

29th January, 2021

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING VIRTUAL MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18th January 2021

Cllrs Present: M Smith (Chair), I Park, I Mason, A. Atkinson, G Galbraith, D. Inman, Mrs M Daunt, County/ District Cllr R Bingham, John Lyons of the B4PR team and Mrs A Park (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr J Hayhurst,

117.20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

118.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Bingham on planning matters

119.20 MINUTES – The minutes of last month's meeting were sent to Councillors and were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

120.20 B4NPR BROADBAND UPDATE – Mr Lyons reported since the last meeting we more or less closed down for Christmas -but still managed to connect another 10 properties so that is the Low Park Lane side more or less done. The upsurge in Covid nationally and locally has meant we have decided to pause the group's digging activities. We review the situation weekly and as soon as we can we will restart. B4RN is regarded as an essential service which means contractors can work therefore as soon as Cllr Galbraith's fields dry out we can finish the eastern leg. The good news is that the Sycamore to Summerlands and Stainton section has been approved by B4RN and therefore contractors will start that again when Cllr Atkinson's fields are dry enough. Sorry to tell you that there will be temporary disruption to traffic as we will need to do a road crossing across the A65 and we can't do that until Wilsons have finished their current work at the Sycamore junction.

121.20 PRESTON RICHARD EMERGENCY PLAN (PREP) REPORT – Mr Gorman reported the following

- We've had one Covid death in the village who was an elderly gentleman with underlying health conditions.
- A couple of volunteers have contacted me to advise they are self- isolating due to a family member testing positive.
- Volunteers are helping vulnerable people as before but not in as great a number.
- We had a piece in The Gazette Community News last week offering help.
- The PREP Review of Action Taken during March to July is complete and will be confirmed when the PREP team meet next week.

122.20 POLICE REPORT – things from our front remain as they were, and although we are not preparing reports if anything crops up that we need to be aware of (that cannot be dealt with via 101) please do let us know .

123.20 OPEN SESSION – Several matters were brought to the attention of the council this month by members of the public

- A resident enquired if a bus shelter could be put at the top of the ginnel on Gatebeck Road where the children catch the bus for school. The council discussed this but as the pavements are very narrow SLDC will not allow us to erect anything that would block them. The Councillors will have a look to see if anything could be installed there to shelter bus users.
- A resident enquired if the Parish would consider buying Proctors Wood which is coming up for sale. The Council considered the implications of such a purchase, the purchase price, the tidying up of the site, the ongoing maintenance, it was pointed out several of the trees had Tree Preservation Orders on them, the annual inspection plus public liability insurance and all considered felt this was not something they should undertake at the present time due to the purchase cost which could be all of the annual precept £24,500 plus the tidying up and ongoing maintenance. It was felt such a purchase would mean raising the precept which in turn impacts on all residents and therefore they would need to consult the public first.
- Members of the public joined the meeting to discuss the application for a Certificate of Lawful Use (CLU) to carry out concrete batching operations at L&W Wilson's yard, Gatebeck Road, Endmoor. Much evidence and papers were gone through and after due consideration the Council felt this CLU should not be granted as they rejected some of the information contained within the application. Further concerns were raised about the implications for the village, they felt it required a planning application to be submitted to enable the council and residents the opportunity to fully understand the application and how it would impact on the residents. Members felt whilst small amounts of concrete supply were acceptable this should continue but felt batch concrete mixing not previously carried out on this site and possibly on a large scale should not, they felt a concrete mixing plant in a small rural village was not the place for a concrete mixing plant. Concerns were raised about noise, pollution, and traffic if the certificate were granted. Cllr Galbraith proposed a vote on this and Cllr Mason seconded. However it was noted that as it is not a planning application but a CLU (a CLU it is a question of facts and evidence, not the planning merits of the case?) which deals with facts only, Cllr Inman proposed the motion be amended to vote on whether the application was actually factual, Cllr Atkinson seconded the proposal and the vote was taken on whether the facts as presented within the application were factual given what members of the public had presented and the Council members are already aware of. A vote was taken and the members voted 6-1 against permitting the CLU to be granted. The Clerk was instructed to inform Cumbria County Council of this and urge them to ask the applicant to submit a planning application for this activity to enable everyone to fully understand the implications of such an operation and have their concerns addressed.

124.20 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS – Cllr Bingham reported the below **Unitary Authority** - The propose Morecambe, Lancaster, Barrow and South Lakes Unity Authority has been rejected by the Government as it crosses County boundaries.

Local Matters - Despite numerous enquiries I have got nowhere with getting the waterways authority to repair Crooklands Bridge. I have offered to give a grant towards the bus shelter at Crooklands, I have asked for £1000 in the hopes of getting £500. I have had several enquiries about the Wilson Certificate of Lawful Use application about which I cannot comment one way or the other because I am on the County's Development Control and Regulation Committee.

