

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL AGM MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18th May 2020.

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs J Hayhurst, I Park and Mr J Lyons of B4PRN

17.20 ELECTION OF CHAIR The Chair stepped down and the Vice Chair took over for nomination of the Chair for the coming year Cllr Inman nominated Cllr Smith and Cllr Mason seconded, on vote all councillors agreed.

18.20 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR – Cllr Inman was nominated by Cllr Smith for Vice Chair seconded by Cllr Mason and all councillors agreed.

19.20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

20.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Inman planning application SL/2020/0148. Cllr Galbraith on item 24.20

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

22.20 B4NPR BROADBAND UPDATE - Mr Lyons was not present but sent the following report which was forwarded to all councillors:

Since the last report to Council the main cabinet (Head End) has been installed next to the Village Hall, the trench for the core route from Head End around the football pitch, including laying the fibre has been completed. The work was done adhering to the Lockdown Regulations (social distancing etc.) Due to the Lockdown regulations we have not been able to work on the remainder of Core Route 1 which is from the school to the fisheries. Some residents have used their enforced free time to dig the link route from their boundary to their property. We have provided the 7mm ducting and are happy to continue so to do for other residents. However following relaxing of the Regulations we are pleased to say that B4RN registered contractors are now able to restart work and have worked on the link through the school grounds. We aim to get B4RN contractors to commence work at Gatebeck Road North and on the A65 from Sycamore to Summerlands. The Chair added that B4RN was now mole ploughing to the crossroads.

The council thanked everyone involved for the work done.

23.20 POLICE REPORT – The Police are not currently preparing reports due to the current crisis. Cllr Bingham who sits on the Police Committee advised there has been an increase in domestic violence, a decrease in some crimes and road traffic accidents however drug use has gone up resulting in rising prices for users.

24.20 OPEN SESSION - matters raised this month are

- a. Parking issues – concerns had been raised regarding a tractor parked on the pavement, this was discussed and although the Parish Council have no powers to do anything about parking and it is not an offence to park on the pavement unless you block passage, in the interest of good neighbourliness the council would ask all residents to park with safety in mind for pavement and road users. A member of the council has been in contact with the owner of the tractor to ask that they be careful not to block the pavement when parking to which they have agreed.
- b. Dog fouling – as many people are walking their dogs in the parish at the moment there has been a big rise in dog fouling and a request has been received for a new bin in the parish. The Council felt that they could put new bins around the parish at a significant cost but feel these will only be used by people who now use the bins whilst others will persist in not picking up or bagging and throwing it in to nearby fields putting the health of people and animals at risk. The clerk was asked to look at the cost of new bins and the ongoing cost of emptying. The Council also has some stencils and hi viz spray that can be sprayed on pavements or roads asking people to pick up. The message lasts for several weeks and may deter some from leaving a mess for others to deal with. Should anyone be interested in helping spraying areas please contact the Chair (Martin Smith) or the Parish Clerk.

25.20 PREP - COVID-19 –Roger Gorman Chair of the PREP sent the following report:

No deaths reported in our parish as a result of coronavirus, there have been two deaths in the local area which includes Endmoor, Burton-in-Kendal and Natland. Volunteers will continue shielding vulnerable people until June. A couple of reports have been made concerning people flouting the government's coronavirus rules, reporting people were advised to contact the Police on 101. It appears that the vast majority of people in the parish are adhering to government guidelines on social distancing, exercise etc. Booklets on mental health have been delivered by volunteers to all those classed as vulnerable (some also given to Preston Patrick). The pandemic has not had the effect in the parish expected, we were prepared to replace volunteers who caught the virus but no-one has reported symptoms. Martin Smith and Roger Gorman were tested for the virus (as 1st Responders) and the results came back as negative. A special mention of thanks for Clive and Jane Dann, Village Shop, who have steadfastly continued their delivery service as mentioned in the Gazette on 14th May. I continue communication with volunteers via a weekly bulletin which can be found on the parish council's web site

26.20 CIL MONEY PROJECTS – The Clerk reported no applications had been received and no CIL had been forthcoming.

27.20 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS – As Cllrs Cooper and Harvey although invited to attend have not responded Cllr Bingham sent a report ahead of attending covering both District and County matters as Follows:

