

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of Preston Patrick held on Monday 24th May 2021 7pm in
Preston Patrick Memorial Hall**

Present Cllr Peter Winter – Chairman, Anne-Marie Cade (AMC) the Clerk,
6 members of the public including Cllrs Tony Mason, Zoe Mack, Keith Richardson, Peter Gott, and
2 residents. County/ District Councillors Roger Bingham and Brian Cooper attended the open
forum section of the meeting

Start: 7 pm

	The Chairman opened the meeting , welcoming all present and thanking them for coming and for complying with Covid safety measures
2021/01	The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 20 th May 2019 were approved as accurate and the Chairman authorised to sign them as such. It should be noted that the Assembly in 2020 was cancelled due to Covid restrictions
2021/02	The Annual Report from Preston Patrick Parish Council was given, covering the previous 2 years, by Council Chairman Peter Winter including the following <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Council has continued its duties on behalf of the Parish by meeting on Zoom when it was not possible to meet in person to address local issues, respond to planning applications and to represent the Parish at external meetings• Since the last meeting there has been a change of Chairman and thanks are passed to Tony Mason for his work as the Chairman and now as a councillor. Thanks also to all the Councillors and to residents of the Parish for supporting each other through an exceptionally difficult year.• Matters of significance over the last year include<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Completion of the B4RN project to connect Parish homes and businesses to fast broadband and monies raised coming back to the community through donations to the Memorial Hall and Parish Council○ Gatebeck road safety, working with the County Council and a local resident, the Parish Council has sought a 20mph speed limit through the village which should be completed later this year. Thanks are given to Roger Bingham for his support○ Gatebeck air pollution. Unfortunately this matter remains unresolved however the Parish Council continues to support residents in seeking a resolution from SLDC
2021/03	Preston Patrick Parish Council Financial Summary - The Clerk gave financial balances as £11,763 at the end of March 2021 and announced that a summary of accounts is available to view on the Parish Council website with full accounts available for the public to view by arrangement in June - July www.prestonpatrick-pc.gov.uk
2021/04	Kendal Rural Police Team Martin Boak the local PCSO for many years has retired, And police now provide the parish with a regular electronic newsletter. Current issues include Anti -Social Behaviour. Statistics for this year show that there is a similar level of crime overall to the year before, though types of crime have changed during lock down. Anyone can sign up for these newsletters or view crime statistics at https://www.cumbria.police.uk/Your-Area/Your-area.aspx
2021/05	Cumbria county Council – Cllr Roger Bingham sent a report to be taken during the Parish Council meeting that follows

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2021/06	South Lakeland District Council - Cllr Tom Harvey sent apologies as he had another appointment
2021/07	The Annual Report from the Burton Educational Foundation , Cllr Mrs Olive Clarke sent apologies that she was unable to attend for health reasons but asked the Clerk to report that the take up in the Parish is still disappointingly low despite efforts to spread information about the grants. Cllr Tony Mason confirmed that work to publicise the grants is still going on with an article published in the parish magazine.
2021/08	The Annual Report from Preston Patrick Memorial Hall Committee was given by their chairman, cllr Keith Richardson. Refurbishment of the gents' toilets has been completed, thanks given to Preston Patrick and the Banks Fund for funding. A number of other grants have been secured from SLDC to compensate for the loss of income due to Covid restrictions. A total of £20, 000 has been received in grants. The hall was closed for about 10 months from March 2020 to May 2021 and bookings are slow to return as there are still a number of restrictions in place. The committee has agreed to the erection of a second noticeboard to be erected outside by the Parish Council for the display of its notices.
2021/09	A Report from Preston Patrick & Preston Richard WI was received from Mrs Sue Sanderson including the last meeting held was March 2020 but are due to start again in June. Thanks to the Presidents for keeping in touch with all members throughout this time with updates, birthday and Christmas cards. The membership has dropped to 20.
2021/10	Annual Report from St Patrick's District Church Council was given by Cllr Tony Mason including Sunday services 9.30 most weeks when regulations allow and numbers attending are beginning to increase. Thanks to Sue Sanderson for work to put safety measures in place. Significant events including Christmas Carols and a harvest celebration have taken place outside this year. The Grounds have been improved and are now regularly tended revealing the many spring flowers there.
2021/11	Open Forum – Members of the public were invited to raise matters relevant to the Parish <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skip Burn – wall continues to lean and if falls could cause flooding• Speeding traffic on the A65 seems to be getting worse and can be dangerous. The Parish Council and Roger Bingham have in the past supported a reduction in the speed limit here and the matter will be referred to the Parish Council• Litter is being thrown out of cars – There is some litter picking carried out by SLDC and a Parish Litter Pick to take place on the 29th May
2021/12	Close – The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30 pm

Chair:

Date: