Furness (W&F) or contact the owner to discuss the problem. The Clerk advised if anyone has highway or pavement issues such as this they can report direct on line to W&F [Cumbria Highways](#) that way the reporter will received an response and link to track the progress of their report.

19.26 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS – Cllr Battye advised the following:

- 1) Electric Vehicle charging point sites are still being sought and Cllr Battye advised she had spoken with The Club Inn to see if they wish to be considered for any no decision as yet.
- 2) The sign for the Bowling Club is still in hand with Highways; Cllr Battye will chase it up.
- 3) The matter of parking on the southbound slip road at the junction of the A65 and Gatebeck Lane, this matter was discussed at the Highways meeting see item **20.26**.
- 4) Newly formed entrance across footpath at Birchfield this has been passed to the planning authority for further investigation and a site visit.

20.26 HIGHWAYS – A meeting took place with Highways, Cllr Battye and the Parish Council on 14th May to discuss speeding and parking problems throughout the village and possible solutions. We have not as yet received the minutes but a summary below of outcomes.

Discussions took place on the following traffic issues. All agreed the below possibilities were proposed for next year's budget 27/28 as this year's budget is already allocated. **These would be submitted proposals but no guarantees** they will be accepted but we have to start somewhere.

1. Speeding on the A65 through the village

Ans: Possible lines narrowing the road to slow southbound traffic and or bollard - awaiting costings for the Parish Council to consider. If cost effective this could be carried out within the current year.

2. Speeding on smaller roads through the village (Gatebeck Lane & Road)

Ans: There is little Highways can do if the road already has a speed limit this must be dealt with by the police and should be reported, if possible, when seen. Ask for the speed limit on Gatebeck Lane to be reduced to 30pmh to slow traffic and enable the possibility of a 20mph zone for Low Park.

3. Inconsiderate parking on Gatebeck Road opposite the junction with Birchfield causing a hazard

Ans: A Traffic Regulation Order with yellow road markings will be proposed to restrict parking on Gatebeck Road opposite the junction with Birchfield. Cllr Battye to check with assets to confirm who owns parking space by tennis courts with a view to having parking bays painted.

4. Inconsiderate parking on the A65 south bound slip road at the junction with Gatebeck Lane causing a hazard

Ans: A Traffic Regulation Order will be proposed to restrict parking on the slip road from Gatebeck Lane to the A65. The 'NO PARKING' marking to be repainted. Further talks had taken place between Highways, the Parish Council and the Police and the police have promised to follow up with the owner if any pictures showing a vehicle parked at the site clearly showing the number plate are sent to them. 101Emails@cumbria.police

5. Speeding on the Low Park estate

Ans: This is to be considered together with all Rural roads through the village as a 20mph zone. It is a fact that a 20mph speed limit cannot be placed next to a 60mph limit (Gatebeck Lane) and therefore this will also need to be included in the application for a lesser speed limit. All 20mph zones have been decided for this year however this had now been put forward in the next call for applications.

21.26 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](#)

22.26 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- A representative from Endmoor KGR FC attended the meeting to discuss a small amount of work for the football pitch, discussion took place and the parish council advised they would discuss finances and get back to them.
- The Playground inspection identified several areas that needed attention, many of them minor, the Clerk will talk to W&F Locality Development Officer to discuss options for improvements

23.26 SPEEDWATCH – The Gatebeck Road SID was not providing traffic data and has been taken for repair, hopefully it will be returned later this week

24.26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS –

All applications and decisions which can be viewed on

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NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS – None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS –

2026/0609/FPA - Land behind Malvern Woodside Road Endmoor - Erection of a single self-build dwellinghouse

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

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:

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 – 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) - Dismissed

25.26 THE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT was discussed no recommendations were made by the auditor.

26.26 FINANCE – The clerk having produced a financial report a discussion took place on current expenditure and requests against budget figures. It was decided to approve the completion of the work on the playing field to the sum of £3,000 this proposed by Cllr Inman, Cllr Parr seconded and all agreed. Decisions on the Play equipment are to be considered at the next meeting when costings had been sought.

Paid between meetings:

Wages & Expenses (Apr) £892.70	HMRC Tax & NI £315.45
Lily Green Gardening (supplies) £20	Lily Green Gardening/Grass £400
J. Hartley (Audit) £100	M. Smith (Keys) (10.80
A. Park (annual mileage) £152.10	

Payments received – 16/04/26 HMRC VAT £4974.50,
01/05/2026 Precept £33,000

Transfers between a/c – None

Next Meeting– 15th June 2026

Meeting closed 9.21pm