



# Preston Parish Council

## NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 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 – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### 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 and agree new website costs
  - e. To review the draft budget for 2026/27
  - f. To review and agree the Precept for 2026/27
9. Planning
  - a. To consider any new planning applications
    - 25/03051/FPH - Highways, Church Lane, Preston, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 7TP
  - b. To note decisions and appeals
  - c. To consider any other planning matters pertinent to the Parish Council
10. Pavilion Working Party update
  - a. Resolution 1  
To accept the quote from Ridge for pre-application advice. Quotation to be circulated separately.
  - b. Resolution 2  
To simplify the resolution from the last meeting and ask the architects to quote for producing initial drawings for both a new build and an extension. The PWG to recommend which quotation to accept in preparation for the March Parish Council meeting.
  - c. Resolution 3  
At the same time, to ask the architects to quote for working up plans for the selected option to be suitable for submission for a planning application. It is anticipated that once a company has been asked to produce initial plans they would be asked to continue with the project.

**Next scheduled meetings:** Parish Council meeting: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 8pm

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d. Resolution 4

To accept a quote from The Parkinson Partnership LLP to provide advice on the VAT implications of the proposed pavilion extension or replacement, including options available to maximise VAT recovery, for a fixed fee of £1,450 plus VAT.

11. Church Meadow
  - a. To agree an application to NHDC for new equipment, picnic area and pathway
12. Playground Inspections – to review annual reports and agree next steps
13. Pavilion and Recreation Ground
  - a. To agree a quotation for 5 year building survey of the pavilion for insurance purposes
14. Hertfordshire Highways Update
15. Speed Management Survey – to agree a parish council response
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: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 8pm