

Preston Patrick Parish Council

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

Present Cllr Peter Winter (PW) – Chairman,
Councillors Keith Richardson (KR), Aidan Monks (AM)
Westmorland and Furness Councillor Janet Battye (JB)
Also present: The Clerk, Scott Thornley (ST)

Start: 7:30 pm

23/233	<p>Apologies for Absence: RESOLVED to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs. Gott and Duckett who were unwell and Cllr. Mack.</p>																				
23/234	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23 October 2023, pages 21037-21038 be confirmed as a true record and signed by Chairman.</p>																				
23/235	<p>Declaration of interests: There were no interests to be declared</p>																				
23/236	<p>Public Participation:</p> <p>a) The latest police report was highlighted and it was noted that there were no significant reports for the parish.</p> <p>b) Cllr. Battye advised that the new 20mph policy had now been agreed by Westmorland and Furness Council with funding for implementation available from the Locality Board. It was noted that there had been a significant rise in the number of pedestrians in and around Gatebeck which may be a reason to implement a 20mph speed limit around the crossroads and down towards Goose Green. It was suggested that we continue to monitor the situation. Cllr. Battye also noted that Winter Maintenance will continue as normal after the switch to the new council. Westmorland and Furness Council are still recruiting new staff to fill vacant positions.</p> <p>c) There were no members of the public present and no representations had been received that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</p>																				
23/237	<p>Planning: There were no new applications or decisions to consider.</p>																				
23/238	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) RESOLVED to approve the Bank Reconciliation to 31 October 2023.</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the following payments made since the last meeting</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">25/10/23 We Kan Do It</td> <td style="text-align: right;">45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">25/10/23 Scott Thornley (Expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">79.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">30/10/23 Scott Thornley</td> <td style="text-align: right;">173.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">30/10/23 HMRC (PAYE)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">43.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">06/11/23 Invoco</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">15/11/23 A2A Advertising</td> <td style="text-align: right;">72.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">15/11/23 Scott Thornley</td> <td style="text-align: right;">312.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">15/11/23 HMRC (PAYE)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">78.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED that the following payments be authorised</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£51.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">RBL Poppy Appeal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£25.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) Budget 2024-2025 The Clerk presented a proposed budget for 2024-2025 but noted that staff costs may be reduced as he was resigning to take up another post. It was RESOLVED that the budget be deferred until the January meeting to give councillors time to consider it and so that more councillors can be present.</p>	25/10/23 We Kan Do It	45.00	25/10/23 Scott Thornley (Expenses)	79.95	30/10/23 Scott Thornley	173.68	30/10/23 HMRC (PAYE)	43.40	06/11/23 Invoco	1.48	15/11/23 A2A Advertising	72.00	15/11/23 Scott Thornley	312.32	15/11/23 HMRC (PAYE)	78.00	Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses)	£51.80	RBL Poppy Appeal	£25.00
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23/239	<p>Meetings: There had been no external meetings to attend since the last council meeting.</p>																				

23/240	<p>Gatebeck Footpath: Noted that the footpath had never been completed and had been paid for by grant funding. It was suggested that it should be extended from the noticeboard at Gatebeck crossroads into Gatebeck Village. RESOLVED that the Chair would speak to the necessary landowners for permission.</p>	
23/241	<p>Peasey Beck Bridge: Along with the above this would make a safer environment for pedestrians. A bridge could be installed parallel to the road bridge. It was noted that permission from some landowners would be required. It may be worth considering asking for the building of this bridge as a condition on any planning permission granted in this area. It was noted that CiL money could be used for this and that funds would also likely be available from Armistead Wind Farm Fund. It was also suggested that this could be a joint project with Preston Richard Parish Council and the Chair will speak to the Clerk there. RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.</p>	
23/242	<p>Noticeboards at Gatebeck and Nook: RESOLVED to defer this item until the next meeting in the absence of a condition report for the board at Nook.</p>	
23/243	<p>Correspondence Received: The following correspondence was noted: Various correspondence from A Barlow and C Hayhurst – Pollution levels in Gatebeck – The Clerk noted that he had copied this correspondence to Cllr. Battye and Cllr. Battye agreed to look into this. Janet Battye – Pollution levels in Gatebeck Westmorland and Furness Council – CiL Payment CALC – Minutes of the AGM</p>	
23/244	<p>Councillor Matters: The Clerk noted that he would be resigning to take up a position at CALC. It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to serve the council until a replacement was found.</p>	
23/245	<p>Date of Next Meeting: RESOLVED that the date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 15 January 2024 at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall to commence at 7.30pm.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed 20.16</p>	

Chair:

Date: