

16 September, 2025

# PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

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

**Apologies:** Caroline Williams (speaker)

**48.25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION –** None

**49.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –** Cllr Galbraith on planning item 59.25

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

**51.25 OPEN SESSION –** A member of the public raised the matter of the parking around the village hall at school times and when events are held in the village hall. The problem being the parking spills onto Woodside Road opposite the junction with Birchfield. Others at the meeting agreed it causes danger for all using the road as it becomes a single-track road. The chair explained we have had this problem for sometime and previous discussions with Highways had failed to resolve the problem. Suggestions put forward are the clerk will write to the Village Hall Committee and ask them if, when advertising or booking they would explain that there is limited parking and ask attendees to not use cars if possible. They also suggested the Village Hall should be asked to put no parking cones along the road side when holding their events. Cllr Battye will contact Highways to see what can be done at school times to alleviate the problem. The clerk will contact the police to see if they can help with the problem.

**52.25 THERAPEUTIC CARE –** The CEO of Therapeutic Care Caroline Williams was due to attend to give a talk about their company and answer any questions/concerns about their Children's homes in Endmoor, unfortunately due to the adverse weather conditions she was unable to attend. She is hoping to attend the October meeting.

**53.25 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –** Cllr Battye advised:

- Certificates of Lawful Development for Children's Homes - due to the recent complaints about the number of children's homes in rural villages Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Council Officers have worked on a proper process for dealing with these certificates and published a Guidance Note for Planning Officers, which can be found on our website [Preston Richard Parish Council | - PLANNING](#) As these homes are becoming more prevalent it is hoped this guidance will clarify the legalities and give better understanding of the overall pressures Children's Homes put on rural villages if too many are allowed in a small area. She further advised the Woodland children's home on Gatebeck Road has been closed and deregistered from Ofsted.

- Waste collections – currently there are 3 differing methods of waste collection in the W&F Council area, these are now going to be aligned into one method. Details on the current position can be found on [Waste and recycling options consultation | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)
- Devolution – W&F are currently working on the larger aspects of this move, economic development, road planning etc. they will be considering the powers given to the mayor, also the cost to W&F against Cumberland Council. Decision will be taken about whether or not to proceed to join the Mayoral Strategic Authority in mid-October and if they proceed an election for the Mayor of Cumbria will be held in May 2027
- The clerk asked Cllr Battye about the adoption of the street lighting as we have heard nothing further, she will speak to the department and ask for a follow up.
- Cllr Battye is still trying to organise a meeting with Highways to discuss our traffic problems. The chair advised that more 30mph repeater signs are required between Endmoor and Crooklands and better signage between Endmoor and Kendal is required as the speed limits change throughout this stretch.

#### **54.25 CIL MONEY** – no change as awaiting street lighting decision

**55.25 POLICE** – The Clerk advised on a few reports found on media for our area, many about the Westmorland Show, plus a warning about 2 men in a black car on the M6 slip roads of Junctions 36 & 37 who are flagging cars down and asking for money to get petrol in exchange for jewellery. It was also noted there were several burglaries/thefts in Milnthorpe and south Kendal area at the end of August. Details about the police in your area can be found on [Home | Cumbria Police](#) and Facebook page [south lakes police - search results | Facebook](#).

#### **56.25 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL** –

- This month's check revealed a small spilt had appeared on the surface probably due to the dry hot weather. The new swings on the play area are still awaited.
- The Clerk read out a response letter from a member of the public once again complaining about a tree on the playing field swaying in the wind. The Parish Council has had the tree inspected by a qualified arborist, a report produced and they found all to be well and the complainant advised accordingly. The complainant now suggests further inspection by the arborist from within her garden to see how it sways and Westmorland & Furness Tree Preservation Officer (TPO) to also attend. In discussion it was decided a further inspection was not necessary as a thorough inspection had already been done and nothing more could be added. The Clerk will write to the complainant to advise of this decision and give them details of how to contact the TPO to request their attendance should they wish to pursue the matter.
- Cllr Inman had been asked if the exercise group who use the playing field for their sessions could use the school road parking area during the winter months as they required more lighting. After discussion it was agreed that as it is early morning this would not be a problem however, we are unsure what time the light comes on

in the morning. Cllr Inman will advise the group of this and let the parish council know.

#### **57.25 HIGHWAYS** – Two Highway problems were reported –

- Flooding by the bus shelter at Summerlands due to blocked drains and blocked drain outside the Crooklands Hotel. The clerk will report these.
- Waste Water Treatment Plant - The chair commented that the road leading to the WwTW is busy due to large vehicles coming twice a date to empty the tanks and we are advised this is due to the tanks failing to flush properly even though an upgrade has been carried out. Many complaints have been made due to the smell from the works. Councillor Battye advised the meeting Tim Faron had been liaising on this matter with United Utilities and she would find his contact within United Utilities and let the Clerk know to enable the Parish Council to contact them on this matter.

Several comments were made about the need for traffic lights at Junction 36 roundabout over the M6 as this is now a very busy area. Cllr Battye advised there are several upgrades being carried out on the A590 at Gilpin Bridge, a new roundabout is being installed which will slow the traffic and the lanes are to be amended to improve the flow from A590 to junction 36. Cllr Battye will pass all comment to the appropriate highways departments.

#### **58.25 SPEEDWATCH** – The Speedgun has been calibrated and ready for use. Cllr Parr stated the Gatebeck Road SID has an intermittent stats problem and will be switched off for half a day for a reset.

#### **59.25 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/quick-search)

#### **NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**2025/1366/HOU** - Meadow Croft Gatebeck Road Endmoor - Proposed two storey extension with attached garage to replace existing garage. Creation of new parking area, removal of septic tank and construction of new foul drain to main drains

**SL/1540/FPA** - Land south of Waste Water Treatment Works Endmoor - Change of use of agricultural land to form secure dog walking enclosure (Retrospective)

**SL/1678/HOU** - Rawhead Bungalow Endmoor - Retrospective application for the erection of a rear first floor balcony with galvanised steel structure, glazed panels and access via external stairs.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS** - as above

#### **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:**

**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). - **Granted**

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

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

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

**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**

**60.25 FINANCE –**

- Government Auditors approved the accounts 2024-2025 – with no comments
- Annual contract and wages review – The Lengthsman contract was discussed, Cllr Galbraith proposed £1 per hour increase, Cllr Inman seconded, all agreed. The Clerk stated she did not require an increase at this time.

- Paid between meetings:

Wages & Expenses (July) £889.76	HMRC Tax & NI £315.45
Cumbria Tree Survey £100	Endmoor Village Hall (Jan-May) £150
A2A Web Hosting £90.00	Netherfield Cricket Club (July) £133.20
Inside Out Services (July) £310.00	DH Forestry (Jul) £1281.25
Cartridgesave £63.18	Wages & Expenses (Aug) £890.23
HMRC Tax & NI £315.45	Moore (audit) £378.00

**Payments received –** Aviva reimbursement for Bus Shelter floor £150.10

**Transfers between a/c –** 28/08/25 £3k from Dep – Curr account

**Meeting closed 8-50pm**