

Preston Patrick Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Preston Patrick Parish Council held on Monday 21 March 2022 at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall

Present Cllr Peter Winter (PW) – Chairman,

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

Also present: The Clerk, Scott Thornley (ST), 1 Member of the public

Start: 7:35 pm

21/085	<p>Apologies for Absence: RESOLVED that the following absences and reasons be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Mason – Unwell • Peter Gott – Late arrival 	
21/086	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2022 pages 21014-21015 be confirmed as a true record and signed by Chairman. It was noted that Cllr. Richardson had met with engineers from Highways regarding the noticeboard on the crossroads at Millness. Forms had been completed and returned to Highways. Cllr. Gott entered the meeting</p>	
21/087	<p>Declaration of interests: RESOLVED to accept declarations from: Cllrs. Richardson and Clarke regarding item 6c on the agenda Cllrs. Winter and Gott regarding item 5 on the agenda in relation to Sillfield Farm.</p>	
21/088	<p>Public Participation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The police report had been received for February which contained some general information and advice about preventing burglaries which seemed to be on the rise in the area. b) No County or District Councillors were present but they were expected later. c) Janet Batty from Levens PC was in attendance to listen to the meeting. 	
21/089	<p>Planning: The meeting considered the following applications:</p> <p>SL/2022/0044 at High Bracken Hall, Gatebeck, LA8 0HS - Removal of condition 4 (Occupancy) attached to planning permission SL/2005/0758 (Provision of 13 mobile holiday chalets together with ancillary amenity building and car parking and installation of biological treatment plant and reed bed)</p> <p>RESOLVED that there were no objections to this application</p> <p>SL/2022/0106 at Warth Sutton Farm, Farleton View Fishery, Crooklands, LA7 7NU - Change of use from agricultural land to create 5 touring pitches (Retrospective) & change of use from agricultural land to provide 29 new touring pitches and 4 new pitches for static caravans</p> <p>RESOLVED that there were no objections to this application</p> <p>SL/2021/0630 at From land East of Town House, Old Hutton to land east of Bleabeck Plantation and immediately west of Old Scotch Road, Old Town; with highway works at various locations along Old Scotch Road and Reservoir Road - Proposed works for and use of replacement section of aqueduct, including earthworks and ancillary infrastructure including: a new valve house building within fenced compound with permanent vehicular access provision; installation of tunnel shafts; open cut connection areas at either end of the replacement section within temporary construction compounds, to include site accesses, storage areas, plant and machinery, and drainage infrastructure; and a series of local highway works.</p> <p>Noted that the council had been consulted on this application around 18 months earlier and had noted that the application doesn't affect this parish other than minor roadworks. RESOLVED that there are no objections.</p>	

