



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 12th January 2026 at 7pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

Present: Cllrs T Johnson (Mayor), K Shepherd, P Orme, A Hayes, C Rimmer, R Kelly, S Dobbie, R Drobny, A Shewan, K Tunstall and S Thorn
Also present – the Clerk

625.1 Apologies

None

626.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllr Johnson with association with Trade Unions.

627.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 8th December 2025

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meeting are approved as a true record.

628.4 Public participation

There were no members of the public present

629.5 Planning Applications

Considered via email with no objections

None to be considered.

Considered at the meeting

None to be considered.

630.6 Finance

6.1 The Finance Committee advised that a payment of £10 had been omitted from the payments list and it had been resolved to add this.

Councillors noted

6.2 Bank statements balances Unity 31st December 2025 £88,457.93 Hampshire Trust 31st December 2025 £51,295.76 and Virgin 30th November 2025 £60,281.67.

It was noted that a statement from Virgin Bank for 31st December 2025 has been received after the information was sent out and the balance is £59,730.

6.3 Cllrs noted and resolved to approve receipts and payments made for December 2025.

6.3 Agreed as a correct record the bank reconciliations to 30th November 2025.

631.7 Councillor Vacancy

There has been one application received to date. It was resolved to put a notice on the noticeboards to advise of the move to co-option until Friday 23rd January. The clerk will arrange any interviews for Monday 26th January in the Youth and Community Centre.

632.8 Esplanade Shelters

It was noted that when work starts they will be protected by Harris fencing.

Cllr Hayes will advise PKE as work is due to start as they use the shelters as a base for litter picking activities.

The clerk needs to talk to npower/north west electricity about possible power to the shelters both for work and also to provide for lighting as part of the refurbishment.

It was resolved to use wooden materials for the seating.

It was resolved to revisit the possibility of coloured glass in the future.

Further discussions are to take place with the builder and updates provided at the next meeting.

633.9 Grit Bins

After discussion it was resolved to site one of the bins near the shops on Fordstone Ave and the other near the library. It was also resolved to add an agenda item for the February meeting to discuss the possibility of purchasing two more.

634.10 Donation for Coca Cola van at Christmas Lights switch on

It was resolved that the clerk will send a donation of £50 to Brian House in the name of Mr Doug Smith as a thank you for the van attending.

635.11 Memorial at the Cenotaph

It was resolved that Cllr Orme to progress the purchase of a plaque commemorating World War II with an approximate cost of £1,200.

It was resolved that Cllrs Johnson and Orme will look at the wording and costs for a plaque to commemorate other conflicts and present those to the February meeting.

It was resolved to add an item to the February meeting to discuss the provision of electricity to the Cenotaph.

636.12 Land behind the Library

It was resolved that Cllr Johnson will send a letter to the Parrox Estate Trustee on this matter.

637.13 Document Review

It was resolved to review all three documents at the February meeting.

The clerk will move the Volunteers Policy on the web site.

It was resolved to have an agenda item on the next meeting agenda to review the website for the location of policy documents.

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638.14 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Rimmer advised that an appeal has been submitted regarding the proposals for the quarry. Cllr Kelly sent the documentation to the clerk for distribution to councillors.

Councillors have been made aware of issues with the piledriving on Rosemount Ave. Cllr Hayes has asked Environmental Health to visit the site and Cllr Rimmer reminded councillors that residents can report issues with the noise on the Wyre Borough web site.

639.15 Verbal reports from Wyre councillors

Cllr Rimmer advised that the next council meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd January.

640.16 Clerk's report

The clerk advised:

Council has received an email from a resident regarding the condition of the footpath from Rosslyn Avenue to Beechfield Avenue. This has been raised with Lancashire County Council.

The clerk has approached John Henry with regards to the internal audit for this year.

The latest batch of Blue Plaques have now been received and discussions about putting them up will be progressed with building owners.

641.17 Mayor's report

Cllr Johnson updated:

He had attended several Christmas celebrations.

He raised again the transport issues faced which were highlighted with the recent electricity outage at the Cemetery Lane junction in Preesall. He asked council to look again at the possibility of a meeting where issues with transport could be discussed.

642.18 Questions to councillors

Cllr Hayes raised the condition of parts of the fencing on the seaside of the esplanade. Cllr Orme advised that several discussions had been held with Lancashire County Council but no plans have been received from them. The clerk will write to Cllr Salter with the council's safety concerns to try to restart conversations about the work required to make this safe.

643.19 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held **on Monday 9th February 2026 starting at 7pm** – councillors are asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda and provide updates from working groups by notifying the clerk **in writing by Thursday 29th January 2026** at the latest. The item should specify the business which it is proposed be transacted, in such a way that the members who receive it can identify the matters which they will be expected to discuss i.e. it needs to specify what the proposal is and that a decision is required or whether the item is for information only.