

21 January, 2025

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2025

Cllrs Present Cllrs. M Smith (Chair), D Inman, S Parr, I Park, R Toon, A Atkinson, K. Dos Santos, G Galbraith, Unitary Cllr Mrs J Battye, P. Winter Chair of Preston Patrick Parish Council and Mrs A Park (Clerk),

Apologies None

96.24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

97.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

98.24 MINUTES – The minutes of the November and December meetings were confirmed as a true and accurate records

99.24 OPEN SESSION –

- The Chair of Preston Patrick Came to the meeting firstly to ask to open discussions with Preston Patrick PC on the possibility of collaborating on the installation a footbridge over Peasey Beck. Secondly, he wanted to draw the Council's attention to a planning application by W. McClure Ltd for a large storage depot at junction 36. Cllr Winter will send details to the Clerk to be discussed at a later meeting.
- A request had been made by Grunnill Fitness for the use of the playing field to run weekly fitness classes, Cllr Atkinson advised he knew of them being run at Kirkby Lonsdale and seemed well attended, the council thought it was a good idea but would need more details of when they would be run as the field is used for other activities. The Clerk will contact them for more details.
- The Clerk and the Chair of the Council had been contacted by a member of the public advising of a vermin problem in an area of the village, he advised he had contacted Westmorland & Furness Council and Environmental Health and had specialists in to advise on the problem which is being dealt with by the property owner he just wanted to reassure the council that things were being dealt with. Cllr Battye will speak to Environmental Health on the matter.
- A letter had been received regarding the state of the wall alongside the footpath running from Woodside Road down to Lower Dove Nest Lane which is in disrepair and dropping debris on the footpath. The Clerk advised she had reported it to W&F Council asking for their assistance on clearing the path and getting the wall made safe. Cllr Battye will follow up on the report to see what can be done.

100.24 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –

- **Devolution:** Cllr Battye advised W&F Council are currently considering Devolution for our area under the Priority Programme scheme there will be a public consultation in the future with a view to having an elected mayor.
- **Budget Setting:** The Westmorland & Furness Council (W&F) are currently setting their budgets for 2025/2026 and are proposing a 4.99% increase which is the maximum allowed; however, they have concerns as Government are not going to pay the Rural Services Grant they have had in previous years and therefore W&F Council will need to raise the money elsewhere.
- **Customer Service:** W&F are currently looking at harmonising all their services to make it seamless.
- **Highways Services:** Concerns regarding speeding in the village was discussed and the matter of reducing speed limits in some areas. Dawn Humble had carried out a survey asking views on reducing the speed limit on Low Park which gave information on all aspects, the Chair felt in the light of the new information it would be useful to look not just in one area of the village but to look at the speed limits as a whole. Cllr Battye agreed and said she would try to organise another meeting between Highways and the Parish Council. The Councillors thanked Dawn for her valuable input.

101.24 WINTER WARMTH APPEAL – A letter had been received from Cumbria Community Foundation asking for a donation to their appeal to help the elderly in Cumbria during the winter months. The Council felt although they were not aware of any needs in the Parish it was a good cause and any Cumbrian could apply should they need help. Cllr Inman proposed we should make a contribution, Cllr Parr seconded and the majority agreed, the amount was discussed and £50 was agreed upon.

102.24 GOVERNMENT DOMAINS AND EMAILS – The government emails are now working and will all be in use shortly. The Clerk will update the website with the new addresses as they come on line.

103.24 POLICE – The Clerk advised the Police reported a few incident of drug dealer arrests on their website [Home | Cumbria Police](#) and Facebook page [south lakes police - search results | Facebook](#). Cllr Battye advised the police are now implementing their Neighbourhood Police Pledge which documents how they will deal with the public in local areas, Details can be found on [Search - neighbourhood Police Pledge | Cumbria Police](#). The Chair asked if they are going to start coming back to PC meetings occasionally, Cllr Battye said she was aware that some officer if in the vicinity when on duty are doing so and she would make enquiries to try to improve this service.

104.24 BUS SHELTER – The Clerk advised the replacement bus shelter for Crooklands had been ordered and was to be installed 26th/27th January. 2025. She thanked Cllr Galbraith for his help with this whilst she was ill.

105.24 STREET LIGHTING – The Clerk advised that things were progressing with this in that W&F Council had produced a draft plan to deal with all street lighting in their area which now needs to be ratified by W&F Council. If accepted it would mean all street lighting in our parish would be signed over to W&F Council and managed appropriately taking consideration of lighting needs, power management by upgrading therefore making savings. The Parish Council liked this idea and hoped this would be adopted by W&F. Cllr Atkinson proposed if the option was offered we should sign them over Cllr Parr seconded, a vote was held just to gauge the feelings and it was unanimously agreed should it go ahead in its current state we should accept their offer but would be considered once the final proposal is drawn up and accepted by them.

106.24 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- The checking of the play area was carried out November 29th and all okay.
- The benches on the playing field have been delivered and are to be installed shortly'
- Work has commenced on the fence behind the train. A further fence will be installed around the car park to stop people driving and parking on the playing field.
- The trees are currently being trimmed now permission has been granted and the annual tree inspection has been carried out and the report awaited.

107.24 HIGHWAYS -SPEEDWATCH –

Cllr Parr advised things had improved a little according to the Speed Indicator statistics but he didn't know if this was due to better driving or driving conditions in the bad weather. The new stats are on the website for inspection

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108.24 CIL MONEY EXPENDITURE – The Clerk advised the storage box for the Bowling Club had been delivered and installed. The clerk advised the last payment of CIL money has been received and we have an unallocated balance of £23,459.49

109.24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS –

All applications and decisions which can be viewed on

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NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2024/2223/FPA - 12 Greenways Drive Endmoor - Erection of side/ rear single storey extension following demolition of existing garage

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

2024/1642/FPA - Milton House Crooklands - Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian & creation of manège with post and rail fencing & sand and Fibre mix surface

SL/2023/0244 - Fairwinds, Low Park Lane, Endmoor - Application for a Non-Material amendment following grant o-f planning permission SL/2022/1072 (Raising of roof of existing detached bungalow to form a 2-storey dwelling, pitched roof & single storey side extension to attached garage)

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:

2024/1782/TPO - Endmoor Jubilee Playing Field, Woodside Road Endmoor - pruning works to be undertaken in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010, Tree work - Recommendations. - Approved

2024/1369/FPA - Storth End Cottage Stainton - Alterations and extension for sunroom, family room and two additional bedrooms (Resubmission of 2024/0887/FPA) - Granted

SL/2023/0499 - Woodlands Business Park, Land North of Gatebeck Lane 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) (committee date Tues 19th Nov) - Refused

2024/1815/PAPP – Stubbs Farm Gatebeck Road Endmoor - Prior Notification under schedule 2, part 6, class A for the erection of an extension to silo roof to cover yard. - Withdrawn

110.24 FINANCE –

Paid between meetings:

DH Forestry £972	Endmoor Village Hall £120.00
A2A Advertising £180	Wages & Expenses (Nov) £898.41
HMRC Tax & NI £260.44	Amazon Storage Box £140.79
Lound Road Xmas tree £60	Wages & Expenses (Dec) £905.20
HMRC Tax & NI £260.44	Glasdon bench. £1404
Burneside Brass Band £85.	

Payments received – Bank Interest £261.43 – Aviva £4410 (bus shelter)

Transfers between a/c – 25/11/2024 £3k & 28/12/24 £3k from dep – cur account

Meeting Closed 9-15pm

Next Meeting– 17th February 2025