

# Preston Patrick Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Preston Patrick Parish Council held on Monday 15 January 2024 at  
Preston Patrick Memorial Hall

**Present Cllr Peter Winter (PW) – Chairman,**  
**Councillors Keith Richardson (KR), Zoe Mack (ZM), Peter Gott (PG),**  
**Richard Duckett (RD) and Robert Nutter (RN)**  
**Also present: The Clerk, Scott Thornley (ST)**

**Start: 7:30 pm**

<b>23/246</b>	<p><b>Olive Clarke:</b> Cllr Winter opened the meeting by asking members to have a minutes silent reflection for the life of Olive Clarke who had done a remarkable job for the community and had served 50 years on this council. A minutes silence was observed.</p>																															
<b>23/247</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to receive and accept apologies from Cllr. Monks who was working away.</p>																															
<b>23/248</b>	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 November 2023, pages 21039-21040 be confirmed as a true record and signed by Chairman.</p>																															
<b>23/249</b>	<p><b>Declaration of interests:</b> Cllrs. Winter and Gott declared an interest in the planning application at Sillfield Farm.</p>																															
<b>23/250</b>	<p><b>Public Participation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The latest police report was highlighted and it was noted that there were no significant reports for the parish. It was noted that a horsebox and digger had been stolen in Gatebeck recently.</li> <li>b) Cllr. Battye was due to arrive later and so it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to defer this item to the end of the meeting.</li> <li>c) There were no members of the public present and no representations had been received that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</li> </ul>																															
<b>23/251</b>	<p><b>Planning:</b> 2023/1163/FPA at Sillfield Farm, Gatebeck – Erection of outbuildings, car ports and storage buildings to serve proposed units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5a, 5b and 8 currently under construction granted planning permissions SL/2020/0966 and SL/2022/0771</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that there were no objections to this application</p>																															
<b>23/252</b>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the Bank Reconciliation to 31 December 2023.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to note the following payments made since the last meeting</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">27/11/23</td> <td style="width: 70%;">RBL Poppy Appeal</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27/11/23</td> <td>Scott Thornley (Expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">51.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28/11/23</td> <td>HMRC (PAYE)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">43.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28/11/23</td> <td>Scott Thornley</td> <td style="text-align: right;">173.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>06/12/23</td> <td>Invoco</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28/12/23</td> <td>HMRC (PAYE)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">43.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28/12/23</td> <td>Scott Thornley</td> <td style="text-align: right;">173.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31/12/23</td> <td>Bank Charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">18.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>05/01/24</td> <td>Invoco</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.32</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the following payments be authorised</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses)</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">£51.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>We Kan Do It (Grass Cutting)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£70.00</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 <b>RESOLVED</b> that the council would not want to see an increase in precept of more than 3%, to achieve this the contingency budget was reduced to 5% of total expenditure as the council has a large reserve currently. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to request a precept of £4904.43 in addition to the CTS Grant.</li> </ul>	27/11/23	RBL Poppy Appeal	25.00	27/11/23	Scott Thornley (Expenses)	51.80	28/11/23	HMRC (PAYE)	43.40	28/11/23	Scott Thornley	173.68	06/12/23	Invoco	1.54	28/12/23	HMRC (PAYE)	43.40	28/12/23	Scott Thornley	173.68	31/12/23	Bank Charges	18.00	05/01/24	Invoco	1.32	Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses)	£51.80	We Kan Do It (Grass Cutting)	£70.00
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	<p>It was noted that the old website was still available and was now squatting on our domain. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to remind A2A that this should be removed.</p> <p>Noted that all benches in the parish are in good order and that the noticeboard at Gatebeck just requires rubbing down and re-varnishing.</p>	
<b>23/253</b>	<p><b>Correspondence Received:</b></p> <p>The following correspondence was noted:  Westmorland and Furness Council – Precept and Street Lighting  CALC – CALC News  CALC – Appointment of a Treasurer/Director to the CALC Board  Various emails regarding pollution in Gatebeck  Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – Consultation on Precept</p> <p>It was noted that councillors should respond individually to the OPCC Consultation.</p>	
<b>23/254</b>	<p><b>Councillor Matters:</b></p> <p>Noted that some fly-tipping had taken place at the rear of the hall. Cllr. Richardson to report this to Westmorland and Furness Council.</p> <p>Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour under the bridge in Millness with glasses being broken and graffiti sprayed. <b>RESOLVED</b> to report this to the police.</p> <p>Armistead Community Fund had recently approved grants to Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club. The next meeting will be held on 10 April 2024 with £12,300 available every year.</p> <p>Cllr. Winter noted that he had spoken with some landowners regarding the bridge at Peasey beck and would speak to the remaining landowners shortly.</p> <p>It was agreed that the litter pick needs to be arranged with 23 March and 06 April being suggested as possible dates. Clerk to speak to Westmorland and Furness Council about the loan of equipment etc.</p> <p>It was noted that problems with bin collections in Nook had arisen again due to the condition of the lane up to a farm. Cllr. Mack to take this up with Westmorland and Furness Council.</p>	
<b>23/255</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 18 March 2024 at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall to commence at 7.30pm.</p>	
	<b>Meeting closed 20.37</b>	

Chair:  
Date: