

21st May 2024

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 20th May 2024

Cllrs Present M Smith (Chair), A Atkinson, I Park, G Galbraith, K. Dos Santos and Mrs A Park (Clerk).

Apologies, Unitary Cllr Mrs J Battye

13.24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

14.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

15.24 MINUTES – The minutes of the April meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record

16.24 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND PUBLIC

The Chair advised that the year has been a very busy year completing many projects thanks to the CIL money. The biggest concern this year was the need to replace the street lights on the Low Park Estate, as neither SLDC, Cumbria County Council nor Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Council would accept responsibility for them insisting it was up to the original builder or the residents of Low Park to pay to get them replaced, therefore the Parish Council felt they had little choice other than to step in. Agreement was sought to use CIL money to replace the columns and get agreement to get them adopted by Westmorland & Furness Council when complete. A further problem is the matter of the proposed new business park on Gatebeck Lane, much time and effort has been put in in trying to get better traffic management on Gatebeck Lane, Gatebeck Road and the A65. Much time has been spent on the matter of speeding in the parish and we are still pushing for Speed Cameras at least on the A65 and other method of slowing traffic around the village. The Speedwatch group has restarted and they are hoping to build up a picture of traffic movements to help us better understand the problem. Discussions are still ongoing with W&F Highways. The Chair made reference to the problem of water supply to our parish and his hopes that the new pipework will overcome the difficulties but only time will tell. The past year CIL money was used to improve the drainage on the playing field, a new scoreboard for Endmoor Bowling Club. A new grit bin for the school road, a noticeboard for Fellside Manor

He paid particular thanks to Mr Mark Hamblett and Cllr Dos Santos for their hard work on the Coronation Celebrations and the Christmas Carols round the Christmas Tree evening together with Julia Smithers it is much appreciated by all the parish. He also thanked fellow councillors for their support and assistance throughout the year and Roger Gorman for looking after our Preston Richard Emergency Plan (PREP) and keeping us all informed as necessary.

And last but not least a special mention for the intrepid Cllr Atkinson who risked life and limb to try to eradicate the moles from the play area without thought for his own safety.

17.24 ACCEPTING OFFICE - All newly elected councillors signed the Acceptance of office forms

18.24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – Cllr Smith was unanimously proposed for Chair. Cllr Smith accepted the position

19.24 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN- as there were no immediate takers it was decided to wait until the next meeting when it hoped other members can be co-opted on. The vacant posts will be advertised.

20.24 TO APPROVE NEW CO-OPERATION PROCEDURE & PERSONAL SPECIFICATION FOR COUNCILLORS –Cllr Atkinson proposed the approval, seconded by Cllr Park all agreed. Both documents were approved and adopted

21.24 OPEN SESSION –

A member of the public brought a complaint about the state of the footpath from the A65 to Gatebeck Road which has been left in a very poor state since it was moved by Story Homes. After much discussion Cllr Galbraith stated he would take some pictures and we could then approach the Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Footpath Officer to see what could be done to improve the situation. A member of the public raised questions about the Woodlands Business Park plans and the lack of information forthcoming from the planning department. W&F Councillor Batty was not present at the meeting however she had sent a report stating she was aware of the position. The public felt they should be able to make a complaint about the lack responses to emails sent, this can be done via their website. The matter of speeding in the village was raised and we were asked why we did not have any speed cameras. The Clerk advised The Parish Council is in talks with Highways on this matter and traffic figures have been monitored recently in preparation for a face-to-face meeting. The Clerk had received a request for a further Speed Indicator Device to monitor northbound vehicles leaving the village on the A65. In the light of the impending talks it was agreed to wait and see the outcome of those before any new initiatives were taken by the Parish Council.

- The request for a library in the phone box on Gatebeck Road is to go ahead and a member of the public is organising and designing the shelves paid for by the Parish Council.
- The bowling club sent an email thanking the Parish Council for the benches which are an important feature of the Green.

22.24 LITTER PICK PROJECT - Cllr Dos Santos informed all that the Spring Litter Pick was a great success and the refreshments were a great surprise to all. She stated she hopes to organise the Autumn litter pick to take place in September. The Chair asked the Clerk to write to the Club Inn and thanks them for the excellent refreshments they provided and their hard work.

23.24 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –

Cllr Battye was not present but sent a report advising she is now a member of the Cabinet with responsibility for Children's Services. W&F Council are now starting to look at where benefits from Local Government Reorganisation can be found e.g. buildings. The new Locality Boards are looking at 4 working groups Children & Young People, Environment & Climate Change, Community Assets and Highways. She also stated she has a small grant of £1000 to meet small grants.

She is awaiting the results of the traffic reports from Highways as she is trying to assist the Parish Council with the speeding problem.

The Clerk advised Council she had responded to an email concerning the method of charging for street lighting, The email requested difficulties encountered when sorting out costs.

24.24 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 the police had been doing a week-long knife crime campaign which had resulted in a knife being confiscated and several cannabis seizures. Other news was 2 arrests for being drunk and disorderly at Oxenholme Station.

25.24 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

New fencing has been erected on the volley ball court outside the Village Hall to stop it being used for parking as the soft pour surface will be damaged and more importantly it is a danger for children playing.

26.24 HIGHWAYS -

The new grit bin for the school road has been installed. The Speedwatch group report will now take place next month.

27.24 CIL MONEY EXPENDITURE

- The 2 new benches for the Bowling Club have installed
- More improvements to the drainage on the playing field – plans have been drawn up, the Council discussed the work required and quote. Cllr Park proposed we go ahead and Cllr Galbraith seconded, all agreed it was acceptable.
- A proposal had been received for the purchase of litter picking equipment. Cllr Park proposed we buy some, Cllr Dos Santos seconded, all agreed,
- The Club Inn suggested solar panels to be considered, the Clerk has asked for more information on the Club Inn which has not yet been received.

28.24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS –

All applications and decisions which can be viewed on [South Lakeland District Council Planning application register](#)

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2024/0664/FPA 8 Greenways Drive Endmoor - Single storey rear extension –
No comments received.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

2024/0525/FPA – Hillside, Gatebeck Road, Endmoor - Change of use of a dwelling house (Use Class C3) as a home for up to 2 young people (no older than 18 years of age). They will have care provided 24 hours a day by up to 2 care staff and a manager during the day with 2 staff overnight (Use Class C2 - Residential institution)

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) – Cllr Battye believes this has been referred to the Strategic Planning Committee in May

SL/2023/0244 - Fairwinds, Low Park Lane, Endmoor - 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) – no update.

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:

2023/1158/FPA – Regularise the built retaining wall by plats 35/70 – Cllr Battye advised this has been approved pending screening taking place – approved with conditions

2023/1156/NMA – Non-Material Amendments to SL/2017/0841 – this has now been approved

29.24 FINANCE –

- a) Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024 was approved and signed
- b) The Summary of Receipts & Payments for the year 2023/24 was gone through and approved
- c) Section 2 of the annual return covering the Accounting Statements and internal audit report was signed and approved by the Chairman
- d) Internal budgets were set as follows: Preston Richard Emergency Plan (PREP) was granted £600, Parish Events £600

Paid between meetings:

CALC membership £338.47	J. Hartley (Int Audit) £100
Wages & Expenses £819.64	HMRC Tax & NI £230.02
Cllr K Dos Santos Litter pick expenses £39	Glasdon – 2 Club Benches £1558-28
Inside Out Services £95.00 Gardening	Black Sheep Iron Works £1001.95

Payments received –

Precept £29,376.24 & W&F Community Grant £623.76

Transfers between a/c - £30k from current – deposit account

Next Meeting which will be– 17th June 2024

Meeting Closed – 8:58pm