

Preston Parish Council

NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 4th December 2025 at 8pm
Village Hall, School Lane, Preston, SG4 7UE

To Cllrs: S Anderson, J Buckland, M Burleigh, J Clark, A Morecroft, H Page, M Trinder (Chair)

Councillors are respectively summoned to attend this meeting for the transaction of business in the agenda below. The meeting is open to members of the public and press.

Lisa Lathane, Clerk to Preston Parish Council – 27th November 2025



AGENDA

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.
2. Chairman's Remarks
3. Declarations of interest
4. To adopt minutes of the previous meeting
5. To consider matters arising from the previous minutes not already on the agenda
6. Comments from the general public and press (15 mins)
7. County and District Update (15 mins)
8. Finance
 - a. To authorise non-contractual payments and note payments to date
 - b. To authorise the signing of the Bank Reconciliation
 - c. To review the budget 2025/26
 - d. To review the draft budget for 2026/27
 - e. To review and agree the Precept for 2026/27
9. Planning
 - a. To consider any new planning applications
 - 25/02811/FPH – 3 Oakfields, Preston
 - 16/02014/1 - Land West Of Cockernhoe / Land East Of Copthorne, Cockernhoe, Hertfordshire
 - 17/00830/1 - Land South And North West Of Cockernhoe And East Of Wigmore (Stubbocks Walk), Brick Kiln Lane, Cockernhoe, Hertfordshire,
 - b. To note decisions and appeals
 - c. To consider any other planning matters pertinent to the Parish Council
10. Assertion 10:
 - a. To review and agree IT Policy.
 - b. To review and agree Freedom of Information Publication Scheme
 - c. To review and agree compliance with Assertion 10.
11. Pavilion Working Party update
 - a. Resolution 1
To understand the potential for re-sited access to the recreation ground, which was raised in the village survey and would be of material impact on the possibility of year-round community use of the pavilion, as well as limiting ground damage and improving access during the

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construction phase, the PWG proposes that pre-application advice is sought from Highways to find out at an early stage whether a new access is viable. The Parish Council to consider this proposal.

b. Resolution 2

Following discussion on the requirements and options for the pavilion, the PWG now needs to have initial consultations with an architect to produce provisional plans, including floor plans, dimensions and an informed view of the feasibility of new build or extension and estimated costs to be able to move the project forward. Quotes from three or four architects to be obtained for this initial work. Like for like quotes to be obtained in preparation for the PWG recommending one to take on the work at the next meeting in January. The Parish Council to consider this proposal.

c. Resolution 3

Following the Parish Council's suggestion of making the survey comments available to the community, the PWG proposes that a summary of the comments be produced to be made available with the complete survey with a link provided in the February newsletter. The Parish Council to consider this suggestion.

d. Resolution 4

The Village Hall Committee, Preston Primary School and St Martin's Church are advertising their recreational spaces to the community. The PWG suggest that this information is posted on a new section of the village website, if all the organisations agree. The Parish Council to consider this suggestion.

e. Resolution 5

To obtain a quote for VAT advice from the Parish Council VAT expert.

12. Church Meadow Lease
13. Chequers Lane pruning – to review and agree the quote of £250 to carry out the work
14. Pavilion and Recreation Ground
15. Hertfordshire Highways Update
16. Parish Paths Partnership
17. Clerk's Report (information only)
18. Correspondence received
19. Matters for future consideration
20. Date and time of next meeting: 22nd January 2025 at 8pm