

Preston Patrick Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Preston Patrick Parish Council held on Monday 17 July 2023 at
Preston Patrick Memorial Hall

Present Cllr Peter Winter (PW) – Chairman,

Councillors; Robert Nutter (RN), Peter Gott (PG), Aidan Monks (AM), Richard Duckett (RD) and Keith
Richardson (KR)

Also present: The Clerk, Scott Thornley (ST)

Start: 7:30 pm

23/208	<p>Apologies for Absence: RESOLVED to receive and accept apologies from Cllr. Mack who was on holiday.</p>					
23/209	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2023, pages 21033-21034 be confirmed as a true record and signed by Chairman.</p>					
23/210	<p>Declaration of interests: RESOLVED that Cllr. Winter declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5 on the agenda as he had previously worked for the applicant and his agent.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that items 4 and 5 from the agenda should be moved to later in the meeting as it was known that Cllr. Battye of Westmorland and Furness Council and several members of the public were attending Preston Richard Parish Council but would be arriving to this meeting late.</p>					
23/211	<p>Finance: a) The Bank Reconciliation was approved Schedule of payments: - RESOLVED that the following payments be authorised</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£71.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Information Commissioner (Data Protection Fee)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£40.00</td> </tr> </table>	Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses)	£71.80	Information Commissioner (Data Protection Fee)	£40.00	
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23/212	<p>Waste Collections in Cow Brow: The Clerk noted that the recent issues regarding suspension of collection due to a dispute had now been resolved and collections had now recommenced.</p>					
23/213	<p>Burton Educational Foundation: It was RESOLVED that Cllr. Gott will be the representative of the council at this committee.</p>					
23/214	<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. This was especially important as the number of walkers had increased as has the size and volume of traffic. 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 write to the owners of all businesses in Gatebeck.</p>					
23/215	<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. Most councillors wished to have their PPPC Gmail forwarded to their personal accounts and the Clerk will arrange this.</p>					
23/216	<p>Meetings: Cllr. Winter would be attending the meeting of CALC South Lakes Association on 26 July. Cllr. Richardson noted that there was a new contact in relation to the Armistead Wind Farm Fund and that he had sent apologies to the last meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cllr. Battye and 5 members of the public entered the meeting at this point</p>					
23/217	<p>Public Participation: It was noted that there was nothing of significance to the parish in the police report. Cllr Battye reported that the Locality Board were currently assessing priorities and were meeting again tomorrow.</p>					

	<p>Cllr. Battye also noted that councillors were to be given a £1000 budget to assist with local projects which was to be spent in £500 blocks</p> <p>A member of the public noted that the speeding in Gatebeck was worse between 7am and 9am and at 5pm.</p>	
23/218	<p>Planning: SL/2023/0499 at Woodlands Business Park, Land North of Gatebeck Lane, Gatebeck</p> <p>Whilst this application is actually in Preston Richard Parish, it is most likely to have an effect on residents in Preston Patrick Parish and so it was right to discuss it in this meeting.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the land in question had been zoned for business use in the Local Plan and that the council had previously spoken against a previous application at a Public Enquiry.</p> <p>The council had questioned whether the previous application was entirely contained in the allocated area and questioned the impact of HGV's on the narrow roads. Condition 7 of the previous permission suggested that there could be no occupation of the buildings until a Travel Plan had been approved. This Travel Plan has never been seen.</p> <p>Cllr. Battye noted that Preston Richard Parish Council had resolved to object to the application on the basis of traffic and pollution.</p> <p>It was noted that residents in Gatebeck had been dealing with the problems of traffic and pollution for a number of years from Gatebeck Industrial Estate.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to write to Westmorland and Furness Council Planning Department with the following response: <i>Whilst in Preston Richard parish, this site is immediately adjacent to Preston Patrick and has the potential to have significant adverse impacts on local residents in both parishes. Councillors resolved to write to you to object to the proposals as they stand.</i> <i>Councillors felt that the allocation of this land for business use is now wholly inappropriate and given that this allocation was made more than a decade ago, it should be re-evaluated as part of the new local plan before any development is allowed.</i> <i>If this development is allowed to proceed, the council would wish to see a traffic management plan before permission is granted (this was a condition of the previous permission in 2019 but one has never been produced). The size and volume of traffic in and around this area has increased significantly since 2019 and such a management plan will be vital. This plan should include a programme of improvements, signage and restrictions to the highways around this area in order to prevent business traffic using some of the very narrow, in places single track, approach roads that are increasingly being used by pedestrians.</i> <i>The council would also wish to see specific use conditions on any permission that is granted to prevent any additional impacts to the residents of Gatebeck who already suffer from noise pollution, smoke, and fumes / emissions and traffic problems caused by a combination of the local topography/ climatic conditions, and certain businesses on the current Gatebeck Industrial Estates; problems that South Lakeland District Council Environmental Health Department had been aware of for some time.</i></p> <p><i>If this application goes to committee, which we believe it should, then Preston Patrick Parish Council would wish to make representations to the committee.</i></p>	
23/219	<p>Correspondence Received:</p> <p>The following correspondence was noted: Zoe Mack/Janet Battye – Waste Collections in Cow Brow CALC – Details of South Lakes AGM CALC – Details of Special General Meeting Burton Educational Foundation – Formal appointment of representative Various residents – Speeding in Gatebeck</p>	
23/220	<p>Councillor Matters:</p> <p>It was noted that the council could apply for money from the Armistead Wind Farm Fund for help with the construction of a new footpath in Gatebeck and that this could possibly be a joint project with Preston Richard Parish.</p> <p>Cllr Battye noted a meeting about potholes was taking place the next evening and will forward details.</p>	
23/221	<p>Date of Next Meeting: RESOLVED that the date of the next Parish Council Meeting be Wednesday 27 September 2023, 7.30pm at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall. Items for the agenda to be sent to the Clerk by the 15 September 2023.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed 9.25pm</p>	

Chair:

Date: