

28 July, 2025

# PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2025

**Cllrs Present** Cllrs. M Smith (Chair), A. Atkinson, S Parr, K. Dos Santos, I Park, G Galbraith, and Mrs A Park (Clerk),

**Apologies** Cllrs R Toon, D Inman, Unitary Cllr Mrs J Battye

**35.25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION** – None

**36.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

**37.25 MINUTES** – The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate records

**38.25 OPEN SESSION** – The clerk advised a letter had been received regarding the trees on the playing field which was dealt later in item 43.25 of these minutes.

**39.25 THERAPEUTIC CARE** - Three members of staff came to introduce themselves to explain the work they do in the Child Care Sector. They explained how they worked with children from 8 – 18 years old who needed to be taken into care for various reasons. They explained their matching process for placing children in to the right environment for the children and how they hope to give them a normal home environment. Concerns were raised about parking and staff changes, they advised that if this is an issue they would check the parking facilities and if necessary, staff would be asked to park elsewhere and travel in one car. They invited councillor to go to the homes and meet the staff at any time and raise any issues directly with them.

**40.25 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS** - Cllr Battye not being present sent the following report:

**Devolution:** Westmorland and Furness Council will be taking the decision about whether or not to proceed to join the Mayoral Strategic Authority in the autumn, and it seems likely that the first election for the Mayor of Cumbria will now be postponed until May 2027

**Speeding traffic:** I have spoken with Highways who confirmed that they have talked with the Police about Endmoor: they are looking to make a bay on the A65 to enable a speed video van to park there, and drawing up proposals for additional road markings along the A65 all pending funding.

**20mph scheme:** The first schemes are now being installed Sedgwick and Natland the next proposed schemes include Kendal, Milnthorpe, Heversham and Levens. The basic scheme is for “signs only” with separate negotiation and funding for anything in addition such as speed humps.

**Waste recycling and disposal:** Formal proposals are likely to be out soon. Critical issue for us may be how recycling is collected (altogether or in separate boxes etc) and whether to charge for green waste collection.

**Small private children care homes:** I am meeting with Council Officers to work out what approach the Council can take in handling these Lawful Development

Certificate in future to try to limit the apparently increasing numbers of these in Westmorland and Furness Council area.

**41.25 CIL MONEY** – The clerk advised prices had been received for new swings on the play area. The quote was fully discussed, Cllr Park proposed the upgrade should go ahead, seconded by Cllr Parr, all councillors agreed the upgrade. The clerk will progress the order.

**42.25 POLICE** – The Clerk advised nothing to report for our area, currently the police are targeting antisocial behaviour in the area, there had been drug related arrests in Kendal and stolen bikes in Windermere. Details about the police in your area can be found on [Home | Cumbria Police](#) and Facebook page [south lakes police - search results | Facebook](#).

**43.25 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL** –

- This month's check will be carried out by Cllrs Smith and Park.
- The swings in the play area need upgrading and the items ordered.

A letter had been received from a member of the public requesting the height of one tree on the playing field which stands near her house should be reduced in height in the interest of safety. The Council sought advice from an Arboricultural Consultant to come to the meeting to advise them on this matter and he explained the significance of taking such action. Crown reduction can be detrimental on trees in terms of health and structure and can result in the death of a tree. Care must be taken to retain the framework of the tree and ongoing work to ensure new growth maintains the structural condition. With regard to the safety aspect he pointed out the Parish Council takes their Duty of Care very seriously by having the playing field trees inspected annually and an interim check at six months between inspections and as such any defects will be found early. Whilst the tree is considered a risk by the requester it could actually cause problems by interfering with the natural growth. It must be said the tree pre dates the property and has stood there for many years. Cllr Galbraith proposed as the tree was in good condition we should not to undertake any unnecessary work on the tree seconded by Cllr Dos Santos and after considering all aspects everyone agreed.

**44.25 HIGHWAYS** – no new highway problems were reported.

**45.25 SPEEDWATCH** – The clerk will organise the annual Speedgun calibration.

**46.25 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** - None

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS**

**2025/0960/HOU** - Kidside House Beetham Road Milnthorpe - Single storey front/side & rear extensions and a detached 2 storey garage, office & self-contained annexe accommodation (Retrospective).

**2025/0884/LDPR** - Glendale Gatebeck Road Endmoor - A certificate of lawful development

**2024/1642/FPA** - Milton House Crooklands

**SL/2023/0244** - Fairwinds, Low Park Lane, Endmoor

**PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:**

**2025/0916/FPA** – Ivy Cottage Endmoor - Change of use of dwelling (Use Class C3) to care facility for up to 4 adults – approved with – approved with conditions  
**2025/0780/HOU** - 3 Weston Houses Dove Nest Lane Endmoor – approved with conditions

**APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS**

**SL/2023/0499** – Appeal REF -**SL/2023/0499/APP** Woodlands Business Park, Land North of Gatebeck Lane, Gatebeck, 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) – appeal case number **APP/K0940/W/25/3365484**

**47.25 FINANCE**

Paid between meetings:

ICO – CCTV £47.00	Inside Out Services (May) £260.00
DH Forestry (Apr/May) £2154.00	Netherfield Cricket Club (May) £88.80
W&F Council (Play Equip Inspect) £484.80	Wages & Expenses (Jun) £891.13
HMRC Tax & NI £315.45	L&W Wilson (drainage work) £19641.26
Netherfield Cricket Club (Jun) £44.40	Inside Out Services (June) £260.00

**Payments received –** Endmoor Football Club £1800  
**Transfers between a/c –** 02/06/25 £5k from Dep – Curr account  
 18/06/25 £21k from Dep – Curr account

**Meeting closed 8-50pm**