

16th December 2020

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING VIRTUAL MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2020

Cllrs Present: M Smith (Chair), I Park, I Mason, A. Atkinson, G Galbraith, D. Inman, Mrs M Daunt, County/ District Cllr R Bingham, John Lyons of the B4PR team and Mrs A Park (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr J Hayhurst,

104.20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

105.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Galbraith

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

107.20 B4NPR BROADBAND UPDATE – Mr Lyons reviewed the activities and progress of the Project since the current Steering Group was formed 2 years ago. The Group consists of a Steering Group of six, supplemented by ten to twelve other volunteers on work days.

The first 12 months were devoted to agreeing the Core Route and the Group was grateful to all property owners for their assistance. Without that the project would never have got off the ground. Installation work commenced at Crooklands in January and in Endmoor in February 2020. In Endmoor village approximately 2000 metres of core route ducting along with 13,000 metres of service ducting has been "dug in". The first properties went live on 27th July and since then some 45 are now live, including the Village Hall and the school and for both these properties the service is free. Additionally there are a number of properties who are connected but not yet live because they are still in contract with their current providers. The Group are in the course of laying the Core network to the East, North and West boundaries of the parish and from the Core Route individual connections to properties can be made.

108.20 PRESTON RICHARD EMERGENCY PLAN (PREP) REPORT – Mr Gorman reports that he is working on a Timeline document on how the PREP team responded to the Covid-19 Pandemic which outlines National events alongside the local response from the PREP team to record how the Parish has handled the pandemic which will become an appendix to the PREP plan.

109.20 POLICE REPORT – The children who caused damage to the play having now been identified will be spoken to by the Police regarding this matter. An older girl who was also involved has since left the village. Recompense has been received towards the cost of the damage.

110.20 OPEN SESSION – It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that one of our residents Dawn Humble has received a Community Hero Award from South Lakes Housing for her volunteering during the Covid-19 pandemic and as the treasurer of Endmoor first Responders. The Parish Council thanks Dawn for all her hard work and her community spirit and congratulate her on her award. She was nominated by Ray and Valerie Masse of Low Park.

111.20 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS – Cllr Bingham reported lengthy remote meetings are ongoing, the County's South Area meeting took nearly five hours mainly on highways although there's nothing new to report for us; but I keep going on about Crookland's Bridge and Deer Park Lane and other minor roads which need surface dressing. £25,000 has been allocated or been spent on Nuttinghall Lane.

COVID:- Older people, Vulnerable patients, care and NHS staff, some council officials have already been vaccinated. Plans for older schools pupils to be vaccinated are being considered. Reports on COVID vary all the time. South Lakeland has exceeded Carlisle in new cases and there have been 9 deaths in the County in the last week,. Barrow has the most cases; South Lakeland has currently 374 cases-a drop of 29. Overall there has been a 'plateau' but it is feared that after the four day Christmas 'Armistice' that cases will rise acutely in Lakeland where we attract visitors especially walkers. Meanwhile, vaccinations are being stepped up. With regard to local government re-organisation the majority of SLDC councillors voted in favour of a new unitary authority for Morecambe Bay composed of SLDC, Lancaster and Morecambe and Barrow. So far the only alternative on offer is as a single whole county unitary authority. However everything being run from Carlisle is not 'local' government. Even so a Morecambe Bay authority may not happen because the government has said that cross county boundaries authorities will not be allowed. Also there are objections from Lancashire that the old County Town will no longer be in the county from which it gets its name. Most members did not take into account the acute demographic differences Lancaster and Barrow both of which have above national averages of Crime and deprivation compared to South Lakeland. A new Morecambe Bay authority will not have its own police force so law and order will be split between Lancashire and Cumbria forces. I abstained in the vote because I am in favour of a two Cumbria authority solution e.g. North Cumbria and South Cumbria. I am also worried about the transition arrangements. Apparently the new authority would be elected in 2022 or 2023 and go straight into administration. Last time in 1973-74 the new SLDC and County Councils were elected a year before they took office so that policies etc. and council positions could be worked out which seemed to work. Also several members were concerned that reorganisation should be postponed until after the pandemic is over but when will that be?

112.20 HIGHWAY – Cllr Bingham reiterated the matter of Crooklands Bridge which is taking too long to be repaired yet again but is doing all he can. Cllr Smith reported the light at Low Cottages as not yet been repaired, the clerk advised she had been advised by Highway this work was complete she will get back on to Highways on the matter.

113.20 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

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- The clerk reported the new lease for the Tennis club is being drawn up by the solicitors.
- The CCTV had raised concerns again as each time it is serviced it seems to develop another fault, Cllr Mason proposed we look for another company to service the CCTV, Cllr Galbraith seconded all agreed. The clerk will get quotes.

114.20 CALC NEWSLETTER – Nothing to report from the newsletter

115.20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS

All applications, comments and decisions which can be viewed on

<http://applications.southlakeland.gov.uk/planningapplications/welcome.asp>

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-

SL/2020/0844 - Land adjacent to 5 Alexander Drive Endmoor - Change of use of amenity land to domestic garden.

SL/2020/0818 - 33 Meadowside Close, Endmoor, - Demolition of existing flat roof side extension and construction of a replacement single storey side extension

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

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/2020/0728 - 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)

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED:-

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) – Granted with conditions

116.20 FINANCE - The Clerk advised

- The claim for the excess paid on the insurance claim is ongoing
- Q2 financial report was gone through by councillors and next year's precept was set at £24,500 same as last year
- The Chair asked about the new signatory regarding this Cllr Galbraith agreed to be the new signatory. Cllr Inman said he had never received the necessary items from the bank to authorise payments. The clerk and Cllr Inman will look into this matter.

Paid between meetings

P. A Park wages and expense £647.88	HMRC (tax) £159.65
Community Plan Xmas lights £41.99	Max Recycle Nov £51.91
A2A website domain £30.00	Castle Alarms £228.00
Max Recycle Dec £72.18	Cumbria Tree Inspection £280.00

Payments received: Bank Interest .71p B4RN voucher £150.00

Xfers between accounts: £2k from Deposit to Current account

117.20 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS: - None

Next meeting: *Monday 18th January 2021*

The meeting closed at 8.45pm