	<p>SL/2022/0214 at Jakeys Wood, Land to the North East of Warth Fish Pond, Gatebeck, LA8 0HY - Change of use of agricultural land to form a recreational cycle track (Use class use F2 outdoor leisure)</p> <p>There was some discussion regarding this application as there were concerns regarding parking, hours of use, noise disturbance, erection of buildings and future development.</p> <p>RESOLVED that there were no objections in principle but that neighbouring properties must be properly consulted and their views taken into consideration. Also, proper consideration needs to be given to parking, planting, hours of use and erection of buildings. Finally it must be a condition of planning that use is restricted to push bikes only.</p> <p>County Councillor Bingham and District Councillor Cooper entered the meeting.</p> <p>Cllrs. Gott and Winter left the meeting.</p> <p>SL/2022/0145 at Sillfield Farm, Gatebeck, LA8 0HZ - Subdivision of approved residential unit plot number 5 (planning permission SL/2020/0966 - Conversion of barns to 5 dwellings) to form 2 dwelling units, and raise eaves height to same as adjoining barn 2.</p> <p>Noted that the previous application had been approved and this was an amendment to sub divide one unit into 2 dwellings. RESOLVED that this amendment does not have any adverse effect on the development and therefore there were no objections.</p> <p>Cllrs. Gott and Winter re-entered the meeting</p>					
21/090	<p>Public Participation continued: Since Cllr. Bingham and Cllr. Copper had arrived late it was agreed to return to item 4b on the agenda. Cllr. Bingham advised that the judicial review into Local Government Reorganisation had failed and that the Structural Changes Order had now been signed. Noted that there had been no increase in Council Tax from either the District Council or the County Council although the Social Care Levy had increased by 2%. The Police and Crime section of Council Tax had been increased by the maximum 9.99% to pay for the extra 143 officers recruited.</p>					
21/091	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Schedule of payments: - RESOLVED that the following payments be authorised</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="347 1413 1300 1473"> <tr> <td>Lancaster Canal Trust (Subscription Fee)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£14.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joinery Northwest (50% Deposit on Noticeboards)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1441.59</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) Noted that Barclays had still not granted permission to make online payments despite repeated attempts to make contact by Cllr. Mack who had been on hold for up to 2 hours at a time without answer. Due to these difficulties and the number of cheques that were going missing in the post recently it was recommended that the council change bankers to Unity Trust Bank in order to obtain the facility for online payments. It was RESOLVED to make this change. It was further RESOLVED that Scott Thornley be added to the list of authorised persons for the NS&I Investment Account and that all correspondence be sent to his address.</p> <p>c) A grant application from Preston Patrick Memorial Hall was considered and it was proposed by Cllr. Gott and seconded by Cllr. Nutter to award a grant of £400. RESOLVED to make this award.</p>	Lancaster Canal Trust (Subscription Fee)	£14.00	Joinery Northwest (50% Deposit on Noticeboards)	£1441.59	
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21/092	<p>Jubilee Celebrations: Celebrations have been organised jointly between Preston Richard PC, school, pre-school and Sam Clark and they are now asking for volunteers to help with catering. It was hoped that this would be a similar celebration to the previous jubilee. The celebrations are being organised for Friday 03 June.</p>					

	<p>A donation of £200 was required from Preston Patrick, with at least £200 coming from Preston Richard PC and £500 from Cllr. Bingham. RESOLVED to donate no more than £200.</p> <p>It was noted that beacons were to be lit on Thursday 02 June and this is still to be organised.</p> <p>Cllrs. Winter and Clarke had been to inspect the proposed location for planting a tree and it was discovered that this location was not suitable. It was suggested that Gatebeck Crossroads or in the large verge between Sillfield and the motorway bridge and Cllr. Winter agreed to look at these locations.</p> <p>If a representative from the council is required at any meeting regarding the celebrations, Cllr. Winter will attend.</p>	
21/093	<p>Litter Pick 2022:</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Litter Pick will take place on Sunday 10 April 2022. The clerk will contact SLDC to arrange delivery of the required equipment. Cllr. Richardson will check that the hall will be available.</p>	
21/094	<p>Parliamentary Boundary Change Consultation:</p> <p>The consultation was noted and it was RESOLVED that members should make individual responses if they wished to do so.</p>	
21/095	<p>Website:</p> <p>Cllr. Mack presented a draft of a new website which everyone agreed was a vast improvement. It was questioned whether the .gov.uk domain was a necessary requirement and the clerk will check with CALC. If not then Cllr. Mack will be able to proceed with building the new site with a basic hosting account at a cost of £6.50 per month.</p> <p>No decision made until the clerk has spoken with CALC.</p>	
21/096	<p>Meetings:</p> <p>Cllr. Winter noted that the CALC District Association meeting in January had appointed Leith Hallatsch as Chair.</p> <p>The next meeting would be on Thursday 24 March and would be online.</p>	
21/097	<p>Correspondence Received:</p> <p>The following correspondence was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CALC – LGR Update and Newsletter Green Lane Association – Access to byways Derek Jones – Church Cross CALC – Parliamentary Boundary Change Consultation CALC – Pay Review Information Cumbria County Council – Temporary closure of footpath <p>It was suggested that Cllr. Richardson respond to Mr. Derek Jones with regard to the Church Cross.</p>	
21/098	<p>Councillor Matters:</p> <p>It was noted that Frank Sanderson had recently passed away. He had been very involved with the Lancaster Canal Trust and had done excellent work in this area and others. He will be sadly missed.</p> <p>Cllr. Cooper reiterated the information regarding burglaries and locking of doors and windows.</p>	
21/099	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>RESOLVED that the date of the next Parish Council Meeting be Monday 23 May 2022, 7.30pm at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall. Items for the agenda to be sent to the Clerk by the 16 May 2022.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed 9.20pm</p>	

Chair:

Date: