

23rd February 2024

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 19th February 2024

Cllrs Present M Smith (Chair), A Atkinson, I Park, G Galbraith, D Inman, I Mason, K. Dos Santos, Unitary Cllr Mrs J Battye, and Mrs A Park (Clerk).

Apologies Cllr Mrs M Daunt

101.23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

102.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Dos Santos re item 113.23 Planning

103.23 MINUTES – The minutes of the January meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record

104.23 OPEN SESSION –

Cllr Mason ask the meeting who had cut the trees on Gatebeck Lane, the Council stated as the trees would be owned by the land owners it would have been done by someone that they had hired but no one present knew who. The Clerk advised two Ash trees are to be felled on Gatebeck Road two near the tennis court and some further down near Wilson's entrance due to Ash dieback disease but these will be felled by Highways. Cllr Mason mentioned the flooding near the entrance to the Summerlands Estate, Cllr Battye said she would look into it and report it to the appropriate department.

105.23 The question of restarting the community litter picks in the parish were considered by the Councillors and they felt it was a good idea. The Chair advised he had had a great response from the Club Inn regarding the hosting of the Cream Tea and Cllr Dos Santos said she had some willing volunteers and others had shown interest. Cllr Mason proposed we restart them Cllr Park seconded, all agreed. Cllr Dos Santos agreed to head up the project and will start making the necessary arrangements and contacts.

106.23 POLICE –Police information can be found on their website [Home | Cumbria Police](#) or on their Facebook page [south lakes police - search results | Facebook](#). The clerk advised there was little to report on the pages a few reports of ant- social behaviour around the district but nothing in our area, however there have been some thefts of farm implements. The Clerk advised it is possible for a police representative to attend our meetings occasionally however no request has been made as yet as we are still gathering figures and information on traffic movements in the area.

107.23 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –

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Cllr Battye advised that Westmorland & Furness Council (W&F) council tax had gone up by 4.9% in total, 2% for council tax and 2.9% for social care. The agreed rise in council tax for empty properties, which changed them from a discounted council tax to the full 100% and for those that have been empty for more than 10 years to 300% will now not take place until the 2025/26 year as it requires a law to be passed through parliament to allow this.

A review of the Local Plan is taking place to assess housing needs and where they should be built. A further review by W&F Council on their last Winter Service Scheme is to be carried out to see what worked well and what needs improving, they are to look at the current winter gritting routes as only A and B routes are gritted by W&F Highways but no C routes.

The W&F Council have been given money to offer small grants to aid Youth Activities in the area details can be made by contacting W&F Council.

108.23 ARBORICULTURAL INSPECTION - The Clerk advised the inspection report had been received and the Lengthsman would carry out the work. It was not known if the work had been completed yet, Cllr Inman will speak to the Lengthsman with regard this and advise the Clerk.

109.23 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

Cllrs Inman and Galbraith have carried out the inspection of the play area, there were a few minor repairs to be done and the book will be sent to the Clerk. The train requires work on the roof and Cllr Smith will get quotes for the work. The Clerk advised the quote for this year's play area grass cutting had been received and it was unanimously accepted.

110.23 HIGHWAYS

The proposed grit bin for the school road now has approval for filling by W&F Highways and prices will be sought for the purchase. There are many new potholes in the area which will be reported when details have been obtained. It was noted if any member of the public has a problem with road damage they can report direct to [Report a problem with a street or road | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)

Cllr Battye asked if the new Fellside Manor noticeboard had been installed, the Chair advised it was ready to be installed we are just waiting for the installer.

111.23 SPEEDWATCH GROUP

Five volunteers have come forward for the Speedwatch Group, a meeting had been held to organise things, police training has been requested and things are progressing. The Chair thanked the volunteers for their public spirit.

Discussions took place on the new 20mph speed limits being introduced in various villages by W&F Council; however, it many felt as people don't adhere to the 30mph limit why would they do so for a 20mph limit? The Parish Council are doing all we can to try to slow down traffic, SID's, Speedwatch Group there is little more we can do. The Council knows that the A65 is a very busy road and not much room for manoeuvre in the Main Street which is in close proximity to pedestrians. Gatebeck Road and Gatebeck Lane will get much more traffic if new developments go ahead, both of the roads having no pavements yet many pedestrians and still no planned

improvements to the road infrastructure, this raises many concerns and the Parish Council feel the time has come to look more closely at this problem.

As we have problems in the parish with traffic the Clerk asked who would be the best person to discuss this with within Highways, Cllr Battye said she would find out and let the Clerk know.

112.23 CIL MONEY EXPENDITURE

As there is still £24K in the CIL budget the Chair asked for suggestions on what improvements still need to be made. Suggestions were:

- More improvements to the drainage on the playing field
- What help we could offer the school with the new extension
- Speed Cameras (these would have to be considered in conjunction with the proper authorities)

113.23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS –

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS - None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

2023/1158/FPA – Regularise the built retaining wall by plats 35/70

2023/1156/NMA – Non-Material Amendments to SL/2017/0841

SL/2023/0688 - Woodland adjoining 1 Woodlands Close Endmoor - Change of use of woodland to domestic garden

SL/2023/0630 - 12 Weston Houses, Dove Nest Lane Endmoor - Two storey side extension

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) (no committee shown as yet)

SL/2023/0244 - Application for a Non-Material amendment following grant of 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: - None

114.23 FINANCE –

The Chair asked that Cllr Galbraith be put on the Bank Mandate to be a backup for authorising payments as most of the banking is now done electronically, all agreed. Paid between meetings:

Cumbria Tree Surveys £315.00	Wages & Expenses £816.65
HMRC Tax £230.02	Pandora Tech (SID) £114.00

Payments received – 05/02/24 VAT reimbursement £8746-76

Xfers between a/c: 23/01/24 £2k from dep-cur account

Meeting Closed – 8:45pm