

**PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of**

**Preston Parish Council**

**held at the Preston Community Hall, Main Street, Preston**

**11 September 2023**

Present: Councillor S Gallant in the Chair  
Councillors: J Dennis, W Mclane, S Steel, S Whyte  
Clerk: Kim Gray, Parish Clerk (interim)

010923. To elect Chairman

Council agreed that Cllr Gallant would Chair this meeting and defer selecting a permanent Chairman until the next meeting when Cllr Williams was present.

**Resolved:** that the Council would defer selecting a permanent Chairman until next meeting and Cllr Gallant would Chair this meeting.

020923. To elect Vice Chairman

Council agreed to defer selecting a permanent Vice Chairman until the next meeting when Cllr Williams was present.

**Resolved:** that the Council would defer selecting a permanent Vice Chairman until next meeting.

030923. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from: Cllr C Williams (prior commitment)

040923. Declaration of Interests

4.1 It was agreed that any declaration of interest be dealt with at the time the relevant item was discussed.

4.2 There were no dispensations to be noted. None.

050923. Public Participation

A member of the public acknowledged Cllr Gallant's well-presented argument about the MS3 communication poles network on local media. Cllr Gallant provided the meeting with a summary of events; a public demonstration held in Hedon on Thursday 7 September as MS3 arrived to meet with Hedon Town Council, a public meeting was held Saturday 9 September, Campaign group formed, planning to organise boycotts of MS3, meeting with ERYC Planning department scheduled. A national petition online requires 10,000 signatures and there is a Facebook page. Emma Hardy and Diana Johnson have raised the matter in Parliament.

Another member of the public how much the CCJ for the Clerk was unable to confirm the figure as there was no paperwork to confirm the transaction. The same member of the public asked if everyone in Preston would be asked their view on the Governance review. Concern was raised over the financial implications. Cllr Gallant encouraged members of the public to step up and become a member of the council. Cllr Mclane spoke to encourage everyone

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at the meeting to look to the future and backwards and encouraged residents to consider joining the Council.

060923. Confirming/Receiving the Minutes  
The Minutes of the meeting of the Preston Parish Council held on 10 July 2023 were confirmed.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes were received and remind unconfirmed.

070923. Clerk's Report and Correspondence  
The Clerk's report had previous been circulated.

In addition, Saltend Chemical Park carrying out a site evacuation exercise on Tuesday 19 September.

Correspondence received from ERYC Traffic Management having investigated reports of speeding on Staithes Road decided to initiate a speed survey. The speed survey will be carried out this financial year. The Traffic Management Team asked the Council to specify the preferred location for the cable to capture the most relevant data. Councillors considered the matter and identified an area around Middle Lane.

The Clerk made Councillors aware of the Joint Local Access Forum meeting on 20 September in Goole.

Cllr Gallant noted that as the two new Councillors were elected unopposed there was no elections cost, but a nominal administration cost may be applied.

Cllr Gallant confirmed that MS3 don't require planning permission to erect the communication poles in the area. Although cheaper broadband would be welcomed, not at the expensive of seeing 500 poles erected in the area. The campaign group are asking Ofcom to tackle the problem head-on and encourage KCOM and MS3 to work together. KCOM has said they are willing to share their facilities, but no approach has been made for either Hedon or Hessle.

The Chairman summarised points from the Clerk's Update; referring to the need to fill 11 Parish Council seats, confirmed the AGAR 2022/23 was submitted, the concerns and actions resulting from the MS3's plan to install communications poles in Preston at the end of the month, the potential for a tree survey and confirmation that the bank mandate changes were completed.

080923. To approve payment schedule for September 2023  
The Schedule previously circulated to Members, will form part of the Minutes.

**Resolved:** that the schedules of payments for September 2023, signed, in the sum of £3,341.55, was approved.

090923. To approve retrospectively payments for August 2023  
The Schedule previously circulated to Members, will form part of the Minutes.

**Resolved:** that the schedules of payments for August 2023, signed, in the sum of £4666.04, was approved.

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100923. To receive an update on the financial position of the Council at 31 August 2023

The Chairman referred to the documents which had been previously circulated to all Councillors; the documents indicated the financial position of the Council as at 31 August 2023.

**Resolved:** that the schedules showing receipts/payments made during July/August were approved.

110923. Update on anticipated cash flow

The Chairman noted the updated cash flow previously circulated. The projected end of year figure is looking significantly below the level of reserves a Parish Council of the size of Preston would expect to hold. The projections suggest that the Council will be approximately £13,000 below the expected level of reserved in March 2024, this will need to be addressed through the precept and may indicated a high than usual increase.

**Resolved:** that the Council noted the update.

120923. To note the outcome of the Governance Review and the impact on Preston Parish Council

The Chairman gave an overview of the Review in general of the and explained the process that each Governance change went through with an ERYC committee of ward councillors and Electoral services and South Preston was one of many small changes. This is nothing to do with the Ward/elector boundaries Parliamentary boundaries.

130923. To ratify decision in principle to contribute £300 to the Preston Parish Show 2023

The Council agreed in principle to contribute to the Preston Parish Show at the last meeting.

**Resolved:** that the Council approved the decision to contribute £300 to the Preston Parish Show 2023

140923. To consider repairs to damaged salt bin on Oak Grove, South Preston

The Chairman noted the damage to the bin.

**Resolved:** that the Council would approve replacement of the salt bin Oak Grove, South Preston.

150923. To consider quote to fell dying tree in cemetery

The Ash tree had already dropped a limb, likely caused by significant heart rot making it dangerous for the tree to remain. The Clerk was asked to submit quotes to the next meeting.

**Resolved:** that the Council would approve the felling of the dying Ash tree in the cemetery and the Clerk will provide quotes at the next meeting

160923. To consider request from a resident to install EV Charging point at the Community Hall car park

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The Chairman pointed out that ERYC will be rolling out a project to increase the number of EV charging points across the East Riding. The cost of such an installation would be beyond the scope of the Council, given the current financial situation.

**Resolved:** that the Council would not install a EV charging point in Preston

170923. To consider request from Mr Harris to replace a tree of remembrance in the Churchyard.

**Resolved:** that the Council agreed for Mr Harris to replant a tree that subject to that tree being replaced like-for-like and in a similar location, and at Mr Harris' cost.

180923. Update on the recruitment of a new Clerk

The Clerk reported that there were three applicants for the post and would suggest that a date for interviews were arranged. It was agreed that the applicants would be interviewed by Cllrs Gallant, Whyte, McLane, Williams and the Clerk. The Clerk would liaise with Councillors to find a convenient date and time.

**Resolved:** that Cllrs Gallant, Whyte, McLane, Williams, and the Clerk. would interview the applicants.

190923. To consider updates to Bank Mandate and account signatories

**Resolved:** that the Council would authorise Cllrs William Mclane and Carol Williams to be added to the Council bank account as signatories.

200923. Planning Applications and Notice of Decisions

20.1 Planning Application – 23/02356 – Land and buildings East of Froghall Farm, Wyton Road, Preston.

Variation of Condition 6 (removal of render) of planning permission 22/04079/PLF (Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to form a dwelling with associated external internal alterations including installation of roof lights, creation of a swimming pool, and erection of a wall to western boundary) to allow the render on the single-storey section of the building (building 'D') to be retained.

**Resolved:** that the Council had no objection to the application

20.2 Planning Application – 23/02216 – Land west of building M240 Saltend Lane, Saltend, Preston

Construction and operation of a hydrogen production facility with carbon capture.

**Resolved:** that the Council had no objection to the application

20.3 Notice of Decision – 22/04079 – Land and building East of Froghall Farm, Wyton Road, Preston.

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Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to form a dwelling with associated external and internal alterations including installation of roof lights, creation of a swimming pool, and erection of a wall to western boundary (Amended plans and description) – GRANTED NOTED

- 20.4 Notice of Decision – 23/00963 - Weghill farm, Weghill Road, Preston. Conversion of existing redundant agricultural barn including erection of extension to rear following demolition of part of the building to create a dwelling with associated works. – GRANTED. NOTED
- 20.5 Notice of Decision – 20/01884 – Eastside Community Sports Trust, Hull Road, Hedon. Display of 2 non-illuminated board signs fixed to existing boundary fence. – GRANTED. NOTED

210923. Members' points of information and items for the next agenda

- 21.1 Enhanced Bus Partnership Annual Forum – Friday 13 October 2023, Bishop Burton College – would Councillor(s) attend? Cllr Mclane possibly.
- 20.2 Holderness Health Community Liaison Forum – Monday 25 September 2023, Microsoft Teams – would Councillor(s) attend? Cllr Mclane possibly.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2023

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	GROSS
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
NEST	Pension - September	£ 94.81	£ -	£ 94.81
SALARY	Salary - September	£ 1,863.03	£ -	£ 1,863.03
HMRC	PAYE/NI	£ 598.13	£ -	£ 598.13
Phoenix Accontancy	Payroll Services	£ 37.00	£ 7.40	£ 44.40
Sandhill Nursery	Sundries	£ 3.28	£ 0.66	£ 3.94
Preston Community hall	Electricity	£ 27.26	£ -	£ 27.26
Mr Ian Ireland	Mayor's allowance 2022/23	£ 650.00	£ -	£ 650.00
KCOM	Internet/phone	£ 49.99	£ 9.99	£ 59.98
		<b>£ 3,323.50</b>	<b>£ 18.05</b>	<b>£ 3,341.55</b>

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE AUGUST 2023

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	GROSS
<b>AUGUST</b>				
NEST	Pension - August	£ 36.54	£ -	£ 36.54
SALARY	Salary - August	£ 1,774.94	£ -	£ 1,774.94
HMRC	PAYE/NI	£ 522.90	£ -	£ 522.90
Sandhill Garden Centre	Sundries	£ 17.98	£ 3.60	£ 21.58
Preston Community Hall	Hall hire - June	£ 20.00	£ -	£ 20.00
Preston Village Community Group	Coronation flowers	£ 26.00	£ -	£ 26.00
PKF-Littlejohn	Audit Fees	£ 1,484.65	£ 296.93	£ 1,781.58
Yorkshire Tree Surgery Ltd	Cemetery Tree	£ 250.00	£ 50.00	£ 300.00
Holderness Gazette	Job Advertisement	£ 102.10	£ 20.42	£ 122.52
KCOM	Internet/phone	£ 44.99	£ 9.99	£ 59.98
		<b>£ 4,280.10</b>	<b>£ 380.94</b>	<b>£ 4,666.04</b>