Preston Parish Council

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 22nd October 2026 at 8.00pm
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 – 15th October 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 2026/27 budget
9. Planning
    a. To consider any new planning applications
    b. To note decisions and appeals
    c. To consider any other planning matters pertinent to the Parish Council
10. North Herts Council Meeting update:
    a. To agree a response to the sites submitted for the parish of Preston in the Local Plan Consultation
    b. To agree a newsletter entry to inform the public of the Local Plan Consultation
    c. To discuss and agree holding drop in sessions for residents to complete the consultation
    d. To discuss the suggestion that the Parish Council appoint a professional Planner to support residents with their representations to North Herts.
    e. To discuss the Content and Evidence Consultation, and agree how to complete
11. Blue Plaque at Spindle Cottage - update
12. To review and adopt:
    a. Grievance Policy
    b. Media and Press Policy
13. Church Meadow
    a. Update on play equipment
    b. To review and agree a quote for clearance of land for new equipment and agree a plan for access
14. Pavilion Working Party update
    a. To note the Written Report from the Working Group

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b. Resolution 1: To obtain pre-planning advice regarding the potential for relocation/change of access to the Pavilion and Recreation Ground.

   Given the potential scale of investment, with costs now understood and estimated at circa £1 million, the Working Group believes that all reasonable options should be explored at this stage to ensure the investment delivers the greatest possible long-term operational, community and financial benefit and represents value for money.

   Obtaining pre-planning advice would provide the information needed to assess the option properly and enable the Working Group to make a robust and informed recommendation to the Council, and ultimately to the wider community.

c. Resolution 2: If the outcome of resolution 1 is positive, to consider and accept a quote to obtain pre-application advice from Highways, using section 106 funding which is ring fenced for the pavilion. Preston Cricket Club will contribute to the costs on a 50:50 basis. The cost will be in the region of £4000.00, subject to the final costs of surveys, data collection and meetings. Hertfordshire County Council will not charge for providing their advice as this will be an application from the Parish Council and is classed as a public sector non-profit making proposal.

15. Tennis Court Lease Update
16. To discuss a contribution to St Martin's Church
17. To discuss and agree Decision Making Criteria for projects
18. Pavilion and Recreation Ground
19. Hertfordshire Highways Update
    a. To discuss work required on the verge on Chequers Lane and agree costs
    b. To discuss and agree Pedestrian signs and agree any costs
20. Parish Paths Partnership
21. Clerk's Report (information only)
22. Correspondence received
23. Matters for future consideration
24. Date and time of next meeting: 3rd December 2026 at 8pm

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