

23rd April, 2026

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESTON RICHARD ANNUAL PARISH MEET HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 20th APRIL 2026

Present: Cllrs. M Smith (Chair), Cllr I Park, Unitary Cllr Mrs J Battye, Mrs A Park (Clerk)

Representing: Endmoor Village Hall - Judi Shire,
Endmoor Tennis Club - Ross Winter
Kendal AAC - Steve Priestley

Apologies: Preston Richard Emergency Plan – Roger Gorman
Endmoor KGR Football Club – Tony Wilson

The Parish Council - The Chair opened the meeting and gave his report to the parish which highlighted the years major items. The year opened with concerns about new Children's Homes in the village which hopefully have all now been resolved. Next came the rumblings of Devolution for Cumbria requiring an election for a mayor, this is now well underway. As speeding was not decreasing Cllr Parr resurrected the Speedwatch group and this is in action but new volunteers always welcome.

April time Westmorland & Furness Council (W&F) were looking for new sites to build on for the new Local Plan, they are now asking for further sites and vetting the first sites. On a lighter note, Cllr Dos Santos organised the Spring litter pick and refreshments which was a great success.

May/June brought concerns about the shortened Postal Services to the village, attempts were made to stop this but without success. A representative from Cambian Group attended the Parish Council (PC) meeting to gain our views on the opening of a home for 4 adults who need care and support. This was well received by the council and the public attending. June a request was made to the PC for a 20mph zone to be created for Low Park estate. All application to W&F were closed for the present year, we are awaiting a further opportunity from W&F.

July and August were taken up by potholes, 20mph zone paperwork, planning applications and appeals, the second children's home and the PC's subsequent request to W&F regarding some limits being applied to the numbers of children's homes in any one area. W&F agreed and have taken action.

September brought concerns regarding trees due to windy weather, the trees are checked twice a year by arborists, a further check was requested, assurances were given that all was well, concerns about odours from the WwTW, United Utilities was contacted and they will deal with the problem. Concerns and parking around the village hall still ongoing.

October, November December were all about negotiations with W&F about adopting all our street lights, 20mph zones and speeding, January an inventory of all the Parish Street lights was carried out for adoption.

February and March presented a new problem of parking on the A65 slip road at the junction with Gatebeck Lane, electric charging points for the village and the changes to W&F school transport policy all of which the discussions are ongoing.

Kendal AAC - Steve Priestley advised the meeting the running club is doing well with lots of members in Endmoor, every Monday at 6pm approximately seven members of mixed ages meet to run various footpaths and routes around the village. If anyone would like to join, please contact Steve on Priestleyjohn@sky.com. The club is part of Kendal AAC which has many members who participate in events all over the North East and National events held in London. Some youngsters are very talented and compete in the Cumbria Cross Country and Track and Field events many 'box above their weight'. More details can be found on their website [Kendal AAC 10K Series – Registration now open! – Kendal Amateur Athletic Club](#) or their Facebook page [kendak aac - search results | Facebook](#). They are currently trying to raise funds for a new tent to use when competing at other sites.

Endmoor Tennis Club – Ross advised the club has 53 members, many new and very enthusiastic. They play in Kendal & District Division 3 and are doing quite well and are optimistic for the future. Ross thanked the PC for their help in 2023 in getting the courts upgraded which attracted more members. They recently had a problem with lichen on the courts and have had to have them cleaned and retreated which is costly and has depleted their funds. To make matters worse a mouse had chewed through the wires to the Club House which was another unexpected cost. If anyone is interested in joining the club please contact Ross on rosswinter3@gmail.com. Cllr Battye suggested they apply to W&F Council to see if they could help.

Endmoor Village Hall – Judi advised the meeting the Hall is doing well and bookings are steady. There are currently 6 members of the committee running the hall but no Secretary and they would welcome new committee members or a secretary. They say costs have gone up considerably and they are considering raising their charges as they are below others at the moment. Cllr Battye advised them to contact ACT to see if they could help.

Westmorland & Furness Council - Cllr Battye handed out a report to all present on matters dealt with throughout the year which included speeding traffic, pot holes, street lighting, dog fouling, waste recycling & collection, electric vehicle charging points, the Local Plan and planting for pollinating. Her full report can be found on the Parish Website [Preston Richard Parish Council | - AGENDAS, MINUTES & MEETINGS](#). When asked about homes she advised W&F are currently buying up empty properties in addition to looking for sites on which to build for the local plan.

Endmoor KGR Football Club –report from Tony.

The club has two men's teams playing in the top two divisions of the Westmorland Association Football League. Next year 2027 will mark the 50th Anniversary of our Club playing football in Endmoor. The history of the Club dates back to the 1940's when a team was formed and played football on Kendal Green in Kendal. The Club later played on the Jubilee Playing Fields in Kendal up to 1977 it then moved to Endmoor and was renamed Endmoor KGR Football Club. We look forward to future years and the continuation of Football being played in Endmoor. Football being played through the Winter months is affected by the weather which over recent years has become milder and much wetter. Very few Winter weekends now being either dry or frosty. Since 1999 we have been trying to improve the land drainage on the

Football Pitch and with the help of the Parish Council we have made great improvements with additional drains having been installed.

Just one small problem area continues to cause postponement of our fixtures. We are currently working on a solution for that area which is in a dip. The recently installed fence and gate barrier have prevented unauthorised vehicles from driving onto the pitch and causing damage and the two new benches have been great improvements. The grass cutting by Netherfield Cricket Club is carried out to a high standard. I would like to thank the Parish Council for your continued support.

PRESTON RICHARD EMERGENCY PLAN (PREP) - report from Roger

The team meets twice yearly and consists of six members of the community, as well as the Clerk and Chair of the Parish Council. An Emergency Plan is in existence and is updated regularly. The Resilience Team at Westmorland and Furness Council and ACT Cumbria have copies of the plan and the Emergency Coordinator liaises with these bodies as necessary. A copy is also on the Parish Council website.

There are approximately 40 local coordinators who have agreed to oversee an area of the Parish in an Emergency where there is danger to life or property. These are contacted annually to confirm their continuing interest. (They were invaluable during Covid.) The team have nominated the Village Hall as an Emergency Hub, with the Club Inn and Crooklands Hotel held in reserve. We have purchased a generator which can supply power to the Village Hall should there be an extended electricity outage. Emergency equipment, such as First Aid, Walkie Talkie etc are stored in the Village Hall.

W&F have supplied us with an Emergency Hub Kit which includes a handbook, and maps of the parish. We receive severe weather warnings from Support Cumbria, and Amber Warnings are published on the various Facebook sites serving the Parish. We are members of the Cumbria Volunteer Service and have a presence on their website. We are always on the look out for new volunteers, either on the Emergency Team or as an area coordinator.

In closing the meeting, the Chair thanked all those present and hoped they found it useful and further thanked all those who sent in reports as is helpful to us all in the parish to know what is going on and how they can get involved should they wish to do so.

Meeting closed 7:25pm