

Preston Patrick Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Preston Patrick Parish Council held on Monday 20th May 2024 at
Preston Patrick Memorial Hall

Present Cllr Peter Winter (PW) – Chairman,

Councillors: Zoe Mack (ZM), Peter Gott (PG), Aidan Monks (AM), Richard Duckett (RD), Keith Richardson (KR)

Also present: The Clerk, Christine Davidson (CD), 2 member of the public

24/265	<p>Election of Chair: Cllr. Winter was nominated by Cllr. Gott and seconded by Cllr. Richardson and was unanimously elected as Chair for 2024-25</p>	
24/266	<p>Declaration of Acceptance: Cllr. Winter signed a copy of the Declaration of Acceptance.</p>	
24/267	<p>Election of Vice-Chair: Cllr. Nutter was nominated by Cllr. Gott and seconded by Cllr. Duckett and was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair for 2024-25</p>	
24/268	<p>Apologies for Absence: RESOLVED to receive and accept apologies from Cllr. Nutter who was ill.</p>	
24/269	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2024 be confirmed as a true record and signed by Chairman.</p>	
24/270	<p>Declaration of interests: RESOLVED that there were no interests to declare.</p>	
24/271	<p>Public Participation: a) A Gatebeck resident attended the meeting to discuss the issues around road damage, traffic, speeding and the high level of pollution. This was discussed at length and Councillors listened and discussed the concerns. It was suggested District Cllr Battye perhaps facilitate a meeting. It was further suggested that residents contact the UKHSA and Cllr Mack would send contact details b) Another resident raised concerns about speeding through Gatebeck and asked if there was any suggestion to help enforce the 20mph limit. Clerk to contact Highways for any advice.</p>	
24/272	<p>Planning: The meeting considered the following applications: 2024/0504/FPA Land at Gatebeck Cottages, Gatebeck – change of use of equine building and land to agriculture. The council had concern about the future use of the building and would comment on this basis.</p>	
24/273	<p>Finance: a) The Bank Reconciliation was not available this meeting until the Clerk has access to the bank account. Schedule of payments: - RESOLVED that the following payments be authorised CALC (Subscription) £193.34 Christine Davidson (Clerks Expenses) £39.45 Zurich Municipal (Insurance) £257.60 G Airey – Audit fee £75.00</p>	
24/274	<p>Certificate of Exemption from Audit: The Clerk presented the Certificate of Exemption and it was RESOLVED to approve this</p>	
24/275	<p>Annual Governance Statement: The Clerk presented the Annual Governance Statement and it was RESOLVED to approve this.</p>	
24/276	<p>Annual Accounting Statement: The Clerk presented the Annual Accounting Statement and it was RESOLVED to approve this.</p>	
24/277	<p>Internal Audit Report: The Clerk presented the Internal Audit Report and it was RESOLVED to approve this.</p>	
24/278	<p>Insurance Renewal: The renewal documents had been received and it was RESOLVED to accept the quote</p>	
24/279	<p>Policy Review: The following policies were reviewed and it was RESOLVED to approve them all without change: Standing Orders Code of Conduct Freedom of Information Policy Press and Media policy</p>	

	<p>Complaints Procedure Document Retention policy Filming Policy Grants Policy Risk Assessment</p> <p>The financial regulations have recently been updated and would be presented at the next meeting for approval.</p>	
24/280	<p>Meetings: Cllr Mack asked Councillors to get involved in any surveys relevant to Children's Health in the North West.</p>	
24/281	<p>Correspondence Received: The following correspondence was noted: Zurich Municipal – Renewal Documents Cumbria Police – April Newsletter</p>	
24/282	<p>Councillor Matters: It was suggested the Council purchase litter picking equipment and this would be on the next agenda for approval.</p>	
24/283	<p>Date of Next Meeting: It was agreed the Clerk would contact Preston Richard clerk to check their meeting dates and then dates for future meetings would be confirmed.</p>	
24/284	<p>Meeting closed 9.02pm</p>	

Chair:

Date: