

17th November, 2025

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2025

Cllrs Present: Cllrs. M Smith (Chair), A. Atkinson, S Parr, K. Dos Santos, I Park, Unitary Cllr Mrs J Battye and Mrs A Park (Clerk), Caroline Williams (speaker).

Apologies: Cllrs R Toon, G Galbraith, D Inman,

74.25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

75.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Parr planning item 87.25

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

77.25 OPEN SESSION – The clerk advised no issues raised this month

78.25 THERAPEUTIC CARE - Caroline Williams of Therapeutic Care and the two managers of the care homes in Endmoor attended the meeting. Caroline introduced herself and gave a brief overview of the company's size and ethos. She explained they are a relatively new company in the care sector however she and the staff have many years' experiences in working with the young. They have 29 homes all over the North West of England They cater for children between 5- 17 years. Cllr Battye asked what happened to the children after 17 years, Caroline explained they are then supported in semi-independent premises or can go into their own flat with support. Discussions took place about the day-to-day activity and how the children are cared for. The council thanked them all for attending.

79.25 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –

- Cllr Battye advised W&F council are currently assessing the sites put forward for the new Local Plan and results will be given in due course.
- She also mentioned the matter of W&F Council who are offering trees free to anyone wishing to plant them in their gardens in an effort to help biodiversity. Details can be found on [One Tree per Resident Project | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)
- W&F are asking if councils are interested in installing charging points in the village, the clerk stated previous discussions had been had on this but no conclusion was reached. Cllr Battye will check with Highways on what the current position is on the matter and advise the council.
- Again, concerns were raised about parking on Gatebeck Road at the junction with Birchfield and the speeding in and around the village. The Clerk advised she had written to ask about the possibility of 20mph zones but had been informed by Highways all available money for these zones had been allocated but Highways carry out regularly review of speed limits as part of its ongoing safety and maintenance responsibilities. Cllr Battye suggested we could offer the CIL money to pay for some safety measures to be installed.

The Chair asked the Clerk to contact Highways to see if this possible and how much it is likely to cost.

80.25 STREET LIGHTING – The Clerk advised she had been in touch with W&F lighting department and they have agreed to take over all our street lights, the agreement is being drawn up for the Parish Councils acceptance.

81.25 CIL MONEY – The clerk advised that £21,626.18 is available for infrastructure improvements

82.25 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](#).

Cllr Parr attended the police meeting and advised that Cumbria Police have access to a speed camera which can be placed anywhere as it is on a tripod, they are hoping to try it in Endmoor. The police are also asking people to register their CCTV/doorbell cameras to help keep Cumbria safe, this does not give the police access to your cameras just to let them know you may have footage should it be required, details can be found on [Home - Connect Cumbria](#) Cllr Batty advised more police are being trained and will soon be on patrol.

83.25 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- The new swings for the play area have now arrived, the cradle swings are installed however the junior swings need some alteration which is in hand.
- The parking issues was discussed under Highways (85.25)
- The matter of the tree policy for managing the council owned trees was been discussed, Cllr Parr proposed it should be adopted, Cllr Atkinson seconded all agreed the clerk will put it on the website.
- The Clerk advised the next Endmoor 10k run will take place on 24 June 2026 at 7:30 pm. This will be placed on the Parish Council website to advise people.
- A request has been sent in to ask if the fitness club could hold another fitness class on a Monday evening on the playing field. The council were concerned that the running club uses the village hall car park on Monday evening and council meetings are held on Monday evenings. The Clerk was instructed to ask them if they would choose another day. If it was not possible, they could give it a try but if it causes problems they would be asked to stop.

84.25 CAROLS ROUND THE TREE – Cllr Dos Santos advise arrangements are well under way for the Carols round the tree meet this year which will take place on the evening of Friday 5th December at 7pm. A budget of £250 had been set aside for the event.

85.25 HIGHWAYS –The clerk advised she had been in contact United Utilities 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 and the complaints regarding the bad odours caused in the Low Cottage area from the WwTW and the drain serving Fellside Manor situated on Sycamore Close. After discussion steps have been put in place to alleviate the odour problems and direct contacts given should the problem arise again. With regard to the need to empty tanks this is being investigated.

86.25 SPEEDWATCH –Cllr Parr has discussed the faulty Gatebeck Road SID with the supplier and has been advised a new radar unit is required at a cost of £595. As Gatebeck Road is a busy road and speeding is regular it was felt necessary to have the SID in working order. Cllr Atkinson proposed we go ahead with the repairs, Cllr Park seconded, all agreed. Cllr Parr will organise the repair. The Speedgun has a problem with the battery and discussions took place as to whether it should be upgraded to a newer model. As this was expensive Cllr Parr proposed we should wait until it was necessary, Cllr Atkinson seconded, all agreed.

87.25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS –

All applications and decisions which can be viewed on

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NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

2025/2023/HOU- 10 Wakefield Drive Endmoor - Proposed front porch extension

2025/1855/ADV- Ikan Ltd Old Smithy Stores Main Street Endmoor - Advertisement Consent for an internally illuminated sign (Retrospective)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS – none

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:

2025/1540/FPA - Land south of Waste Water Treatment Works Endmoor - Change of use of agricultural land to form secure dog walking enclosure – approved with conditions

2025/1678/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 – 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**

88.25 FINANCE – Paid between meetings:

Wages & Expenses (Sep) £887.76	Netherfield Cricket Club (Aug/Oct) £222.00
HMRC Tax & NI £315.	Emergency Plan Travelling expenses £36.50
Inside Out Services (Oct) £155.00	DH Forestry £1150.00

Payments received – 16/10/25 - £534.95 CIL money

Transfers between a/c – None

Next Meeting– 15th December 2025

Meeting closed 9- 30pm