

16th June, 2026

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 15th June 2026

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

Apologies Cllrs S Parr, K. Dos Santos

27.26 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

28.26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

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

30.26 OPEN SESSION –

The matter of on the bush obscuring the traffic view at the junction of Birchfield and Gatebeck Road has been reported and is being dealt with by Highways.

Reports have been received regarding an overgrown hedge on Woodside Road this was reported to the owner and has now been dealt with.

31.26 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS – Cllr Battye advised the following:

- 1) More sites have been requested for the Local Plan this will be the second and there could be a third call, this does not mean they do not have sufficient already but when these are considered some may not be suitable. She also advised there will be new planning procedures in an attempt to speed up the planning decisions, the majority of new application decisions will be determined by officers, only when, in their opinion, an application does not fit in with the local plan will it be referred to committee.
- 2) The new green waste service will commence at the end of June.
- 3) The matter of the footpath being crossed and the opening at the bottom of Birchfield into the field, having been raised again by the public, Cllr Battye said Planning Authority had carried out a site visit and have it in hand after speaking with those involved, however she will monitor the situation.
- 4) The sign for the Bowling Club is still ongoing as they are awaiting a costing from Highways; Cllr Battye will chase it up.

32.26 HIGHWAYS – Highways have responded by annotating our notes regarding the meeting that took place on 14th May which discussed speeding and parking problems throughout the village and possible solutions. The majority of the response seem to come down to lack of finances. The full details can be found on our website [Preston Richard Parish Council | - CURRENT ISSUES](#) all actions suggested have been carried out.

The Clerk was asked to report the overgrown trees on Gatebeck Lane from Gatebeck Road to the Gatebeck Bridge and the trees at the junction of Crooklands Bridge and the A65.

If anyone has highway or pavement issues they can report direct on line to W&F [Cumbria Highways](#) that way the reporter will receive a response and link to track the progress of their report.

33.26 BUS REFORM PILOT - Westmorland & Furness Council are currently working with their partners on a pilot to explore new approaches to planning and delivering bus services across Cumbria they are asking stakeholders for their view and will shortly ask the public for their views. The Clerk asked the Councillor to have a look to see if we can offer anything at this stage.

34.26 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](#) It was noted by some members that a posting on Facebook had advised a car had had its tyres let down whilst parked on Dove Nest Lane and this had been reported to the Police.

35.26 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- The work on the flooding on the playing field has been completed. The cost will be paid from the CIL money and a donation from Endmoor KGR
- Discussions on the playground inspection report took place and it was decided as the repairs could be costly, we should look into the possibility of replacing the items needing most attention. The Clerk was asked to set up a meeting with possible playground suppliers, Westmorland & Furness playground staff and possible donors to help with the decision.

36.26 SPEEDWATCH – The Gatebeck Road SID is now repaired and after a software upgrade is now working.

**37.26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS –
NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS –**

2026/0925/DISC - Plots 1 & 2 Land adjacent to North Lodge Crooklands - Discharge of condition 4 (surface water & sewage works) attached to Outline Planning permission SL/2022/0224 (Outline planning permission with matters reserved for two detached dwellings)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS –

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

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:

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.

38.26 THE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT was discussed no recommendations were made by the Councillors.

39.26 FINANCE – The Lengthsman has advised an annual increase for his hourly rate, it was decided this was a fair rate. Cllr Inman proposed we accept, Cllr Galbraith seconded, all agreed.

Paid between meetings:

Netherfield CC £88.00	DH Forestry £1262.50
Clear Insurance £1054.23	Wages & Expenses (May) £920.03
HMRC Tax & NI £315.45	Lily Green Gardening/Grass £340
CALC membership £371.01	Pandora Tech (SID) £834.00

Payments received – Bank Interest 8/6/26 £161.43

Transfers between a/c – 15/5/26 £37k cur – dep, 29/5/26 £5k dep - cur

Next Meeting– 20th July 2026

Meeting closed 9.00pm