

**LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Extraordinary Meeting 6a 2021-2022 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Cllrs Staveley (Chairman), Brierley, Lis, Moorby, and Outlaw.  
**In attendance:** Parish Clerk Marijke Hill and one member of the public.

**6a.1 Public Participation**

No member of the public participated.

**6a.2 Apologies for absence**

None received.

**6a.3 Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

- a The Chairman **asked** each Member to inform the Council of any Interests they may have in relation to items on this agenda. Cllr Moorby **informed** the Council that the Monitoring Officer at CDC has advised that, as the subject under discussion at this meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 is specific to Back Green and not to any other village greens, one of them concerning Cllr Moorby's property, Cllr Moorby does not have to declare an interest.  
 Councillors did not record any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and any Other relevant Interests under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct in connection with items on this agenda.
- b No requests were made for dispensation in connection with items on this agenda.

**6a.4 Progress regarding the legal advice about properties affronting Back Green.**

The Council **resolved** that this matter is considered in private session, excluding the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, as discussion in public would be prejudicial to the public interest.

The Council was **informed** that it had no option but to seek legal advice on easements on Back Green after a potential financial claim in excess of £153,000 from one of the property owners on Back Green against the Parish Council was received in September 2020.

The Council **resolved** to:-

- **accept** the explanation of the law regarding village greens in general;
- **accept** the implementation of the general law to Back Green specifically;
- **acknowledge** that parking on any part of Back Green, including a right of way, is not permitted;
- **respect** existing easements by prescription where possible and **respect** the easement by deed;
- **contact** Northern Gas Networks to remove the hard-core track on their expense and reinstate Back Green by re-seeding, after which grass matting will be installed;
- **inform** the three affected property owners of the above, asking them to cooperate and take the necessary action required.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.03 pm.

**M. Hill**  
**Clerk to the Council**