

25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

# PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING VIRTUAL MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

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

**Apologies:** Cllr J Hayhurst, D. Inman, Mrs M Daunt, John Lyons of the B4PR team

**90.20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None**

**91.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None**

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

**93.20 B4NPR BROADBAND UPDATE –** John Lyons sent the following report:

The team's progress since our last report has been small but important progress interrupted by poor weather conditions. The key points were for B4RN contractors to cut the road crossing through both the school access road and Gatebeck Road during half term so access to the school was not interrupted. This then enabled us to push the core route through the wooded area to Dove Nest Lane and onwards behind Low Cottages to the open fields. This was a brutal stretch - 500m of hard hand digging in root bound soil and steep banking - our thanks to the volunteers of both sexes and multi generations. Additionally we have hand dug tricky parts of core route to east of Low Park Lane and are now waiting for contractors to mole plough north of Gatebeck Lane ,east of Dove Nest and around Field End which will enable access to the 100+ properties within those routes. To date we have 30+ properties connected (including Village Hall and school) with 1015 connected but not yet taken the service as they are still within their existing contracts.

**94.20 PRESTON RICHARD EMERGENCY PLAN (PREP) REPORT –** Roger Gorman sent the following report.

- Plan has been reviewed and updated.
- New review date is October 2021
- Village Hall now has hyper fast broadband.
- An Appendix is in progress outlining actions taken during Covid-19 pandemic
- PREP was actioned at the start of Lockdown 2 and announced in the Westmorland Gazette
- Two bulletins have been sent out to volunteers during Lockdown 2
- No volunteer has declined to help out should it be needed
- There is no "shielding" during this lockdown but vulnerable people are now defined as "over 60"!
- Volunteers receive regular forwarded Bulletins from Cumbria Police and CCC

- A major concern now is Mental Health and volunteers have been encouraged to make a 'phone call to those they think might need it
- A "sticker" system is under review for those requiring help

**95.20 POLICE REPORT** – No Police report was received

**96.20 OPEN SESSION** – Cllr Atkinson reported that some dog walkers on Commonmire Lane are still not picking up after their pets even though a bin has been placed at the milk churn junction. It was decided the dog fouling stencils will be put on the road in an effort to remind people to pick up after their pets and place it in the bins provided. It was also noted that the same problem down Enyeats Road to Kaker Mill. The clerk was asked to remind everyone of the new bins put in place at Commonmire Lane, Summerlands, Kaker Mill and by the Canal station at Crooklands Bridge. The clerk will put a message on Facebook and the Web Site to ask the public to assist in this matter of public health.

**97.20 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS** – Cllr Bingham reported the following Council Matters. At last the Waterways Authority has agreed to meet the County's Representatives about the long delayed repairs to Crooklands Canal Bridge damaged in September and to Seven Milestone Bridge where repairs have been needed for a year. As I'm on NHS lockdown I haven't been able to inspect any progress on Nuttinghall Lane and Dove Nest Lane. But work is to start on Nuttinghall Lane this week.

County Council The 5<sup>th</sup> November meeting main points included the delay in capital spending owing to COVID restraints which will include extra care home facilities which when built will provide rented homes for older people. The County Council has received awards for the high quality of its Fire and Rescue Service, for rural Broad Band provision and for the creation of a coast to coast Adoption Service which will stretch from Cumbria to Northumbria and County Durham. I asked that this focus would not deflect from connections between the south of the County and Lancashire. Local Government Reform involving replacing District Councils and the County Council with Unitary Authorities has dominated discussions both in the District and County Councils. Few people want to retain the District Councils whose functions have been eroded by the contracting out of many services like Housing and Leisure. The majority ruling group on SLDC favours a Morecambe Bay Authority consisting of Barrow, South Lakeland and Lancaster. But this is contrary to a government ordinance that County boundaries should not be crossed. Also there are significant demographic differences between South Lakeland and both Barrow and Lancaster which have higher rates for crime and deprivation than does South Lakeland. Yet, these authorities share the Morecambe Bay Hospital Trust. But as I experienced during my illness, many of us receive treatment out of this region at Blackburn, Blackpool, Preston, and Manchester. The County Council favours a single authority but if this meant everything being ruled from Carlisle it would hardly be 'local' government. Others schemes include splitting Cumbria into two parts but each part would have a population of less than 300,000 which is below the government guide lines. I asked about the position of 'dual-hatted' councillors who belong to a District and the County Council. At least one Councillor supported the SLDC's plan for a Morecambe Bay Authority and also voted for a single unitary authority covering the whole existing county but without going beyond the southern boundary into Lancashire. So a workable let alone a popular- solution will be

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difficult within the stipulated two year time slot. Members of the public can give their view on this on SLDC website [The Bay Unitary Proposal \(southlakeland.gov.uk\)](http://southlakeland.gov.uk)

**98.20 HIGHWAY** – Cllr Galbraith wished to report the pot hole on Gatebeck Road at the junction with the road leading to Wilson's the Clerk advised she had reported this several times but nothing has been done, she will report again.

**99.20 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL** – The clerk reported the new lease for the Tennis club is in hand and the work on the trees on the Playing field has now been completed.

**100.20 CALC NEWSLETTER** – No newsletter received

#### **101.20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS**

*All applications, comments and decisions which can be viewed on <http://applications.southlakeland.gov.uk/planningapplications/welcome.asp>*

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-**

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

**SL/2020/0736** - Club Cottage Main Street Endmoor - Change of use from Dwelling-house (Use Class 3) to dog grooming business (Use Class Sui Generis)

**SL/2020/0812** – Land north of Sycamore Close, Endmoor. - Application for a non-material amendment following a grant of planning permissions SL/2017/0841 (Erection of 106 dwellings with associated infrastructure)

**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)

No comments were received.

#### **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:-**

**SL/2020/0776** – Crooklands Garage, Milnthorpe – Double Glazing - not progressed

**102.20 FINANCE** - The Clerk advised

- The claim for the excess paid on the insurance claim is ongoing
- Q2 financial report was sent previous to meeting and will be gone through by councillors in readiness for setting next year's precept.
- The Chair asked if a new signatory on the account should be set up, the clerk will look into it.

**Paid between meetings**

P. A Park wages and expense £669.00	D&C Atkinson (Grass cutting) £247.70
Gt. North Air Ambulance donation £50	Max Recycle £51.91
Castle Alarms CCTV £62.40	Viking – B4RN printing £59.86
Westmorland tree Care £546.00	British Legion Poppy £20
B/Band and telephone £30	HMRC (tax) £159.85

**Payments received:** None**Xfers between accounts:** None**103.20 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS:** - None**Next meeting: *Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020*****The meeting closed at 8.26pm**