

Preston Patrick Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Preston Patrick Parish Council held on Monday 20 March 2023 at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall

Present Cllr Peter Winter (PW) – Chairman,

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

Also present: The Clerk, Scott Thornley (ST), Cllr Janet Battye, Cllr Roger Bingham

Start: 7:30 pm

23/172	<p>Apologies for Absence: There were no absences to report.</p>	
23/173	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2023, pages 21029-21030 be confirmed as a true record and signed by Chairman.</p>	
23/174	<p>Declaration of interests: Cllrs Winter and Gott declared an interest in item 5a) on the agenda as the agenda and applicant respectively.</p>	
23/175	<p>Public Participation: a) The police reports were not as regular as they should be currently. It is hoped that this will change once the new area teams have been established. b) Cllr Battye reported that Westmorland and Furness Council was ready to go and that the transition should appear seamless. Locality boards will be set up and Cllr Battye is very keen to work closely with Town and Parish Councils in her area. It is hoped that Cllrs will be given a similar Locality Budget to the one they had under SLDC. It was proposed by the Chair that we move to item 8 on the agenda whilst Cllr Battye was in attendance and it was RESOLVED to do this.</p>	
23/176	<p>Gatebeck 20mph Speed Limit: Both the Clerk and Cllr Battye had received representations from residents in Gatebeck regarding the continuing speeding of motorists through the 20mph zone. Cllr Battye reported that she had been in Gatebeck recently and had witnessed the speeding for herself. The Clerk noted that speed data tubes had been installed in early December just as snow fell and turned to ice which would automatically slow drivers down and the data would be useless. It was RESOLVED to contact Cumbria Highways to ask them to install data tubes again as well as communicating with employers on Gatebeck Industrial Estate to speak to their employees as it was noted that a lot of the speeding is around 5pm. Other traffic calming measures such as speed humps and Speed Indication Devices could be considered in the future as well as the construction of an already approved footpath from the crossroads to Barkers with some funding possibly being provided by the Parish Council.</p>	
23/177	<p>Public Participation (cont.): Cllr Bingham said goodbye to the council after 39 years as a District and County Councillor. He shared some memories of his time. Cllr Bingham was thanked for his service and received applause from the council. c) There were no members of the public present and no further representations had been received.</p>	
23/178	<p>Planning: The meeting considered the following applications: Cllrs Gott and Winter left the meeting. SL/2023/0172 at Sillfield Farm, Gatebeck - Proposed replacement of lawful, unfettered, residential caravan by permanent dwelling. RESOLVED that the council had no objections to this proposal. PN/2023/0037 at Land at Preston Patrick - Application to determine if prior approval (proposed) is required for a development by or on behalf of an electronic communications code operator for proposed removal of 1 telecommunication mast (18m in height) and the consolidation of equipment on to 1 25m lattice tower. The new tower will include the relocation of 6 antenna to 1 and 2 600mm dish antenna, attached to new headframe which will be attached to 1 proposed 25m tower, the erection of the perimeter fence and ancillary development thereto RESOLVED to support this application as it will provide much needed better coverage. The meeting also considered the Westmorland and Furness Validation Checklist Consultation and it was RESOLVED that there were no comments to be made.</p>	

23/179	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) The Bank Reconciliation was approved</p> <p>b) Schedule of payments: - RESOLVED that the following payments be authorised Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses) £71.80</p> <p>c) The budget monitoring report was approved and it was noted that it might be possible to consider funding further traffic calming measures in Gatebeck from the reserves.</p>	
23/180	<p>Website:</p> <p>Cllr Mack confirmed that the new website was ready to go live and it was confirmed that new email accounts had been opened for all councillors.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to go live as soon as all councillors could access their new email and a date will be arranged to facilitate this.</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve the cost of the hosting of the new site at £7.50 per month.</p>	
23/181	<p>Coronation of King Charles III:</p> <p>It was noted that as far as the council were aware no plans had been made in the parish to celebrate the coronation and that it would be difficult to organise a large celebration.</p> <p>It was more likely that smaller groups would get together to celebrate and it was RESOLVED that grants of £50 (maximum £250) be made available to any group wishing to organise a celebration. This will be advertised in the parish magazine and in the gazette column.</p> <p>It was suggested that perhaps the council could consider doing something more permanent and this will be considered at a future date.</p>	
23/182	<p>Meetings:</p> <p>Cllr. Winter noted that both he and the clerk had been unable to attend the CALC District Association meeting on Thursday 26th January 2023 as well as the Westmorland and Furness Briefing on 08 February. Notes from each meeting were available.</p> <p>The next CALC District Association meeting will be on 20 April 2023.</p> <p>Cllr Winter had recently spoken with Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council, Jonathan Brook and it was possible to invite him to a future meeting of the council.</p>	
23/183	<p>Correspondence Received:</p> <p>The following correspondence was noted:</p> <p>Mr C Hayhurst – Speeding in Gatebeck</p> <p>SLDC – Westmorland and Furness Validation Checklist Consultation</p> <p>SLDC - Elections 2023 Nomination Packs</p> <p>CALC – LGR Newsletters</p> <p>Nomination packs will be handed out at the end of the meeting.</p>	
23/184	<p>Councillor Matters:</p> <p>It was suggested that the litter pick needed to be organised sooner rather than later and a date was agreed of Saturday 01 April at 12.15pm at the hall. The Clerk to organise the equipment ASAP.</p>	
23/185	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>RESOLVED that the date of the next Parish Council Meeting be Monday 15 May 2023, 7.30pm at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall. Items for the agenda to be sent to the Clerk by the 06 May 2023.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed 8.42pm</p>	

Chair:

Date: