

Preston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Hall, Main Street, Preston, on 19th January 2026

Present:	Cllr Fortnum
Cllr Ireland – (Chair)	Cllr Fox
Cllr Wing – (Vice Chair)	Cllr Hodge
Cllr Bagnall	Cllr Hull,
Cllr Bannister	Cllr Plumb
Cllr Baylis	
Cllr Dodson	
Cllr Fellows	Clerk: K Dawson

Ward Cllr:0 / Police:0 / Public: 4

Minute	Discussion and outcome	Action
Jan26/01	<p><u>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</u></p> <p>Apologies received with reasons for absence approved: Cllr CW. Apologies tendered by ward councillor S Gallant.</p>	
Jan26/02	<p><u>Declaration of Interests.</u></p> <p>To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of items on this agenda. Members should identify the agenda item and the type of interest being declared. None.</p> <p>To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of agenda items below. (Dispensations are to be made in writing, to the clerk in advance of the meeting). None.</p>	
Jan26/03	<p><u>Public Participation – including police and Ward Councillors and presentation of awards for Christmas.</u></p> <p>The winners of the best decorated window for 2025 were presented with a cash prize, a bottle of wine and certificate and congratulated for their efforts. Judges confirmed all streets were assessed and the decision was not an easy one. Photos taken. The winners donated £20 back to the Church Clock fund.</p> <p>A resident from Station Road spoke regarding a planning application they are submitting Re: converting an annexe into a small children’s nursery. Advice and guidance were offered regarding change of use, ERYC planning and Ofsted.</p> <p>The Chair of the Traffic Group advised that Calendar News were in the village for 80 minutes with 20 residents present early January following up on the need for ANPR camera funding from the Crime Commissioners fund.</p> <p>A record of all traffic incidents should be made and everyone is encouraged to report hits/bumps to the police on 101 as statistics and data are important for collating the number of incidents recorded in Preston.</p> <p>Cllr IFI will assess the crossroads traffic lights sequencing.</p> <p>The next edition of Preston Patter is due out soon which includes a request for volunteers to join the Community Speed Watch Team.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IFI</p>

Jan26/04	<p><u>To confirm the minutes of the Preston Parish Council meeting held on 15th December 2025.</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved and signed by the chair.</p> <p>Proposed: SH Seconded: RD</p>	KD
Jan26/05	<p><u>Clerks Report – Clerks update / feedback for information purposes ONLY.</u></p> <p>The precept demand for £110,000 has been submitted and acknowledged. The tax base remained at 1182.6 Band D equivalent properties.</p> <p>The clerk has made enquiries with ERYC about who owns the land that the former village hall stood on in Preston South. The land is not theirs nor registered. Cllr KB will make some enquiries.</p> <p>A new resident has enquired about the ownership of two trees in a ten foot between Red House Farm and Princes Av, Preston South. Cllr KB will assess.</p> <p>The Annual Meeting of Preston Parish Council has been re-scheduled to Monday 18th May due to the clerk's annual leave.</p> <p>Section 137 for 2026/2027 will increase to £11.60 per elector.</p> <p>The Gov.uk email address change is underway.</p> <p>The container on the Playing Field has arrived and in a temporary position.</p> <p>The new bus shelter on Sproatley Road has been installed and all paperwork signed off with ERYC.</p>	KB KB KD
Jan26/06	<p><u>Correspondence received / circulated and agree any actions.</u></p> <p>14.1.26 Police report Jan 2026.</p> <p>14.1.26 Residents letter of various complaints. Councillors had no comments to add to the clerk's previous response and agreed no further action is required from the Clerk.</p>	
Jan26/07	<p><u>Traffic, road safety and Community Speed Watch Matters.</u></p> <p>Covered in public participation.</p>	
Jan26/08	<p><u>To agree to apply for 50% funding for ANPR cameras with associated costs.</u></p> <p>A Road Safety Fund has been launched by the Humberside Police & Crime Commissioner with the aim of helping town and parish councils, community speed watch groups and community organisations improve road safety.</p> <p>It also expands to cover AutoSpeed Watch and AutoHGV Watch.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to apply to the fund for an ANPR camera on Main Street, Preston and welcomed Preston being a trial for the AutoHGV Watch.</p> <p>Proposer: RD Secunder: SH</p>	KD

