

21st October, 2025

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 20th OCTOBER 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)

61.25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

62.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

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

64.25 OPEN SESSION – The clerk advised she been asked if the school road hedge could be cut back. Cllr Galbraith had already organised it and it has been done. The Chair advised concerns had been put on social media pages regarding the using of e-scooters on the playing field and within the children's play area the clerk was asked to respond to this by posting on social media the council's policy on the riding of e-scooters on our land.

65.25 THERAPEUTIC CARE - Caroline Williams of Therapeutic Care was unable to attend the meeting; however, Cllr Battye advised the meeting Caroline had advised her she was intending coming to the November meeting. Members of the public were present to raise concerns about the staff who work at the Hillside children's home parking outside the premises on the very busy A65 road and making it difficult for traffic movements. They explained even when the drive is empty and parking spaces free, they still park on the road and block the pavement. Cllr Galbraith advised the meeting that yesterday one of the staff's car parked on the A65 had been smashed into and badly damaged. The clerk was asked to write to Therapeutic Care to ask for their policies on this matter and on the wider aspects of placing these care homes.

66.25 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS – Cllr Battye advised the overriding issue at the moment is the election for the new mayor, the vote taking place in May 2027. Other ongoing matters:

- Town and Parish Council elections will be changed to coincide with the mayor's election.
- A Community Government Review which will look at boundaries, wards, numbers of councillor's, names of councils, mergers or creation of councils.
- Design Code - a guide to how homes and business premises are designed and built. The Design Code consultation will be open to public in October and November.
- Parking charges, looking at how fines are collected, on street charges, disc parking time limits, and fairer use of blue badges.
- At the last meeting the matter of a need for traffic lights at the junction 36 roundabout was discussed, Janet has spoken with Tim Farron who has

made this request and National Highways are looking into the feasibility of it but it will take some time.

- Several highway problem areas around Endmoor village were discussed and the parish council is still waiting to get a meeting with Highways to discuss them but to date no progress has been made. At the last meeting again a concern was raised about parking on Gatebeck Road at the junction with Birchfield particularly when events are held in the village or in the Village Hall. Cllr Battye has talked with the manager of highways but no outcome has been decided. The clerk advised she had spoken to the police on this matter and they felt parking restriction lines opposite the junction might be a way forward and forwarded the request to the appropriate department. The recipient is on holiday at the moment. The possibility of introducing 20mph zones were discussed for Low Park and Gatebeck Road. Cllr Toone proposed we should look into applying for them, Cllr Galbraith seconded and all agreed. The Clerk felt that there were many other important traffic safety issues that needed addressing and agreed to write a full report to send to Cllr Battye and for onward discussion with highways.
- Cllr Battye has not yet had a response about the adoption of the street lighting.

67.25 CIL MONEY – The clerk advised that the sum of £534.95 will be paid to the council for the period 1st April 2025- end of September 2025. Councillor. Cllr Battye advise there is a secondary pot of money held by Westmorland & Furness council that can be used anywhere for infrastructure improvements. The clerk will look into it this fund.

68.25 POLICE – The Clerk advised no reports found on media for our area, [Home | Cumbria Police](#) and Facebook page [south lakes police - search results | Facebook](#) .

69.25 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- The new swings for the play area have now arrived and Cllrs Smith, Galbraith Atkinson and Inman will organise the installation of them.
- Cllr Battye advised she had met with the Village Hall Chair regarding the parking problem and the village hall chair asked if any Cllr would like to join the committee. No one felt they could do this at this time as Parish Council work took up much of their spare time.

70.25 HIGHWAYS – The Chair brought up the matter of the missing white lines at the junction of Woodside Road with the A65 which have still not been reinstated and are causing safety issues. Cllr Battye said she would chase the matter up with highways. The matter regarding the road leading to the Waste Water Treatment Works which is busy due to large vehicles coming twice a date to empty the tanks has been reported by the clerk to United Utilities who are now assessing the problem. She further reported to them the bad odours caused in the Low Cottage area from the WwTW and the drain serving Fellside Manor situated on Sycamore Close. Councillor Battye advised the meeting that Tim Faron had been liaising with United Utilities and he is also awaiting a response.

71.25 SPEEDWATCH –Cllr Parr stated the new stats show that 35% of all vehicles on the A65 travelling north through the village are speeding and 25% are speeding southbound. As one of the council’s police representatives he will take these stats to the next meeting with the police. The Gatebeck Road SID still has an intermittent stats problem Cllr Parr will contact the supplier for advice and possible costings.

Cllr Smith reported the Speedgun used by the Speedwatch team had an intermittent problem and he asked the clerk to make enquiries about a replacement gun.

72.25 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 –

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 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:

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

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 – 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**

73.25 FINANCE –

- Q2 finance report was gone through and approved
- Paid between meetings:

Inside Out Services (Aug) £260.00	Sutcliffe Play (Swings) £1561.86
A2A Web Domain £72.00	Inside Out Services (Sep) £260.00
Wages & Expenses (Sep) £888.63	Netherfield Cricket Club (Sep) £222.00
HMRC Tax & NI £315.45	DH Forestry (Aug) £1200.00

Payments received – None

Transfers between a/c – 9/10/25 £5k from Dep – Curr account

Next Meeting– 17th November 2025

Meeting closed 9- 10pm