

22nd February 2022

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2022

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

Apologies: None

122.21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

123.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

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

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

We are pleased to report that the hard dig work at Birchfield was completed in mid-January which means that another 10 properties can now be connect into the network. In total we have around 140 connections and around a further 200 properties where the core route has been laid to the boundary but property owners have not yet opted to connect. North of the parish residents at Summerlands housing are gradually linking into the core route. B4RN are investigating the financial and technical implications of extending the Preston Richard project to Low Park - we are awaiting their report.

Within Endmoor we have volunteer Champions estimating the level of interest in the A65 section from Longwood to Elm Close section and also for Calvert Court, However, the response to our research questionnaire for properties in the centre of the village has been disappointing and at the moment it is difficult to make a case for developing those sections. Additionally, we are awaiting information from B4RN on timescales for work to complete the link from Nutting Hall Lane to Crooklands Farm. It is the intention that the Steering Group will be wound up later this year.

126.21 OPEN SESSION – The Chair acknowledged Cllr Kevin Holmes and Janet Battye as candidates in the forthcoming elections for our division of the Unitary Authority, they had attended in order to learn about ongoing matters in the Parish.

127.21 POLICE REPORT - Nothing in our locality to report this month other than to be aware of the fake polymer £20 circulating around the district. All current information on local matters can be found on the police website [Arnside, Milnthorpe, and Endmoor - Cumbria Constabulary](#) or on their Facebook page [\(4\) South Lakes Police | Facebook](#) .

128.21 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS –

Cllr Bingham reported the following: As we know Cumbria County Council and the six District Councils will be dissolved from 1st April 2023 and replaced by two Unitary Authorities, Westmorland and Furness and Cumberland, however the leader of Cumbria County Council is still going ahead with a judicial review as he wants a single Unitary Authority although the single option and judicial review were both rejected in a free Council vote in August 2021 and as such this action seems questionable. Some members feel this extra expense does not in-still confidence in those who say that a Single Authority would be cheaper than having two authorities. I support the motion that any legal charges incurred by the appeal should be published. On the financial side there will be no increase in the County's share of the Council Tax for 2022-2023 but the 2% premium for Social Services will be levied so our rates will go up by that amount. On Highways the County will benefit by £12m to repair the potholes in the County. I have resumed my pothole survey round lower Kentdale Division so please let me know of the latest potholes or other Highway blemishes. At council I supported a motion to freeze members pay rather than accept the proposal to accept a rise in line with staff pay increases. On the Police and Crime Commission, the Police rate is rising to a maximum of 9.99% per D grade property to help pay for the 143 additional officers who have joined the force in the last 4 years. Covid figures are coming down.

On the matter of Low Park Street lighting the Clerk reported she was advised that a more senior person would speak to the Parish Council on this matter, but even after repeated contacts asking for this meeting no one at Cumbria County Council has got back to her.

129.21 HIGHWAYS –

The Clerk advised:

- Enyeats Road has been reported due to the many potholes. The advice to this report from Highways is "This action has been assigned to a Highways" which tells us nothing. It will be re-reported yet again.
- The report of a large pothole at the entrance to the Summerlands Estate which the Clerk has reported twice - nothing done yet.

The Clerk has sent feedback to Highways on their poor or none existent service.

130.21 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- Play equipment - A meeting was held with a manufacturer to help us upgrade the play area and plans will be forwarded to the Chair. A meeting with SLDC on the matter had to be postponed due to the stormy weather. At the meeting the matter of the upgrade was discussed and varying opinions were put forward. The Council has asked the members of the public present, Sam Clark, Gemma Charlton, Sonya Skinner to consult with the PTA of St Patrick's School, Endmoor to consider any upgrade and what they or their children would like to see. One defining outcome was that the horse must be kept.

- The trees requiring attention on the playing field can now have the work carried out as permission has been obtained from SLDC Planning however branch trimming for sports purposes was been refused.
- The three grass cutting quotes were discussed with varying service options:
 1. Get our usual contractors do the whole area 16 cuts x £96 = £1536 (Ex VAT)
 2. Usual contractors cut all areas except pitch £1409.33, Footballer cut pitch (£560) and 4 Slittings, £140) = £2109.33 (Ex VAT)
 3. Usual contractors cut all areas except pitch £1409.33, Footballer cut pitch (£560) no Slittings, = £1969.33 (Ex VAT)

After discussion Cllr Mason proposed we take option 2, Cllr Park seconded however the majority did not agree and the motion was amended and Cllr Inman proposed option 3, Cllr Atkinson seconded and Cllrs Daunt and Atkinson agreed therefore by majority the proposal was accepted. It was felt that slitting the grass was an extra service not previously carried out by the parish and should be paid for by the Football Club if they required it.

