

20th December 2023

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 18th December 2023

Cllrs Present M Smith (Chair), A Atkinson, I Park, G Galbraith, D Inman, I Mason, K. Dos Santos, Unitary Cllr Mrs J Battye, and Mrs A Park (Clerk).

A minute's silence was observed for Olive Clarke who sadly passed away today

Apologies Cllr Mrs M Daunt, The Clerk apologised for the cancellation of November meeting due to family matters

79.23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

80.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Dos Santos re item 88.23 Planning

81.23 MINUTES – The minutes of the October meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record

82.23 OPEN SESSION –

Resident raised several issues

- Concerns were once again raised regarding the closed footpath adjacent to the Story Homes development, the clerk advised we had made numerous attempts to get it reopened without success however the temporary closure order expires on 1st March 2024 and if no further closure order is applied for it will reopen then. A resident also noted that the footpath had been moved and the Chair advised that was in the plans which were passed by the planning authority. The Clerk will send details to the resident.
- A member of the public had previously asked if more Parish Councillors should be appointed in view of the new development. The Clerk advised she had made enquiries and the electoral department would look into this if requested by the Parish.
- A resident asked if the pavement from Gatebeck Road down to Gatebeck Lane bridge could be cleared of leaves and debris. The Clerk has reported this to Highways for their attention.

83.23 CHRISTMAS GATHERING AT THE MILLENNIUM CLOCK – All the accounts are now in for payment; the Parish Council approved them for payment. It was noted the estimate for the carol books was higher than expected but this was due to them being laminated to enable them to last

longer and was therefore much more cost effective. The Chair thanked all those who helped make the evening a great success once again.

84.23 POLICE –Police information can be found on their website [Home | Cumbria Police](#) or on their Facebook page [south lakes police - search results | Facebook](#). The most prominent news was the success of operation Merlin which resulted in 20 arrests throughout Cumbria for drug offences. The Clerk advised the Police were introducing a new ‘Streetsafe’ initiative whereby members of the public can report safety concerns in public places anonymously, on line. This includes things such as poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings, vandalism, verbal abuse in the street, broken glass in or dangerous items in public places. Details are on [StreetSafe | Cumbria Police](#)

85.23 UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS –

- Cllr Battye advised that Westmorland & Furness Council (W&F) have set out their budget increase for 2024-25 and are asking people to go on line and give their opinions, go to [Budget consultation 2024 to 2025 | Westmorland and Furness Council](#) for more details .
- She advised the signs for dog fouling notices around the Dove Nest Lane area are ready and will be put up shortly. The Chair asked if there will be any enforcement, Cllr Battye said she would check up on this when the signs are installed.
- We have a new Chair for Endmoor Village Hall and she will advise the Parish Council of the Chairman’s name by email.
- She has found a contact for the Speedwatch management within the Police; however, this is Sgt. Scott-O’Neill with whom the Parish Council have dealt with for many years on this matter. Cllr Battye will ask Sgt Scott-O’Neill if she will attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss all aspects of speeding in the Parish. Cllrs asked when are we going to get some speed cameras in the village on the A65 as it is a major road and need some slowing down measures put in place. Cllr Battye mentioned the new voluntary 20mph initiative, the council felt that it may be fine on housing estates but does not work on major A routes. All matters related to speeding will be put on the January agenda for discussion.

86.23 NOTICEBOARD FOR FELLSIDE MANOR -The Noticeboard has now arrived however Story Homes will not allow it to be installed at the front of the development and want it put at the back where very few people will see it. As the Parish Council has permission to put it along the A65 verge we will look to installing it in an appropriate position on the A65 verge. The matter of the missing Endmoor sign on entering the north side of the village was raised, the clerk will make enquiries

87.23 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

The play area has no new reports this month

88.23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS –

Please note this section is not up to date as at the present time as the Westmorland & Furness Planning Register has been unavailable for the past week

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

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

SL/2023/0797 - Hillside, Main Road, Endmoor - First floor extension over existing side garage - The chair advised this will be going to planning committee on Thursday 21st Dec. 2023

SL/2023/0541 - Land adjacent to North Lodge, Crooklands - Application for approval of reserved matters (access) following outline approval. This was approved with conditions

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

SL/2023/0688 - Woodland adjoining 1 Woodlands Close Endmoor - Change of use of woodland to domestic garden

SL/2023/0630 - 12 Weston Houses, Dove Nest Lane Endmoor - Two storey side extension

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)

SL/2023/0244 - 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)

SL/2023/0451 - Westmorland County Agricultural Society, Lane Farm, Crooklands - Formation of new track for pedestrians from car park to show field - this has now been approved with conditions

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED: -

TR/2023/0140 - 1 Woodlands Close Endmoor - T8 & T9 - Beech - Crown Reduction - Reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 3 metres – granted with conditions

89.23 FINANCE –

The Budget for 2024-2025 was discussed at length as many costs have risen and new charges have been applied by Westmorland & Furness Council. It was thought an increase of £1.5K on the budget would need to be applied, taking the budget to £30K less the unitary grant of £623.76 therefore £29,376.24 shared between all properties in the parish. The increases are due to increased street lighting costs up (63%), waste disposal costs, the charge to households should be somewhat offset by the

new residents in the village. This will mean we will use some of our reserves with the expectation things will even out in the future.

Paid between meetings:

W&F (Litter bin empties) £1134.67	Netherfield Cricket Club £72.00
Wages & Expenses £842.09 (Oct)	HMRC Tax £230.02
W&F (Supply electricity to Xmas tree) £1080.00	Inside Out Services play area mtce £359.82
British Legion £25.00	Netherfield Cricket Club £36.00
Signs of Cheshire £1107.00 Noticeboard (2 nd)	Wages & Expenses £820.10 (Nov)
Endmoor Village Hall (meeting hire) £150	HMRC Tax £230.02

Payments received – Precept £14,250, CIL money £18511.38
Xfers between a/c: 3/11/23 £28K Cur to Dep, 11/12/23 £2k Dep to Cur

Next Meeting – 15th January 2024

Meeting Closed – 8.35pm