

Preston Patrick Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Preston Patrick Parish Council held on Tuesday 23 May 2023 at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall

Present Cllr Peter Winter (PW) – Chairman,

Councillors; Robert Nutter (RN), Zoe Mack (ZM), Peter Gott (PG), Aidan Monks (AM)

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

Start: 7:55 pm

23/186	Election of Chair: Cllr. Winter was nominated by Cllr. Monks and seconded by Cllr. Gott and was unanimously elected as Chair for 2023-2024.	
23/187	Declaration of Acceptance: Cllr. Winter signed a copy of the Declaration of Acceptance.	
23/188	Election of Vice-Chair: Cllr. Nutter was nominated by Cllr. Mack and seconded by Cllr. Gott and was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair for 2023-2024.	
23/189	Apologies for Absence: RESOLVED to receive and accept apologies from Cllr. Richardson who was on holiday.	
23/190	Minutes of previous meeting: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023, pages 21031-21032 be confirmed as a true record and signed by Chairman.	
23/191	Declaration of interests: RESOLVED that there were no interests to declare.	
23/192	Public Participation: a) The latest police report was highlighted and it was noted that a new beat officer had joined the team. b) A report received from Cllr. Battye had already been read out in the Annual Parish Assembly. c) There were no representations from members of the public regarding items not already on the agenda.	
23/193	Planning: The meeting considered the following applications: SL/2023/0337 at J36 Rural Auction Centre – Discharge of conditions 4 (cycle parking), 5 (sustainable drainage scheme) & 6 (culverted Elmtree Gill watercourse) attached to Planning Permission SL/2022/0713 The council RESOLVED that it could not decide whether these conditions had been met and the Planning Officer was best placed to make this decision.	
23/194	Finance: a) The Bank Reconciliation was approved Schedule of payments: - RESOLVED that the following payments be authorised CALC (Subscription) £174.02 Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses) £92.95 Zurich Municipal (Insurance) £257.60	
23/195	Certificate of Exemption from Audit: The Clerk presented the Certificate of Exemption and it was RESOLVED to approve this	
23/196	Annual Governance Statement: The Clerk presented the Annual Governance Statement and it was RESOLVED to approve this.	
23/197	Annual Accounting Statement: The Clerk presented the Annual Accounting Statement and it was RESOLVED to approve this.	
23/198	Internal Audit Report: The Clerk presented the Internal Audit Report and it was RESOLVED to approve this.	
23/199	Insurance Renewal: The renewal documents had been received and it was queried whether there was any saving to be had by entering into an LTA. The Clerk will check this out before renewing the current policy.	
23/200	Policy Review: The following policies were reviewed and it was RESOLVED to approve them all without change: Standing Orders Financial Regulations Code of Conduct	

	<p>Freedom of Information Policy Press and Media policy Complaints Procedure Document Retention policy Filming Policy Grants Policy Risk Assessment</p>	
23/201	<p>Gatebeck 20mph Speed Limit: The continuing problems with speeding motorists in Gatebeck were discussed. The speed data tubes that had been placed in December had proved meaningless as the weather had been too icy and snowy for anyone to speed. These were due to be replaced at any time. It was suggested that the problem of the danger to people walking could be resolved by resurrecting the idea of placing a footpath in the field and this is to be looked into. It was suggested that there are a distinct number of people speeding when workers finish work at the businesses on the Industrial Estate and that the owners of companies should be informed and asked to make their employees aware. It was RESOLVED to ask Cllr. Batty to arrange a meeting with someone from highways and to write to the owners of all businesses in Gatebeck.</p>	
23/202	<p>Camping on A65: A number of complaints had been received from residents regarding people parking motorhomes on the car park by the canal and the amount of litter that was being left. It was noted that this land belonged to the Canal and Rivers Trust. It was RESOLVED to write to the Canal and Rivers Trust and the Lancaster Canal Trust.</p>	
23/203	<p>Website: 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. It was RESOLVED to go live as soon as possible once the GDPR policy had been updated. The Chair noted that he would like to see communications from the council improved, in particular with the Westmorland Gazette and the local newsletter. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should start sending a summary of the minutes to both.</p>	
23/204	<p>Meetings: Cllr. Winter noted that he would be attending the meeting of CALC on 7th June and that Cllr. Richardson would be attending the meeting of Armistead Wind Farm at which we could possibly apply for some funding for the footpath in Gatebeck.</p>	
23/205	<p>Correspondence Received: The following correspondence was noted: Lancaster Canal trust – Membership Renewal Zurich Municipal – Renewal Documents Cumbria Police – April Newsletter Westmorland and Furness Council – Post Election paperwork CALC – New Structure CALC Key contacts for Cumberland Council</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to renew the membership of the Lancaster Canal Trust.</p>	
23/206	<p>Councillor Matters: It was noted that there had been no Litter Pick this year and that it was now too late to do so as the grass and hedges would be too grown over. It was noted that the Clerk should price up some equipment to save having to borrow equipment from Westmorland and Furness Council. It was suggested that the Litter Pick should include the Auction Mart and that they should be asked for a contribution to the cost of the equipment.</p>	
23/207	<p>Date of Next Meeting: RESOLVED that the date of the next Parish Council Meeting be Monday 17 July 2023, 7.30pm at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall. Items for the agenda to be sent to the Clerk by the 10 July 2023.</p> <p>Meeting closed 9.02pm</p>	

Chair:

Date: