

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held in the Community Hall, Main Street,
Preston on Monday 13th April 2026 at 6pm.

Present:

Councillors: T. Hodge, M Fortnum, J. Bagnall, C. Williams, I. Ireland, I. Plumb, M. Fox and A Bannister.

Ward Councillors: S. Steel, S. Gallant and J. Dennis.

Parish Clerk: K. Dawson

Public: 10

Minute	Discussion and outcomes	Action
APM2026/01	Apologies	
	Apologies tendered by Cllr: Hull, Robson, Wing, Bayliss and Fellows. V. King and E. Whatling.	
APM2026/02	Welcome and introduction	
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
APM2016/03	Introduction of Town Smart, by S. E. Holderness Ward Cllr J. Dimberline	
	JD thanked the clerk for the invite. Town Smart was set up in Withernsea 18 months ago to tidy up the overlooked areas in our towns and villages. The group has 25 volunteers who are fully insured and kitted out to tend to a range of tasks such as cleaning, wash downs, repairs, painting, weeding, litter picking and have recently extended to clean up dog foul. The group find their volunteering rewarding and a bit of a social get-together. They recently won a Best Care in the Community Award. Products used are often donated or funded by themselves or fundraising with £960 raised in two days for supplies, equipment and costs. Preston is welcome to join Town Smart or be guided on their own set up.	
APM2026/04	Annual Report of the Preston Council by the Chair Cllr I. Ireland	
	The Chair gave a summary of the annual report which will be available in the clerk's office and on the parish website. The impact of the loss of Preston South was highlighted as were traffic issues. Plans for Preston Playing Field and Pavilion were mentioned along with a list of positive outcomes over the past year.	
APM2026/05	Representations / Reports by local community groups and organisations	
	Preston Brownies – meet in the Community Hall for 7 – 10 year old girls who learn new physical and social skills, take trips and pack holidays, hold camp fires, attend various venues to broaden their experiences, all supervised by the volunteer resident who has been Girl Guiding for 10 years. A table display was available for viewing at the back of the Hall. Fundraising subsidises the costs to many of the events. Men in Sheds (Hedon and District) – are a local charity who aim to supply a friendly space where the current 35 members, both male and female can get involved in various projects, share skills, learn new ones, play cards, cook, make things, socialise, make new friends, and feel part of the community.	

	<p>They meet every Wednesday at 1.30pm in the British Legion, Hedon though are looking for a permanent home in the area.</p> <p>Young at Heart / Preston Stiches – Meet in the Community Hall Thursday mornings and afternoons. What started as a coffee booking has grown and kept going for over 23 years for men and women to pop in and join in and feel a part of the community. With 15 – 20 people attending, 5 are over the age of 90 so there is talent sharing and a social gathering for everyone. The group are self-funded at £2 per week and are still going strong.</p> <p>Preston Community Hall – Extracts from the Chairs report from their AGM were highlighted. The committee has welcomed on two Trustees from the parish council, though it's a big loss with the passing of John Myers. Film Nights have ceased as numbers dropped off but there are a core group of regular users. A resident carried out repairs and painting to the hall last year and will do the garage this year. 2026 is the 70th anniversary of the hall with celebrations planned for the 20th June. Watch out for further details. Volunteers are required on the ground on the day.</p> <p>Details for the above can be sought from the Parish Clerk or Community Village Hall.</p>	
APM2026/06	Presentation of Community Award	
	Item deferred as the winner was not present.	
APM2026/07	To invite electors of the Parish to raise matters of interest of concern.	
	<p>Ward Councillor's were asked to assist the PPC with the Public Rights of Way issue in hand.</p> <p>Question was raised about nominations for the Community Award. Whilst an in-house council decision, residents could perhaps make suggestions to parish councillors of worthy nominees.</p> <p>Everyone was thanked for attending the meeting.</p> <p>Meeting closed. End.</p>	