

16th July 2024

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 15^h July 2024

Cllrs Present Cllrs M Smith (Chair), D Inman, A Atkinson, G Galbraith, S Parr, R Toon, K. Dos Santos, Unitary Cllr Mrs J Batty and Mrs A Park (Clerk),

Apologies, I Park,

43.24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

44.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

45.24 MINUTES – The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record

46.24 OPEN SESSION –

As there were a large number of members of the public present wishing to discuss the Hillside planning application 2024/0525/FPA and 2024/1161/LDPR the Chair brought planning matters forward. Although the planning application for 'change of use' was refused the applicant has applied for a Lawful Development Certificate to use the building as a children's care home. Peter Winter on behalf of the group explained the decision-making behind the application which is based on legalities, no statutory requirement to consult third parties including parish councils or neighbours. They may consult with planning authorities for relevant information, all other information is deemed irrelevant Cllr Atkinson proposed a vote on the use of Hillside as a children's care home and Cllr Inman seconded the council unanimously voted against such use. The clerk will discuss what if anything can be done with planning but in the end, it will be up to the Westmorland and Furness Solicitors to make the final decision. The Chair felt it would be useful to have some idea of the concerns and suggested the public make enquiries on this, Cllr Toone suggested there should be a timescale attached to this activity. Several questions were asked on rights of appeal etc. which Peter Winter answered but it was felt we would have to wait and see the outcome first.

The Clerk informed the meeting the footpath from the A65 to Gatebeck Road has now been tidied up and will be maintained by Westmorland & Furness Footpath department.

A problem was reported to the Clerk regarding a sewer chamber which is causing a stench. This chamber became a problem when Story Homes linked into the sewer system on Sycamore Close. The Clerk has been in touch with Story Homes and they are trying to sort it out.

47.24 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –

- The Local Plan consultations are underway, it is currently assessing areas available for development and therefore, she urged all councillors to check on it when produced to ensure it was correct, the Clerk advised all info received had been passed on to Councillors. Details so everyone can join in the discussion can be found on [Local plan - Westmorland and Furness Council - Citizen Space](#)
- Cllr Battye advised she has not received the traffic figures for Endmoor yet but will chase them up. A meeting is to be arranged between Highways and the Parish Council in August to discuss them and try to find a solution to the speeding problem.
- She also advised W&F are still looking into how to charge for future street lighting charges.

48.24 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 there was little to report in our area this month.

49.24 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- Planning permission has been granted to proceed with work on the trees and the work is being carried out.
- The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) on the playing field is to be updated by Westmorland & Furness Council details can be found on southlakeland.gov.uk/leisure-culture-and-events/parks-and-open-spaces/public-space-protection-order-pspo/
- The play area equipment has been repaired, the climbing frame rope has been reinstated, the train has a new roof and the basketball court has a protective fence from the car park.

50.24 HIGHWAYS -SPEEDWATCH –

Cllr Parr gave a report on the findings of the Speedwatch group and it would appear that there is a considerable amount of speeding going on, as we suspected. Of all those caught speeding (108) the average speed of all the speeders was 39mph. These figures together with registration numbers are sent to the police for follow ups. The Council thanked Cllr Parr for his work in managing the group and the stats. The Speedwatch gun is due for calibration and the Clerk asked if this was to be done, Cllr Inman proposed we do, Cllr Atkinson seconded and all agreed. The Clerk will organise the calibration.

51.24 CIL MONEY EXPENDITURE

Information has been received from The Club Inn re the purchase of solar panels, whilst the Council felt it was a worthwhile project they were unable to allocate any money due to the status of the Club organisation status being a Friendly Society rather than a Charity. Gemma gave a report to the Council of all the good works the Club Inn does for the Community and explained they are trying to make it the hub of the community for the community. Gemma was advised to approach Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) to ask for their help in setting up the status. The Council agreed to hold some money in reserve until she had made some enquiries and she would advise the Council.

52.24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS –

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

2024/1161/LDPR – Hillside Gatebeck Road Endmoor - Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed use of a dwellinghouse (use class C3) as a care home for up to two young people (no older than 18 years of age) with care provided 24 hours a day by non-resident carers working shifts and with one manager (Use class C2)

This application was discussed at length as documented in the open session.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

2024/0887/FPA - Storth End Cottage Stainton – Alterations, single storey extension for sun room & 2 storey extension for family room and two additional bedrooms.

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 was asked by a member of the public what was happening about this application, she said she was unsure but would check and advise.

SL/2023/0244 - Fairwinds, Low Park Lane, Endmoor - Application for a Non-Material amendment following grant o-f 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:

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) - refused

53.24 FINANCE –

- Clerk's Q1 finance report to council – the Clerk handed out the Q1 report for the Council finances, this was gone through and signed off
- Annual salaries review
The Lengthsman contract was gone through and increased £1 per hour
The Clerk salary was reviewed and increased by £1.50 per hour as she had not had a pay increase for two years and brought it in line SLCC pay scale

Paid between meetings:

Inside Out Services £445.00	DH Forestry (Lengthsman) £2162.00
Cumbria Tree Survey £60.00	Endmoor Village Hall £270.00
M. Smith (SID Collection) £32.50	R Atkinson Joinery £230.00

Wages & Expenses £827.7	HMRC Tax & NI £230.02
J. Park Tree inspection & materials £160.00	Pandora Tech – SD repair £576.00

Payments received – None

Transfers between a/c –

18/6/24 £3k & 24/6/24 £2k from deposit – current account

Next Meeting– 16th September 2024

Meeting Closed – 9:19pm