

20th October, 2021

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 18th OCTOBER 2021

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

Apologies: I Mason, Cllr D Inman, J Lyons (Broadband group)

77.21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

78.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

79.21 MINUTES – The minutes of last month's meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record

80.21 B4NPR BROADBAND UPDATE - Mr Lyons sent the following report:

Currently the number of Broadband connection increases are incremental rather than substantial, we have 114 residents / businesses taking the B4RN service but we know there are a around 100 properties where the core route has been laid to the curtilage of the property but the property owner has not yet subscribed - this is frequently because they are in a longer-term contract with another provider. The Core route Summerlands Trading Estate has been completed and is almost completed to Warwick Drive and Alexander Drive where residents are digging in the service ducting to their properties. The connection to the Stainton project should be completed shortly and that will improve the resilience of our project as it will give us two connections to the national network. In the last report I outlined the changes in funding proposed by the Minister of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) for Project Gigabit the effect of which would have been detrimental to South Lakes generally and our project specifically. I am pleased to be able to report that a group of MPs and the Chief Executive of B4RN, led by Tim Farron, met with the relevant Minister as a result of which changes will be made to the proposals. This should mean that our project will be able to run its course however we are still awaiting formal confirmation of this which should have been released a week ago.

81.21 OPEN SESSION –

- a. A letter had been received from Great North Air Ambulance Service asking for a donation, the council discussed the matter and Cllr Daunt proposed we send £50, Cllr Park seconded this and all agreed.
- b. Councillors had been asked about the removal of the Noticeboard at the Village Hall Car Park the clerk advised the noticeboard had rotted away however 4 new noticeboards had been ordered for the parish to replace those currently in place.

82.21 POLICE REPORT – There was fortunately little to report in our area other than a

break-in at premises at Gatebeck. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Newsletter and local matters, information for your area can now be found on the police website [Arnside, Milnthorpe, and Endmoor - Cumbria Constabulary](#) or on their Facebook page [\(4\) South Lakes Police | Facebook](#) . Cllr Bingham being the Chair of the Police Committee advised the Cumbria Police had recruited 200 officers but there are 60 less PCSO's as many have opted to become officers. The Police were hoping to relax the rules on sending two police officers together however in the light of recent national incidents this has been put on hold. It was also hoped to link all local blue light services but as the Fire Service covers the whole of Cumbria this is not possible. Cllr Park ask Cllr Bingham if any progress had been made on the current delays on 999 ambulance calls being encountered with times of 13 hours being quoted, Cllr Bingham said he had advised the Westmorland Gazette on this matter in the hope of raising public awareness and although a lengthy discussion had taken place nothing was put in the paper. Cllr Bingham will continue to look into the matter.

83.21 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS – Cllr Bingham reported COVID still undermines Council considerations. At the start of October there were in Cumbria 2,082 new cases which rose by 70 in two days before dropping slowly in most areas, Allerdale in North West Cumbria having the highest increase. Rates in South Lakeland are below the national average but we must remain wary as neighbouring Lancashire has the nation's highest rates. Locally the 12-18 age group accounts for the greatest increase. The 80+ age range also experienced a proportional increase. The number of new COVID patients admitted to the Morecambe Bay NHS Trust hospitals has not risen. Social and health considerations have also been stressed on the County Council which has received extra government funding of £50k for food through the winter months, £20k to support hardship groups and £124,000 to support Voluntary and community groups. The County Local Committee received a presentation about Autism, school aged children comprise the largest group but the numbers of autistic adults are increasing. Our longest discussion concerned the provision of EVCP generators for electrically powered cars as from 2030 no more petrol or diesel fuelled vehicles will be manufactured and from 2040 such vehicles will be banned. With less than ten years to go the first council installed chargers will be installed in Kendal, Ulverston, Windermere and Bowness, I have raised my concerns about villages but as yet have received no specific information. As many local village houses do not have parking places it would mean if they charged up from equipment inside the house cables might have to cross the pavement creating an illegal health and safety hazard. In Consequent rural communities will have to find spaces to accommodate these chargers. Further delay is possible in the Local Government Reform which is to replace the County Council and the six District Councils with Unitary Authorities. The Minister for local government decreed that Cumbria should have two Authorities north and south (though Whitehall called them East and West!). This view was challenged by the County Council's ruling Labour and Liberal Democrat Coalition. But at a Special Council meeting held in public a motion to rescind the application for a judicial review was passed, even so the review is still going ahead. This means that candidates for the new council or councils cannot be selected although we do know that the current division

boundaries will remain the same. Election for the new council is fixed for May 2022. The current authorities will continue until 'vesting date' on the 1st April 2023

84.21 HIGHWAY – Matter to be reported, flooding on Main Street Endmoor allowing water to ingress into garages, Pot Hole at Milton Moor Farm which although repaired this week is as bad as ever, manhole cover opposite the Crooklands Hotel which has been broken 3 times and still waiting replacement. The clerk will report.

85.21 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- The play area was inspected and is okay at the moment but is undergoing repair/repainting by council members.
- Resurfacing around the train and swings has taken place.
- The Village Hall car park wall, Cllr Galbraith said he had made enquiries and no one had been found yet. The Clerk will make further enquiries.

86.21 LENGTHSMAN – The matter of the flooring for the new bus shelter at Crooklands was raised as it needs doing before the bad weather sets in the Clerk was asked to contact the Lengthsman for a date for the work. The clerk was asked to report the school road hedge as it was thought it may need cutting back. This will be checked.

87.21 CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (CALC) – nothing to report from the newsletter to the meeting.

88.21 NOTICEBOARDS – The new noticeboards have been ordered and should be ready in 4-6 weeks.

89.21 VILLAGE ENTRANCE FLOWER BOXES – discussions are ongoing with L&W Wilson who have kindly agreed to help us purchase them.

90.21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS

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

SL/2021/0966 - 16 Birchfield, Endmoor - Single storey front extension – no comments

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

SL/2021/0711 - 11 Birchfield Endmoor - Proposed front, side and rear extensions and roof alterations

SL/2021/0754 - 31 Meadowside Close Endmoor - Two storey side extension

SL/2021/0761 - Milton House Crooklands - Installation of new sewage disposal system within the curtilage of Milton house

SL/2021/0577 - Beech Lee Gatebeck Lane Endmoor - Replacement dwelling and garage and change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage.

5/20/9009 - L & W Wilson (Endmoor) Ltd, Shiralee, Gatebeck Road - Concrete batching operations taking place in L & W Wilson (Endmoor) Ltd yard.

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED: -

SL/2021/0753 - Orchard House Crooklands - Side garage extension with glazed balcony above accessed from first floor lounge – Granted with conditions

91.21 FINANCE –Paid between meetings:

Verge plants & play equipment £65.80	Max Recycle Oct waste £57.94
P. A Park wages and expense £665.98	D&C Atkinson grass cut £228.83
HMRC (tax) £159.16	Barn Materials £128.02
PFK Littlejohn – Audit £240.00	Play equipment £49.71
Signs of Cheshire noticeboards £3034.80	Rainbow Safety Surfaces £8004.00

Payments received

14/9/21 Broadband donations £200, 14/9/21 Broadband donations £200
27/7/21 SLDC 2nd half Precept £11829.13.

Xfers between accounts: 10/10/21 £3k from deposit to current account

Next Meeting – Monday 15th November 2021

The meeting closed at 20:38