

# **PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of**

### **Preston Parish Council**

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

**17 April 2023**

- Present: Councillor I Ireland in the Chair  
Councillors: G Catterick, A Hodge, S Hope, G Hunter, Mrs B Mendham, T Pank and Ms L West
- Clerk: Kim Gray, Parish Clerk (interim)
010423. Apologies for Absence  
Apologies were received from Cllrs: K Bayliss, G Bell, G Hunter and S Precious  
**Resolved:** that apologies were accepted
020423. Declaration of Interests
- 2.1 It was agreed that any declaration of interest be dealt with at the time the relevant item was discussed.
- Cllr LW declared an interest in items 8 & 16
  - Cllr GC declared an interest in item 16
  - Cllr BM declared an interest in item 16
- 2.2 There were no dispensations to be noted. None.
030423. Public Participation  
Cllr GH joined the meeting.  
A group of 14 member of the public raised a number of questions during the session.  
Reserves for the financial year 2021/22, can be given provided but not tonight as information is not to hand.  
Why has the precept increased so much this year? The precept has not kept pace with inflation, compounded by the sudden and unexpected rise during the last year and an energy crisis.  
The village clock, what is the current situation? The clock has shown signs of problems in the last 6 months. Upon inspection it appears the motor requires rewinding. A quote for the repair has been acquired. There was no provision in last year's budget for the clock and no reserves were earmarked for the clocked. The clock is serviced annually, and its failure was unexpected,  
Questions were raised about the external audit and comments about an extraordinary meeting held on the 9 December, which was held in camera, which was held to deal with a personnel matter. Several issues were raised concerning the Annual Governance and Accounting Reports for the last two years. The Chairman acknowledged that there had been issued and action had been taken to address external auditor's reports.  
Concerns about the website were discussed. The Clerk is working on gaining access to the website to update the information and closedown the old site.  
There is a Budget which the Council will be working to for the financial year 2023/24, and it will be a difficult year.

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It was not that the confidence in the Council needs to be rebuilt in light of current events. There is a need for people within the parish to join the Council following the uncontested election that left 7 seats unfilled.

040423. Confirming/Receiving the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Preston Parish Council held on 13 March 2023 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes were confirmed as a true record.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Preston Parish Council held on 27 March 2023 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes were confirmed as a true record.

050423. To Receive Report by Ward Councillor

No Ward Cllrs attending.

060423. Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The Clerk's report as previously circulated.

070423. To Consider Planning Applications in accordance with The Town and Country Planning Act 1990

**23/00786 – Saltend Chemicals Park Saltend Lane Saltend, Preston**

Variation of Condition 5 (approved plans) of planning permission 19/04389/CM – Variation of Condition 5 (approved plans) of reference 17/02503/CM 9variation of 16/00916/CM to amend approved plans) to add a buttress support structure, amend silo roofs to flat, relocate acetic acid tank, dryer bag filter, and west side roadway closer to acetylation structure, increase size of dryer area and add extraction filters to allow for laboratory cabin to be used during commissioning and future operations, for quality and compliance purposes.

**Resolved:** that the Council had no comment regarding the application.

**23/00760 – Land South and West of Froghall Farm, Wyton Road, Preston**

Installation and operation of a Solar Farm (maximum output of approximately 49.9MW) with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (capacity of 20MW) and associated infrastructure including inverters, transformer/substation, cables, CCTV, access tracks, perimeter fencing and landscape works.

The develops met with the Council and have taken on aboard it's comments about the route for construction traffic. The traffic and noise is a concern as is light pollution and the loss of prime agricultural land.

**Resolved:** that the Council object to the application on the grounds it will see an increase in traffic, noise, light pollution, and the use of primary agricultural land; and would therefore request for the application to be called forward before the planning committee for a full and open discussion.

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## **23/00075 – Broadacre, Staithes Road, Preston**

Construction of new vehicular access to front.  
Cllr West left the meeting.

**Resolved:** that the Council had no objections regarding the application.

## **22/02928 – Land at West End, Luck Lane, Preston**

Erection of a dwelling  
*Cllr West returned to the meeting.*  
*Cllr Hodge left the meeting.*

**Resolved:** that the Council had no objections regarding the application.

*Cllr Hodge returned to the meeting.*

[www.eastriding.gov.uk/publicaccess](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk/publicaccess) - application documents can be viewed using the above references and following the on-screen instructions.

080423.

To note Notice of Decisions

## **22/03551 – Land North West of Kingstown Hotel, Hull Road, Hedon**

Construction of a primary substation with associated roads and infrastructure following Planning Permission 22/01591/STVARE (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale to be considered). GRANTED. NOTED

## **22/03807 – 13 School Road, Preston**

Installation of external wall insulation and addition of render (retrospective) (Revised scheme of 22/01584/PLF). GRANTED. NOTED

## **23/00633 – 7 Station Road, Preston**

PRESTON CONSERVATION AREA – Remove 1 no. Holly tree (T1); Crown reduce 1 no. Holly tree (T2) by 1 metre to re-shape. GRANTED. NOTED.