Jan26/09	<p><u>To approve grass cutter / tractor insurance renewal.</u></p> <p>Renewal due 21.1.26. £223.77 is the renewal quote from Rowett Insurance for third party fire and theft, which is £15.79 more than last year. Quote unanimously approved.</p> <p>Proposer: TH Seconder: KB</p>	KD
Jan26/10	<p><u>To consider quotes for replacement tractor / grass cutter and payment method.</u></p> <p>It was agreed to focus on commuted sums to cover the replacement of the tractor/grass cutter. Four quotes were circulated for perusal prior to the meeting and discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed once commuted sums are applied and if our staff operator is happy with it, to proceed with Quote 1 with an extended warranty and hedge cutter included. Noted that when insuring the new one, fully comprehensive insurance will be required.</p>	MC KD
Jan26/11	<p><u>To receive quote for cemetery and churchyard tree works as per tree report and agree if to proceed.</u></p> <p><u>Yorkshire Tree Surgery Limited</u> TOTAL £1,800.00</p> <p><u>Preston Church yard</u> T1 sever Ivy T2 laterally reduce from over highway T4 sever Ivy T5 sever Ivy, removal of hanging limbs and clear epicormic growth around base of tree</p> <p><u>Preston cemetery</u> T10 dismantle and remove T11 dismantle and remove T13 dismantle and remove All materials removed from sites</p> <p>It was agreed to proceed with the works. Permission to be sought from ERYC first for the churchyard trees as they are in a conservation area.</p> <p>Proposer: KB Seconder: TH</p>	KD
Jan26/12	<p><u>To consider re-introduction of Preston Community Award and agree criteria, nomination and selection process.</u></p> <p>It was agreed to resurrect the Community Award for support and contribution to the community. Cllr IFI will source the previous criteria used. Minimum costs will be involved for a plaque and publicity.</p> <p>Proposer: TH Seconder: MFx</p>	IFI KD
Jan26/13	<p><u>To agree categories, judges, date and prizes for 2026 allotment competition.</u></p> <p>Agreed categories for each site:</p>	

	<p>25/02654/PLF Proposal: Erection of a single storey office/drivers welfare facilities building, construction of new car park and alterations to HGV hardstanding, erection of 2.4m high palisade fencing and demolition of existing single storey office building (Revised Scheme of 22/02896/STPLF) Location: Air Products Plc Saltend Chemicals Park Saltend Lane Saltend. Granted.</p> <p>25/03020/PLF Proposal: Erection of first floor extension to side with associated alterations and construction of canopies to front and rear Location: Stroma House Neat Marsh Road Preston. Granted.</p> <p>25/02958/PLF Proposal: Erection of self/custom-build dwelling following demolition of existing with associated works Location: New York Farm East End Road Preston. Granted.</p>	
Jan26/16	<p><u>To adopt I.T. Policy</u></p> <p>Draft policy circulated and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Proposer: JB Secunder: RD</p>	
Jan26/17	<p><u>Councillors brief update on any actions taken since the last meeting.</u></p> <p>Cllr KB thanked the clerk for re-placing the grit bin out in Preston South.</p> <p>Cllr RD advised the playing field container is in a temporary position and will be adjusted further back when the ground is drier. It will be painted when the weather is better. The Pavilion boiler is not working.</p> <p>Pot holes as previously reported have been repaired.</p> <p>Judged the best dressed window for Christmas competition.</p> <p>Cllr AB asked about the outcome of allotment inspections. The clerk advised those identified have been emailed. One is a new tenant and so not contacted.</p> <p>Cllr JB will resume work on CCTV and Gov Uk now the clerk has returned to work.</p> <p>MF enquired about the trench and metal covers at Pinfold Court which is unadopted leaving responsibility issues. He will source quotes for a boiler in the pavilion.</p> <p>Cllr TH advised the village clock and parochial matters are all working well.</p> <p>Cllr MFx enquired about the availability of two allotments on Weghill Road. The clerk awaits notice from the previous owner's family.</p> <p>Cllr IFI has reported roadside litter on Staithe Road to ERYC.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>MF</p>
Jan26/18	<p><u>Items for the next agenda.</u></p> <p>Community Litter pick.</p>	KD
	Meeting closed at 8.34pm. End.	