Lockdown - I am in 14 days vulnerable persons lock-down because I am having a minor operation on 29 January. But I have not yet been vaccinated.

Useful contacts include Transport to vaccination centres 0800-783-1966 or 808-196-3646 or hospital car service 01539-728-1966

School meals - All eligible children during the Christmas holidays received food or vouchers. I have not heard of any complaints. The same provision is being made during school lock-down and for the February half term, for 'Food Support' contact 0800-783-1966 if volunteers/family etc. cannot bring household supplies.

Housing Problems –initially ring SLDC 01539-733333 during the Spring Lock Down, as far as I know, all Rough Sleepers have been accommodated.

School Closure - Our Secondary Schools are trying to supply LAP TOPS but if there are any gaps please ring 0782-512-094. Further Government grants are available for sports, the Arts, Green Energy, and the churches.

Cllr Mason asked if Cllr Bingham could do anything about the 2 empty houses on Woodside as they need some attention, Cllr Smith said District Cllr Cooper was looking into this some time ago but nothing had been heard since, Cllr Bingham said he would look into it.

125.20 HIGHWAY –

- Cllr Smith asked the Clerk to report the breaking up of the side of Gatebeck Road near the Bus Shelter.
- The Clerk reported on Crooklands bus shelter which was demolished by a car before Christmas she is currently dealing with the insurers and trying to get quotes for a replacement. Cllr Inman agreed to assist in this matter.
- A resident had asked for the Public Right of Way at Woodside to be resurfaced. The Clerk made enquiries on behalf of the residents however it appear the road is privately owned so will not be resurfaced but as a Public Right of Way they will fill pot hole when possible.

126.20 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- The clerk reported the new lease for the Tennis club is in hand with the solicitors.
- Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). The Clerk advised as the By-law prohibiting dogs on the playing field had expired she had contacted SLDC to apply for it to be covered by a PSPO and is now in the hands of their Legal Team
- The Clerk advised she was still awaiting a reply from the Council's solicitors on the matter of the school road maintenance with reference to the drainage system. Cllrs Smith and Mason will do a check on the drains over the weekend.
- Cllr Inman is looking into signs for the play park in relation to the prevention of vandalism

127.20 CALC NEWSLETTER – Nothing to report from the newsletter

128.20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS

All applications, comments and decisions which can be viewed on

[South Lakeland District Council Planning application register](#)

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-

SL/2020/0919 - 20 Greenways Drive Endmoor - Single storey side extension

SL/2020/0934 - 5 Deer Park Barn Crooklands, Replacement UPVC windows and single story extension to replace existing porch

5/20/9009 - L & W Wilson (Endmoor) Ltd, Shiralee, Gatebeck Road, Endmoor - L & W Wilson (Endmoor) Ltd, Shiralee, Gatebeck Road, Endmoor - Concrete batching operations taking place in L & W Wilson (Endmoor) Ltd yard.

SL/2020/0936 - Lake View 3 High Birkrigg Park Stainton - Erection of agricultural barn

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

SL/2020/0844 - Land adjacent to 5 Alexander Drive Endmoor - Change of use of amenity land to domestic garden.

SL/2020/0818 - 33 Meadowside Close, Endmoor, - Demolition of existing flat roof side extension and construction of a replacement single storey side extension

SL/2020/0798 - 11 Low Cottages Endmoor - Two storey side extension (retrospective)

SL/2020/0728 - Land north of Sycamore Close, Endmoor. - Modification of S106 agreement attached to planning permission SL/2017/0841 - corrected affordable housing list

SL/2020/0701 – Storth End Cottage, Stainton - Change of use & conversion of garage to a dwelling (Retrospective)

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:-

SL/2020/0736 - Club Cottage Main Street Endmoor - Change of use from Dwelling-house (Use Class 3) to dog grooming business (Use Class Sui Generis) – Granted with conditions

129.20 FINANCE - The Clerk advised

- The claim for the excess paid on the insurance claim is ongoing
- Cllr Inman advised the new signatory Cllr Galbraith and himself were now able to authorise payments

• **Paid between meetings**

P. A Park wages and expense £643.82	HMRC (tax) £159.85
Community Plan Xmas lights £35.99	B4PRN materials £28.90
Lound Road Garage Tree £60.00	B4PRN materials £130.60
Endmoor Village Hall £60.00	

Payments received: Reimbursement £50

Xfers between accounts: 23/12/20 £2k from Deposit to Current account

130.20 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS: - None

The meeting closed at 21:31

Next Meeting – Monday 15th February 2021