090423.

To approve payment schedule for April 2023

The Schedule previously circulated to Members, will form part of the Minutes.

**Resolved:** that the schedule of payments for April 2023, signed by two Councillors, in the sum of £2,888.80 was approved.

100423.

To receive an update on the financial position of the Council at 31 Mar 2023

The Chairman referred to the documents attached to these Minutes which had been circulated to all Councillors; the documents indicated the financial position of the Council as at 31 March 2023.

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

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110423. To approve the Preston Parish Council Asset Register as at 31 March 2023  
The Chairman referred to the Asset Register; previously circulated.
- Resolved:** that the Asset Register at 31 March 2023 was approved
120423. To receive an update and discuss opportunities for the YEP Community Fund  
Members considered making an application towards the repair of the village clock. Members also considered making an application for the cost of two benches for the play park.
- Resolved:** that the Council would make an application to the YEP Community fund for a £1,000 towards the repairs of the village clock.
- Resolved:** that the Council would make a second application to the YEP Community fund for a £1,000 to site two benches in the play park.
130423. To consider request from Preston WI to site a 'Book Hut' at Preston Community Hall, and a contribution toward the purchase.  
Members consider the request and although agreed in principle, the matter would be subject to the approval of Preston Community Hall with a 6 month trial period. Members could not offer a contribution towards the costs at this time.
- Resolved:** that the Council would approve the request to site a "Book Hut" in the car park of the Community Hall subject to the approval of the Preston Community Hall Community and a trial period of 6 months.
140423. To agree a plan to move forward with fund raising and repairs to the Church Clock  
A resident has offered to assess the clock to see if there is anything that can be done. A donation of £1,000 was received from a Preston resident towards the fund for repair. A member suggested circulating gifting envelopes in the next Preston Patter to give residents the opportunity to contribute.
- Resolved:** that the Council agreed to accept the offer from the Preston resident to assess the clock. Cllr Hunter will make the necessary arrangement to gain access to the church.
- Resolved:** that the Clerk would write to the Preston resident and thank them for their very generous donation.
- Resolved:** that the Council would agree to circulate gifting envelopes via Preston Patter.

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150423. To confirm how the King's Coronation Community Fund will be utilised.  
The Council had discussed that if the funding application was successful, the money would be used to hold a joint event with the Preston Village Community Group.
- Resolved:** that the Council would use the funds to contribute toward the cost of the event.
160423. To consider a request from Matthew's Enterprise to collaborate on a Flower Festival in conjunction with Hedon Town Council  
Members were unclear what Matthew's Enterprise were asking of the Council and that more details were required.
- Resolved:** that the Clerk would write to Matthew's Enterprise to ask for more information about what that wanted from the Council.
170423. Members' points of information and items for the next agenda
- 17.1 Update on the Community Garden – Cllrs Hodge and West cleared and cut-back the garden, painted the fence and the bench was removed for repair. The Councillors are willing to continue to maintain the area for now and will re-assess the situation later in the year.
  - 17.2 Update on the parish paths. Removal of cobbles - Patrick Wharram, Officer for PROWs at ERYC, is going to ERYC Planning Officers to discuss the issue. Cllr Ireland also reminded him about the broken gate and styles and the obstruction of footpath in Middle Lane. ERYC are working on the matter of Middle Lane with Solicitors of the landowner.
  - 17.3 Potholes in Acey Lane – half the number of holes were filled, aside from Acey Lane there are several other areas in need of attention.
  - 17.4 Another meeting with Cranswick is needed, as a condition of planning was, for a forum to speak to the Council and it is two years since the last meeting. The Clerk will contact James Norrison and ask for a meeting.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE APRIL 2023

DESCRIPTION	Net	VAT	Gross
Pension - March	£ 38.81	£ -	£ 38.81
Salary	£ 1,516.29	£ -	£ 1,516.29
PAYE&NI	£ 433.55	£ -	£ 433.55
Hall Hire - March	£ 30.00	£ -	£ 30.00
Hall Hire - February	£ 60.00	£ -	£ 60.00
Electricity - Re-charge Oct-March	£ 62.07	£ 3.10	£ 65.17
Annual garage hire	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 100.00
Reimburse - Stationery	£ 14.16	£ 2.83	£ 16.99
Reimburse - Telephone	£ 33.33	£ 6.67	£ 40.00
Reimburse - Petty Cash float	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 50.00
Salt Bin Maintenance	£ 360.00	£ 72.00	£ 432.00
Water - Cemetery	£ 10.38	£ -	£ 10.38
Internet	£ 49.68	£ 9.93	£ 59.61
Telephone	£ 30.00	£ 6.00	£ 36.00
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