

AGENDA

PRESTON-UNDER-SCAR PARISH COUNCIL

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You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Preston-Under-Scar Parish Council on Thursday 13 January 2022 at 2.30pm in Preston under Scar Village Play Park for the purpose of transacting the following business:

- 1. To receive apologies for absence**
- 2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 November 2021**
- 3. To declare Councillors' interests in items on the agenda**
- 4. Budget and Precept for the financial year 2022/23**

Councillors are requested to consider the Parish Council's proposed budget for 2022/23 and the proposed precept circulated with this agenda and available on the Parish website.

- 5. COVID-19 – Continuation of the effective business of the Council, delegation of powers to the Parish Clerk and Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972**

Councillors are invited to consider and, if satisfied, approve the following recommendations:

1. That, having regard to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, subject to compliance with Paragraphs 7 and 8 of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972 (which, respectively, require the Council to hold an Annual Meeting and at least three other meetings in every year), all meetings of the Council during the relevant period shall be remote meetings unless, in relation to any meeting, the Clerk, following consultation with Councillors, decides that the meeting shall be an in-person meeting.
2. That all meetings of the Council during the relevant period shall be held on such days, at such times and in such places as the Clerk, following consultation with Councillors shall determine.
3. That, during the relevant period, the following powers be delegated to the Clerk:
 - (a) To authorise payment of invoices for work undertaken for, and services

provided to, the Council, subject to being satisfied that payment is due in accordance with the invoice details;

- (b) Following consultation with the Chairman, to do anything expedient or necessary in the interests of the Council or to ensure the continuation of the effective or proper business of the Council, subject to any action taken under these powers being reported to the next available meeting of the Council;
- (c) To take any decision following any recommendation of the Council made at a remote meeting of the Council;

Provided that neither of the delegations at (a) and (b) above shall amend, modify or affect the approved signatories required to authorise payment from the Council's bank account.

4 That, for the purposes of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972:

- (a) the Council approves, in relation to each and every member of the Council, during the relevant period, attendance at a remote meeting of the Council as a reason for a failure to attend an in-person meeting of the Council;
- (b) the Clerk be authorised, in relation to any specific member of the Council, to approve a reason for the failure of that member to attend a meeting or meetings of the Council where the failure to attend would not be covered under (a) above.

5. That, for the purposes of 1 to 4 above:

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Council;

“Clerk” means the Clerk to the Council.

“Meeting” means an in-person meeting or a remote meeting;

“In-person meeting” means a meeting of the Council, or of any committee or sub-committee of the Council, at which members of the Council come together in person and which is held in accordance with Paragraph 10 of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972;

“Remote meeting” means an informal meeting of the Council, or of any committee or sub-committee of the Council, where the members of the Council do not come together in person and which is held in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel

Meetings)(England and Wales) Regulations 2020 notwithstanding that these Regulations ceased to have effect on 7 May 2021;

“Relevant period” means the period from the passing of this Resolution until 31 May 2023 unless earlier terminated or amended by the Council.

As usual, members of the public are invited to attend the meeting.

Signed

Date: 7 January 2022

**Linda Stevens
Parish Clerk**

