

16<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

# PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING VIRTUAL MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Cllrs Present:** M Smith (Chair), I Park, I Mason, A. Atkinson, D Inman, Mrs M Daunt, County/ District Cllr R Bingham, and Mrs A Park (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllrs J Hayhurst, G Galbraith,

**131.20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None**

**132.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None**

**133.20** The Chair and Clerk advised the meeting that Cllr Hayhurst has decided not to stand for re-election in May. The Council was saddened to hear this as Cllr Doddy Hayhurst had been a member for many years however they wished him well and hoped he would continue to attend meetings in the future to offer his knowledge and expertise.

**134.20 MINUTES –** The minutes of last month's meeting were amended as Cllr Bingham corrected the incorrect information received by him from a recorded council meeting and he confirmed that the matter of the Bay proposal on a Unitary Authority had not been rejected by the Government.

**135.20 B4NPR BROADBAND UPDATE –** Mr Lyons sent the following report. There has been little activity since our last report because of the weather conditions and continued Covid regulations which has impacted both group digging and contractors ability to work on wet fields. The good news is that last week contractors have been able to access the fields to the east of Dove Nest Lane and Main Street and ducting has been laid to the boundaries of relevant properties.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> has been pencilled in for contractors to start on the Sycamore Close to Summerlands Link, including Summerlands Business Park and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March for the road crossing of the A65 (which will require traffic lights) to link the existing Sycamore (odd numbers) route to Sycamore (even numbers) and the Summerlands - Stainton spur - volunteers are only doing infill jobs where groups are not involved. Cllr Atkinson advised some of this work was done over the weekend.

The current Government Rural Gigabit Grants scheme closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> March so those residents who have not registered their interest need to do so as quickly as possible ([B4RN.org.uk/postcode-checker](http://B4RN.org.uk/postcode-checker))

**136.20 PRESTON RICHARD EMERGENCY PLAN (PREP) REPORT –** Cllr Smith advised annual reports on the PREP's activities had been sent to various organisations to update them on actions taken. He wished to advise everyone that the group is still active and supporting people who need help. And lastly that only 6 cases of Covid have been reported in South Lakeland in the last report received.

**137.20 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.  
Cllr Bingham advised that during the last year there has been 15% increase on the domestic violence and drugs cross county borders arrests are down 2%.

**138.20 OPEN SESSION –** The Clerk reported a problem had been brought to her attention regarding flooding at the rear of houses on Gatebeck Road and it was thought perhaps a drain was blocked. The Clerk contacted concerned parties and they together are now discussing the way forward.

**139.20 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS –**

**Budgets:** Cllr Bingham advised that various budgets had been set for the coming year,

- A general increase of Council Tax by 1.99% for 2021/22
- An additional precept for Adult Social Care of 2.00% for 2021/22
- Total increase on Cumbria County Council's share of council tax of 3.99%.
- This equates to £4.79 a month on a Band D property.
- An increase of 4.7% for the police means an increase of £5.23 which is the second lowest in the country. 15% increase on the domestic violence incidents whilst drugs cross county boundaries reports down
- District Council 1.99% CCC increase

**Highways:** Still trying to get Crooklands Bridge repaired. He raised concerns about speeding on Gatebeck Road and asked for a monitor to be placed on it however he was advised these were not been done as it would give a false reading due to Lockdown. Cllr Smith pointed out that the speeding was worse due to Lockdown as there was not as much traffic.

**Government Reorganisation:** Constituencies are to be reorganised and as such Cumbria will go down from 6 to 5, it is possible the title of Westmorland & Lonsdale could go however Cllr Bingham has requested the title of Westmorland be maintained in the new titles.

**140.20 HIGHWAY –**

Cllr Bingham advised he has been asking for Deer Park to be resurfaced and had given a list of defects to the Highways engineer. Cllr Atkinson wanted to know when the signs would be replaced on Deer Park and to Carter House road end. Cllr Bingham will make enquiries. Cllr Atkinson also requested we write to Story Homes to ask them to make good the damage caused to the west side verge of the A 65 which has been ploughed up by lorries turning on to the site. The clerk will write to Story Homes.

**141.20 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –**

- Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). The Clerk advised this is still in the hands of SLDC and their Legal Team
- The Clerk advised she was still awaiting information from Cumbria County Council's solicitors on the matter of the school road maintenance. Cllr Bingham will contact CCC to see what their position is. Cllr Mason will make enquiries locally regarding the maps covering the school road.

**142.20 CALC NEWSLETTER –** Nothing to report from the newsletter**143.20 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/2021/0082** - 3 Meadowside Close Endmoor KENDAL LA8 0EJ - Single storey rear extension. No comments received.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS**

**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)

**SL/2020/0956** - Lake View 3 High Birkrigg Park Stainton - Erection of agricultural barn

**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/2020/0919** - 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

**PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:-**

**SL/2020/0844** - Land adjacent to 5 Alexander Drive Endmoor - Change of use of amenity land to domestic garden – Granted with Conditions

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

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

**SL/2020/0060** – Field End Farm, Stainton, - Erection of stable block (Part retrospective) – retrospective Grant with conditions

**144.20 FINANCE** - The Clerk advised

- **No news yet on claim for excess on bus shelter claim**
- **Paid between meetings:**

P. A Park wages and expense £643.81	HMRC (tax) £159.65
Max Recycle waste Jan waste £51.91	Max Recycle waste Dec waste XS £4.69

**Payments received:** None **Xfers between accounts:** None

**145.20 /CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS:** - None

**Next Meeting** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**The meeting closed at 20:20**