Thanks to Skype and Zoom Police and Council Officers now have daily virtual meetings although most of SLDC's 600 office workers are still working from home. Green bin collections resumed on 4th May. On a more serious note Corona Virus has disproportionately impacted on Cumbria being hit earlier and quicker than most. Whilst Covid-19 has dwindled in London one report highlighted that the death rate in Barrow is the third highest in the land, whilst South Lakes and Lancaster are still in the top quartile. The easing of the Lockdown prompted council to warn people that there is very little open. Care of the vulnerable has centred on 72 hubs but only 20% of needy children have attended most of which are children of key workers. Cumbria tourism has previously generated £1.36 billion revenue annually; the financial gap will be partly covered by government grants. To ease the loss of £2.6m car park revenue and council tax reductions from closed catering establishments and businesses SLDC has received £10m.

28.20 HIGHWAYS – Reports of Ash dieback on trees in the parish have been forwarded to CCC for their attention.

29.20 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL – Cllr Daunt advised the Village Hall have received a grant of £10k for repairs to the hall and Cllr Mason advised the Footballers have received a grant of £10k towards the cost of improving the football pitch.

30.20 CALC NEWSLETTER – No comments this month.

31.20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-

SL/2020/0191 - Land north of Sycamore Close Endmoor - Discharge of conditions 6 & 20 (School Gate Link) attached to planning permission SL/2017/0841

SL/2019/0730 – Use of agricultural land as garden curtilage (part retrospective) to Fellfield View, Fell Lea, Oxenber. (no decision)

SL/2019/0836 - 8 & 10 Greenways Drive Endmoor - High Hedge complaint (no decision)

SL/2020/0100 - Milton Lane Crooklands - New Field Entrance and Woodstore (Re-submission of SL/2019/0120) (no decision)

SL/2020/0106 - Land north of Sycamore Close Endmoor - Erection of 106 dwellings with associated infrastructure Ref SL/2017/0841 (no decision)

SL/2020/0148 - Milton Moor Farm Crooklands - Extensions to two existing agricultural livestock buildings (no decision)

SL/2020/0268 - Apartment at Summerlands Hall Endmoor KENDAL LA8 0ED - Subdivision of existing dwelling known as Summerland Court to create a new one bed dwelling, including creation of parking and bin storage area

SL/2020/0264 - Beech Lee, Gatebeck Lane Endmoor KENDAL LA8 0HN - Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage, 2 storey extension, erection of detached garage with solar panels, erection of detached summer house and alterations to vehicular access (Resubmission of SL/2015/0231)

Concerns were raised regarding SL/2020/0268 as to whether it was a listed building, Cllr Bingham and the Clerk will make enquiries. Further concerns regarding the vehicular access of SL/2020/0264 the clerk will advise the planning of these.

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:- None

32.20 FINANCE

- a) The Clerk advised she was still waiting to hear about the return of our £125 excess on the recent insurance claim although she had written again.

- b) The Financial Regulations, virtual meetings Orders and Standing Orders were approved by the council.

Paid between meetings:

Internal Audit £100	CALC Membership £248.42
Max Recycle (March XS waste) £1.73	Max Recycle (May waste) £ 51.91
Clerks Apr wages & expenses £608.37	HMRC tax £147.08
Tree Planning Application £50.00	D & C Atkinson Grass cutting £247.71
Cheap Rope (B4PRN) £43.95	B4PRN Website hosting £48.00

Payments received: SLDC Precept £11,838.18, Grant £823.65,
VAT reclaimed £948.27

Xfers between accounts: 29/04/20 - £14000 Current- Dep account
06/05/29 – £2k Dep – Current account

33.20 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS: -

- a. SLDC Local Plan – This was discussed and various suggestions made, regarding shops, footpaths/pavements, infrastructure and the clerk will write to SLDC with the suggestions.
- b. Thoughts on new rule “free to travel to exercise” impact on our area – no comments received.

Next Meeting – Monday 15th June 2020

The meeting closed at 8.40pm