

Preston Patrick Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Preston Patrick Parish Council held on Monday 25th
November 2024 at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall

Present; Cllr Winter (PW) Chairman; Cllr Robert Nutter; Cllr Richard Duckett; Cllr Zoe Mack; Cllr Peter Gott ; Cllr Keith Richardson.

Also present Westmorland and Furness Unitary Councillor Janet Battye

24/309 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr A Monks (unwell); Clerk Christine Davidson (holiday). In Clerk's absence minutes were taken by the Chairman.

24/310 **Minutes of previous meeting:** Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/311 **Declarations of interest:** None

24/312 **Public Participation**

Police Report – previously circulated

W&F Cllr Battye updated the Parish Council on the Boundary Commission's Review of Electoral Wards which could potentially result in Preston Patrick being incorporated into a 2 Cllr Ward known as Levens and Milnthorpe. The Council was also reviewing arrangements for its waste collection services.

A member of the public, acting on behalf of a Windermere based distribution company, left plans for the creation of a major distribution depot on land between the A6070 and the M6, opposite the entrance to the existing Auction Mart. No discussion took place as a planning application had yet to be submitted.

24/313 **Planning Matters**

No planning new applications had been received for consideration.

It was noted that planning permission had been refused by the W&F Strategic Planning Committee for the Woodlands Business Park on Gatebeck Lane (Ref SL/2023/0499), understood to be primarily on highway grounds.

24/314 **Footbridge over Peasey Beck, Gatebeck Lane.** The original plans for this bridge had been found and Cllr Winter agreed to discuss them as soon as possible with the Chairman of Preston Richard Parish Council, with a view to carrying out a joint project.

24/315 **Finance**

Balances, which included the recent receipt of £934.48 CIL monies, were noted.

Resolved that the following payments be made;

£130 -Verge Maintenance

£14 – Lancaster Canal Membership

£59 – Kendal Office Equipment

£23.45 and £20.90 - Clerks expenses

£48.26 - Clerk's salary increase

£12.20 – HMRC PAYE.

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase 8 sets of litter picking equipment at £21.50 per set + delivery.

Councillors to consider items to include in 2025/6 budget for next meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to implement the NALC pay scale increase

24/317 Meetings attended

Cllr Winter had attended the CALC AGM held at Newbiggin Village Hall on 12th October and reported on the proceedings, which included a provisional increase in the annual membership fee.

Cllr Gott had attended a recent meeting of the Burton Trust at which grants totalling £2.5k has been awarded.

24/318 **Correspondence received and circulated**

All Noted, in particular that in future there would be no charge from W&F Council for the street light in Gatebeck.

24/319 **Councillor matters**

Date for next litter pick required

Possible article re PPPC for Parish Link magazine

24/320 **Dates for next meetings**

13th January 2025

10th March 2025

12th May 2025 (Annual Parish Council and Parish meeting)

24/321 **Meeting closed at 9.05pm**

Chair

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