

Preston Patrick Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Preston Patrick Parish Council held on Monday 22 November 2021
at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall

Present Cllr Peter Winter (PW) – Chairman,

Councillors; Peter Gott (PG), Olive Clarke (OC), Robert Nutter (RN), Keith Richardson (KR), Zoe Mack (ZM)

Also present: The Clerk, Scott Thornley (ST), County and District Councillor Roger Bingham and 16 members
of the public

Start: 7:35 pm

21/061	<p>Apologies for Absence: - RESOLVED that the following absences and reasons be approved: –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Mason - Unwell 	
21/062	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: - RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 11 October 2021 pages 21008-21010 be confirmed as a true record and signed by Chairman.</p> <p>Noted that Cllr. Clarke will keep a watching brief on the Burton Educational Foundation in the absence of a formal representative. The grant opportunities have been advertised in the parish magazine.</p>	
21/063	<p>Declaration of interests: - RESOLVED that Cllr. Gott declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application at Sillfield Farm.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cllr. Winter declared a non-prejudicial interest in the planning application at Sillfield Farm as the agent.</p>	
21/064	<p>Public Participation:</p> <p>a) The police report had been circulated to all councillors. Noted that there had been a recent spate of scams involving broken down vehicles on the A65 and that two arrests have been made. However, it was noted that these scams continue and everyone should be wary. There had been some recent thefts at Crooklands and Endmoor and police advice was to ensure that outbuildings and sheds are locked.</p> <p>b) A report was read out by County and District Councillor Bingham which focussed on the recent announcements regarding the Local Government Reorganisation and Parliamentary Boundary changes. The new council for the area would be named Westmorland and Furness. The new council would have smaller areas with only 1 councillor as opposed to 4 under the current system. There may be some delays in getting work done as many officers are applying for roles in the new council and current jobs are being filled by temporary staff.</p> <p>Cllr. Bingham is still pressing for repairs to road signs and is still involved with the issues in Gatebeck.</p> <p>c) All of the members of the public were residents of Gatebeck who had come to speak about the nomination of a piece of land for development in the recent Call for Sites. These residents expressed disappointment that they had found out about this nomination on Facebook and had not been formally informed. The Chair advised that the Local Plan review had been announced in 2018 and had been advertised in the Westmorland Gazette and on various websites and had appeared on the agenda of this council for many months.</p> <p>Noted that the review is currently at the Issues and options stage and that SLDC were now looking to focus development on the three major towns (Kendal, Grange and Ulverston).</p> <p>Noted that anyone can nominate a site and that no assessment of any of the sites had yet been carried out and it maybe that SLDC will discount the site in Gatebeck at assessment stage.</p> <p>It was suggested that the main problems were traffic and pollution and the Chair assured the members of the public that they had the councils full support.</p> <p>Noted that there were rumours of 3 more fields being nominated.</p> <p>As it is understood, the new authority will be able to amend the new Local Plan when it takes office in 2023.</p> <p>It was requested that regular updates were placed in the noticeboard at Gatebeck. RESOLVED that the council will keep updates as regular as possible and names an email addresses were taken.</p> <p>The second issue members of the public wished to speak about was pollution. It was suggested that they had been “fobbed off” by SLDC for many years but that SLDC were now interested as a pollution monitor had now been purchased which supported the claims.</p> <p>Cllr. Bingham noted that he had taken this up with officers at SLDC on numerous occasions and had now spoken to the Chief Executive.</p> <p>Noted that if more building is allowed then the pollution will only increase.</p>	

	<p>Finally the public wished to raise the issue of traffic through Gatebeck. It was noted that the narrowness of the road and the bridge were major issues. The PC had provided a pavement, but due to lack of funding this had never been completed.</p> <p>Noted that it is not local people who are working at the industrial sites in Gatebeck but people from further afield which causes more traffic. Noted that the national census may provide evidence of this when the results are published.</p> <p>The Queen's Green Canopy scheme was mentioned and this is to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>All members of the public and Cllr. Bingham left the meeting at this point.</p>	
21/065	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) SL/2021/0973 Land to west side of Gatebeck Cottages, Becksides Business Park, Gatebeck, KENDAL – Erection of 120 self storage units</p> <p>Objections had been raised by neighbouring properties regarding the 24/7 access that had been suggested. As a result the applicant had agreed to reduce this to 0700 – 2100 seven days per week.</p> <p>RESOLVED to raise no objections subject to the new hours being agreed.</p> <p>SL/2021/1024 Fern Bank, Preston Patrick, MILNTHORPE - Erection of replacement agricultural building, following demolition of existing</p> <p>Noted that the council would prefer the building to have a dark grey roof rather than natural and wished to see the retention of existing trees. RESOLVED that there were no objections subject to this.</p> <p>SL/2021/1036 3 Locations between Bridge 164 & 172 on the Lancaster Canal, Hincaster Tunnel East, Hincaster Tunnel West, Sedgwick Aqueduct & Kendal Change Bridge, MILNTHORPE - Display of interpretive signage at seven locations on the 'Northern Reaches' of the Lancaster Canal</p> <p>RESOLVED that the council fully supports this application</p> <p>Diversion of footpath 564024 to allow development of barns at Sillfield Farm, Gatebeck</p> <p>Cllr. Winter gave an overview of this application before he and Cllr. Gott left the room.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that there were no objections to this diversion subject to the new path being resurfaced to match the original.</p> <p>b) This item was covered in the public section. Noted that along with the field in Gatebeck, others opposite the Memorial Hall and around junction 36 had also been nominated.</p>	
21/066	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Schedule of payments: - RESOLVED that the following payments be authorised Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses) £98.60</p> <p>b) RESOLVED to approve the budget report as presented by the Clerk. The budget for 2022-2023 was considered and it was suggested that this should be added to the agenda for the next meeting to be finalised.</p> <p>c) The bank had still not processed the change of mandate due to complications with the forms. The clerk presented a further form for signing which should finalise the change of mandate.</p> <p>d) RESOLVED to authorise the payment of £25 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.</p>	
21/067	<p>Noticeboards:</p> <p>It was suggested that the board offered by Dent Parish Council would be too large for the Memorial Hall and so it was RESOLVED that Cllr. Richardson would obtain firm pricing from the contractor for the two boards (Memorial Hall and Millness).</p>	
21/068	<p>Meetings:</p> <p>Noted that Cllr. Winter had attended the CALC AGM which had been online. It had been resolved to increase the subscription rate by 8% which equated to £2 or £3 per year.</p> <p>Cllr. Winter to attend the CALC District Association meeting on Thursday 25 November.</p>	

<p>21/069</p>	<p>Councillor Matters: It was suggested that the Jubilee celebrations and Queen’s Green Canopy scheme should be advertised on the website. Clerk to organise. Suggested that the website should contain links to the SLDC Local Plan pages and Links to Planning Applications Map. Clerk to organise. Suggested that the Clerk should produce a list of correspondence received on each agenda. The Clerk should contact the Parish Magazine to ensure the contact details for the Clerk are updated. Consultation regarding the future of the Langdale Unit, Kendal – Suggested that all councillors look at this consultation and decide if they wish to make a personal response. RESOLVED that Cllr. Mack will draft a council response to be submitted by the Clerk. The clerk gave a demonstration of the HIAMS system and advised that it was important to log all complaints through this system. It was suggested that the website needs improvement as it is quite old and difficult to use. Cllr. Mack offered to do this and will liaise with the Clerk. A short report and demonstration of a new site will be on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	
<p>21/070</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting: - RESOLVED that the date of the next Parish Council Meeting be Monday 17th January 2022, 7.30pm at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall. Items for the agenda to be sent to the Clerk by the 10th January 2022.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed 9.40pm</p>	

Chair:

Date: