

17th May 2022

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 16th May 2022

Cllrs Present: M Smith (Chair), D Inman, A. Atkinson, G Galbraith Cllr Mrs J Battye and Mrs A Park (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllrs I Park, Mrs M Daunt, I Mason, County/ District Cllr R Bingham,

The Chair welcomed the newly appointed Cllr Battye to the meeting, she is currently shadowing current District/County Councillors in readiness for the Unitary Council of Westmorland & Furness which takes over April 2023

23.22 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

24.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

25.22 MINUTES – The minutes of the April & May Extraordinary meetings were confirmed as true and accurate records

26.22 B4RNPR BROADBAND UPDATE - Mr Lyons sent the following report:
There has been no real change regarding new connections since the last report, which is to be expected as we are in the last phase of the hand digging part of the project. However, there have been amendments to the voucher system as follows:
A number of residents have registered for B4RN service but not yet taken it up as they are waiting for their current contract to end, it is imperative they contact B4RN as a matter of urgency otherwise they will lose their Dig Grant and the community will lose valuable Government funding. Additionally —and really a re- statement of the existing process, when registering for the service, and again after residents are connected, the relevant government department (DCMS) sends an email as part of their verification process— it's important for the funding/grant arrangements that resident respond to this by clicking on the link to DCMS

27.22 OPEN SESSION – A member of the public had contacted the Clerk to complain about the state of the filter slip road off the A65 onto Gatebeck Lane due to the numerous potholes on that strip of road. This resident had damaged a tyre and wheel which would need replacing at a great cost to them. The resident had reported to the Cumbria County Council Highways but wanted to warn the public of the dangers there. The Parish Council will report the problem again however they stress that it is most important that the public also report the faults as the more reports Highways receive the more priority the report will be given. The Parish Council asked Cllr Battye if she could assist this resident with this matter and she advised the Clerk to pass on her details. The Clerk had already done this but will do so again.

28.22 POLICE REPORT – As Cllr Bingham was not present there was no report from the Police Committee however the Clerk advised the theft of fuel from outside storage tanks is a big concern for the police as it is 88.5% up on last years figure so far this year. Full 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](#)

29.22 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS –

As Cllr Bingham was not present and the Clerk had been advised no meetings had taken place due to the elections. Cllr Battye advised the first formal full meeting of the newly elected council will take place tomorrow (Tuesday) to elect the Leader.

30.22 HIGHWAYS –

The clerk was asked to report the below:

- Pothole at the T junction of the A656 on Main Street and Woodside.
- The filter Lane leaving the A65 to turn down Gatebeck Lane
- Gully blocked south side of Proctors Wood
- Gully blocked on B6385 between Milton Moor Farm and Rowell Bridge

31.22 STREET LIGHTS ON LOW PARK The Clerk advised neither SLDC nor CCC are prepared to accept responsibility for the street lighting on the Low Park Estate advising the clerk

“The lighting at Low Park is not installed to a standard which is deemed adoptable by the County Council. This may have been a planning condition, unfortunately SLDC’s online archive only goes back to November 1988. As noted previously this could be the reason it was not included in the adoption agreement at which point the developer (land owner) would need to make arrangements for the ongoing maintenance of the lighting”.

Whilst the Parish Council felt this was totally unacceptable as the developers are no longer in business, they felt public safety must be considered and therefore felt the lights should be inspected and reports produced on their condition. Cllr Inman proposed a structural report should be sought; Cllr Galbraith seconded all agreed.

32.22 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

We are awaiting the revised plan from Playdale which was decided at last week’s meeting with them. Once the new quote is received from Playdale we can then move forward with discussions with SLDC re the finances for the project. There had been discussions on the colour of the paths linking the equipment as several colours were on offer, however as it is in such a pleasant setting it was felt too many colours would detract from the setting Cllr Galbraith proposed they should be black and Cllr Atkinson seconded which would be in keeping with the Softpour already on the area, all agreed.

An inspection of the play area revealed a few minor problems, the Chair together with other Councillors will sort them out. Questions were raised by the Chair on the need to upgrade the CCTV cameras monitoring the Village

Hall, Play Area and Sports Field. As many Councillors were absent this was deferred until the next meeting.

33.22 QUEENS JUBILEE 3rd June 2022

No further updates on this since last week's extraordinary meeting when most of the details were announced.

34.22 LENGTHSMAN –

Cllr Inman advised the Lengthsman had been busy with cutting the verges.

35.22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS: -

SL/2022/0409 - Little Acres, Crooklands, MILNTHORPE - Replacement dwelling & retaining the siting of 2 temporary caravans in garden for the duration of the works approved under planning permission SL/2021/1060

No Comments received

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

SL/2022/0168 - 22 Meadowside Close, Endmoor - Demolition of garage and erection of a 2-storey side extension

SL/2022/0189 - 31 Meadowside Close, Endmoor - Two storey side extension & front sun room (Resubmission of SL/2021/0754)

SL/2022/0224 - Land Adjacent North Lodge, Crooklands - Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for two detached dwellings

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/2022/0269 - 24 Meadowside Close Endmoor - Detached cabin in rear garden – Granted with conditions

36.22 FINANCE

The internal budgets were discussed firstly the Lengthsman's hourly rate which had not been increased for some time, several suggestions were made, Cllr Inman will speak with the Lengthsman to gain his views on the suggestions and once agreed implemented from Last month. The Community Plan Group requested £150 for the Christmas get together and this was agreed by all. The Clerk/RFO's wages and hours were discussed as these had not been reviewed for time. It was pointed out that the work load was much greater now due to various sub committees' finances having to be managed and subsequent audits. There are many more government requirements such as Pension Schemes to comply with, VAT, processes and procedures to be checked, Websites to Manage, CIL money to manage plus the day to day running of the Council business and therefore an extra 10 hours per calendar month was awarded to help with this. The standard rate was also increased to bring it back into line with current recommended rates as Clerks use their own home for office purposes and household costs are increasing.

Paid between meetings:

G Smithers Choir services £220.00	J. Hartley Internal Audit £100.00
P. A Park wages and expense £639.87	Amazon Office equip. £42.49
HMRC (tax) £156.23	

Payments received – SLDC Precept £13,137.40

Xfers between accounts: None

Next Meeting – Monday 20th June 2022

Closed meeting – 8.46pm