

20th January, 2026

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 19th January 2026

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

Apologies: K. Dos Santos, Cllrs R Toon,

89.25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

90.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Smith item 92.25a

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

92.25 OPEN SESSION –

- a) A request for directional road sign for the bowling club had been received; the Clerk was asked to approach Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Council to obtain costs and information on the permissions required
- b) A request for a donation to the Winter Warmth Appeal was discussed, Cllr Inman proposed we donate £50, seconded Cllr Parr all agreed. This will help families in Cumbria with heating costs

93.25 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –

- Cllr Battye advised due to increased costs of providing statutory services such as highways, children's services, adult care services it is necessary to raise council tax by 4.99% and are proposing raising other charges by 10% for car parks, two options for Garden waste, charging for replacement bins and boxes and bags, increasing Windermere Ferry charges and introducing charges for Blue Badge holders and changes in Adult Care Direct Payments. They are also proposing an increase in Council's fees and charges. They have held a Budget Consultation 2026/2027 and will be advising of the outcome.
- Cllr Batty also advised the W&F Council have teamed up with Cumbria Wild Life Trust in an effort to locate local places where wild life flowers could be grown.
- She has agreed to make enquiries about installing charging points in the village, and will check with Highways on what the current position.
- She advised there is now a second call for sites for the local plan, very few have been discounted from the first call and none discounted around our area.

94.25 HIGHWAYS – The Clerk advised she had had a response regarding a meeting with Highways to discuss matters raised about parking on Gatebeck Road at the junction with Birchfield, the speeding in and around the village, the possibility of 20mph zones and the suggestion that the Parish Council could contribute towards road improvements. Highway have advised they have no one available until March. The Clerk will organise the meeting.

The clerk was asked to report a large pothole opposite the Sycamore Close on the A65 north of Stubbs Lane, the whole of the road surfaces between Summerlands and Storth End Farm and the junction of the A65 with B6385.

95.25 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](#) however, it was noted officer are on the beat in Kendal and had arrested drug dealers, shop lifters and apprehended an e-scooter rider riding illegally who was charged with offences and the e-scooter destroyed.

96.25 STREET LIGHTING – The lighting agreement which asks W&F Council to adopt all the street lights owned by the Parish Council having been received was signed by the Chair (Cllr Smith) and witnessed by Cllr Parr, the clerk will send the agreement to W&F Council to be ratified.

97.25 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- All the new swings for the play area are now installed.
- The annual tree inspection has been carried out and a few minor matters have been identified. The work has been allocated and will be carried out shortly.
- It was noted there has also been some flooding on the playing field and L&W Wilson have been asked to advise.

98.25 PRESTON RICHARD EMERGENCY PLAN (PREP) – It was identified that the generator we currently have is not powerful enough and it was suggested a larger one should be considered. Cllr Atkinson had seen a more appropriate generator for sale but by the time he had sought permission at the next meeting the generator had been sold. The clerk advised that £600 is allocated to the PREP budget annually and has not been touched, Cllr Inman proposed that should another opportunity arise Cllrs Atkinson and Smith should liaise together and purchase the generator, Cllr Park seconded and all agreed.

99.25 CAROLS ROUND THE TREE – Cllr Dos Santos was unable to attend and therefore this item will be carried forward to the next meeting

100.25 SPEEDWATCH – Cllr Parr removed the Gatebeck Road SID in readiness for repair but when it was tested it was found to be working, all agreed it should be reinstalled and see how it performs.

101.25 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 –

2025/2241/FPA - Land East of Milton Lane Crooklands – Erection of timber stable block with ancillary hard standing and much trailer for private use. Cllr Inman advised this was not in our parish, the clerk will check with planning. No comments received.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS – none

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:

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

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

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** - appeal dismissed

102.25 FINANCE –

- After several previous discussions had taken place with the responsible financial officer on the precept for 2026/2027 Cllr Galbraith proposed a precept of £33,000 Cllr Parr seconded all agreed

Paid between meetings:

Wages & Expenses (Nov) £893.43	HMRC Tax & NI £315.45
Good Directions (clock battery) £113.40	Inside Out Services (Oct) £133.50
Wages & Expenses (Dec) £894.90	HMRC Tax & NI £315.45
Amazon Paper & Ink £50.04	Lound Road Garage (Xmas tree) £70

Payments received – 8/12/25 Bank Interest £166.81

Transfers between a/c – 13/11/25 £4K from Dep to current account

Meeting closed 9pm

Next Meeting – 16th February 2026