131.21 QUEENS JUBILEE 2nd June 2022

Members of the Public present at the meeting advised they were willing to form a committee to organise a get together for the Jubilee, Cllr Galbraith propose we accept this offer seconded by Cllr Mason. The Parish Council had preliminary booked the Village Hall and made sure the playing field was available for that weekend and it was therefore decided that would be a great way to celebrate by bringing the community together. The ladies as mentioned in item 130.21 have agreed to discuss this matter with the PTA and a meeting will be organised for all interested parties to discuss the way forward. The Clerk had been contacted by Preston Patrick Parish Council to ask if a combined celebration could be possible. The Parish Council unanimously agreed and Preston Patrick will be contacted to be involved.

Another suggestion was to plant a Jubilee Tree to replace the one to be felled due to disease. This will be looked into.

132.21 CIL PAYMENTS- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Clerk explained the CIL allows SLDC to raise funds from developers and householders undertaking new building projects in South Lakeland. They use the money to help fund the wide range of infrastructure that is needed as a result of development. This includes new or safer road schemes, flood defences, schools, hospitals and other health and social care facilities, park improvements, green spaces and leisure centres. 15% of the money raised from our parish CIL will be given to our Parish Council and therefore we need as a community to discuss how we can spend this money to improve things within the permitted guidelines. The Parish/Town Councils regulations state we can spend CIL funds on the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. If for any reason we are unsure whether a scheme or project falls within this definition we will contact the District Council for advice.

After placing a request on Facebook and the Website the following suggestions have been sent to us but no decisions have been made on them:

- An electricity supply to the clock for illumination and for the Christmas Tree lights
- Costs towards a Hard Dig for Broadband to be provided on Low Park
- A dog poo bin between the A65 & the first houses on Commonmire Lane
- Flower boxes at the entrance to the village, (however these have already been ordered provided by Story Homes and L&W Wilson)
- Resurrection of the gun powder carts for the edge of the village to represent our gun powder heritage
- Creation of off-street parking for Woodside Road

133.21 LENGTHSMAN –

Cllr Inman advised the bus shelter floor at Crooklands will be done in March, the painting of the interior of the stone bus shelter at Summerlands entrance is in hand. Cllr Inman stated the Lengthsman would prefer a professional to install the noticeboards, Cllr Mason will make enquiries about this.

134.21 VILLAGE ENTRANCE FLOWER BOXES – The boxes will be arriving 25th – 28th February.

135.21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS

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

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS: - none

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

SL/2021/1128 - 12 Birchfield Endmoor - Single storey rear conservatory leading to a bedroom with en-suite extension

SL/2021/1060 - Little Acres Crooklands - Alterations to the existing bungalow to add a new first floor level and a 2 storey and single storey extensions at the rear, siting of 2 temporary caravans in garden for the duration of the works & new shower and toilet block for the Little Acre Holiday Park

SL/2021/1036 - 3 Locations between Bridge 164 & 172 on the Lancaster Canal, Hincaster Tunnel East, Hincaster Tunnel West, Sedgwick Aqueduct & Kendal Change Bridge - Display of interpretive signage at seven locations on the 'Northern Reaches' of the Lancaster Canal.

SL/2021/1037 - 3 Locations between Bridge 164 & 172 on the Lancaster Canal, Hincaster Tunnel East, Hincaster Tunnel West, Sedgwick Aqueduct & Kendal Change Bridge Display of interpretive signage at seven locations on the 'Northern Reaches' of the Lancaster Canal.

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

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED: -

SL/2021/0966 - 16 Birchfield, Endmoor - Single storey front extension – Granted with conditions

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

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

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

136.21 FINANCE –

- **Paid between meetings:**

Cumbria Tree Surveys TPO £100	P. A Park wages and expense £638.46
Max Recycle Jan waste £61.10	HMRC (tax) £159.16
Christmas Band £75.00	Christmas Tree £85.00
Carol Service refreshments £17.29	C. Ramsay Village Hall wall £1475.00
Max Recycle Feb waste £61.10	

Payments received - SLDC Jubilee Grant £500

Xfers between accounts: None

Next Meeting – Monday 21st March 2022

Close meeting – 9:06