



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10th February 2025 at 7pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

Present: Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), T Johnson, S Dobbie, A Hayes, J Jenkinson, R Drobny, K Tunstall, J Lewin

Also present – the Clerk, Cllr elect A Shewan, PCSO Critchley and 1 member of the public

380.1 Apologies

Cllr C Rimmer, Cllr K Shepherd

381.2 Co-option of new Councillor

Cllr A Shewan stated his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was accepted on to the council unanimously.

382.3 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllr Johnson declared his Trade Union interest for employment matters and personal interest for affordable housing.

383.4 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 13th January 2025

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

384.5 Public participation

PCSO Critchley reported that logs recorded from the start of January 2025 had shown that the period had been quiet. A new PC has now been recruited for the area.

Mr K Bennett asked about the SpID reports and the speeding they were picking up. Cllr Jenkinson advised that the SpID reports were showing that 95% of vehicles were either travelling on or below the speed limit. The 5% is around 350 vehicles a month. The majority of speeding seems to be taking place at unsociable hours.

It was resolved to take the meeting back into session.

385.6 Planning Applications

To be considered and resolved to object/not object at the meeting

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 24/00973/FUL

Proposal: Proposed single storey extension to front elevation and internal alterations to create wet room and access, replacement of existing lounge window with French doors to provide rear garden access, and reformation of main entrance with creation of external ramp access.

Location: The Rest Little Tongues Lane Preesall Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

It was resolved unanimously to approve this application.

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00053/FUL

Proposal: Proposed erection of an agricultural building to house dry cows.

Location: Park Farm Burned House Lane Preesall Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

It was resolved unanimously to approve this application.

Considered via email with no objections

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00030/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension, roof lift to create additional living accommodation and alterations to all elevations

Location: Norwood St Bernards Road Knott End-on- Sea Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

No objections were received from councillors to these applications

386.7 Quarry Planning Update

Cllr Rimmer provided the following written update:

Residents can still send in comments on the latest documents. There is an email address on the LCC site.

There will not be a meeting of the development committee in May due to elections so there could be a decision in April or June but this is not known at the moment. Preesall Town Councils latest

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comments have been submitted and are on the website. The latest comments from LCC Highways are crucial but have not yet been finalised (Lancaster Road is a key point).

387.8 Land on Pilling Lane, Micks Garage and Kelly's Corner

We have now completed on Micks Garage and the solicitors are finalising the updating of Land Registry.

We have received some recommendations from our solicitors to progress the agreement of the lease of Kelly Corner and to get this registered with Land Registry. It was resolved to allow the solicitors to progress this.

There is no further update on the land on Pilling Lane.

388.9 Finance

Councillors noted

8.1 Bank statements balances Unity 31st January 2025 £52,997.90 and Virgin 31st December 2024 £69,516.30

To note that a payment of £42,852.40 was made on 14th January 2025 to Harrison Drury solicitors for the contract on Micks Garage. This is not shown on the balance for Virgin Bank.

To note that Wyre Borough Council have allocated a £5,000 grant towards the Christmas Lights.

This was paid into the Virgin Bank account in January 2025 but does not show in the balance due to the delay in receiving Virgin Bank statement.

8.2 Cllrs noted payments made for January 2025.

8.3 Agreed as a correct record the bank reconciliations to 31st December 2024.

8.4 The Financial Committee agreed that the Mayor and clerk would update the New Model Financial Regulations and present them for approval at the next meeting.

389.10 Make up of the Personnel Committee

It was resolved that Cllr J Lewin would join the committee.

390.11 Shelters on the promenade

An update from Cllr M Salter advised that LCC are progressing a draft licence for it. It was resolved that the contents of the licence must be agreed by council before acceptance.

The clerk advised that the 28 day notice of taking responsibility for the shelter near to the village has now been served.

It was resolved to discuss with solicitors registering these shelters with Land Registry when both were under our remit.

It was resolved to include lighting on the sea side of the promenade with any proposals for the shelters.

391.12 Document Review

The following documents were reviewed and accepted:

Bench Policy

It was resolved to amend the document to bring the paragraph about flowers etc further to the top of the document.

It was resolved to follow recommendation from the Finance Committee to defer review of the Financial Regulations until the next meeting.

392.13 Councillor Vacancies

The clerk advised that there is still one vacancy unfilled.

It was resolved to re-advertise the remaining vacancy in the Focus Magazine, on the council web site and noticeboards and on the council Facebook page.

393.14 Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was resolved that the clerk approach the auditor from last year to understand their availability and to search for any possible alternatives.

394.15 Mayor Elect selection

It was resolved to accept the process and that the clerk would document this officially.

395.16 Mayor for civic year 2025/26

It was resolved to elect Cllr Tony Johnson as Mayor.

396.17 Arrangements for Civic Sunday

Cllr Johnson advised that he would look to hold this on Sea Sunday or Volunteer Commemoration Day. Resolved that Cllr Johnson would review and confirm date at next meeting.

397.18 Arrangements for Annual Town Meeting

It was resolved that the clerk would look at the possibility of holding this before the Finance Committee and Full Council meetings on 14th April 2025. This to be discussed further at the next meeting alongside Mayor Making.

398.19 Allocation of Affordable Housing

A discussion took place regarding recent anecdotal evidence of process not being followed in the allocation of houses. It was resolved that the clerk would write to Wyre Borough Council and Great Places to request their comments on this.

399.20 SpID reports

This had been covered under questions from a member of the public. Nothing further to add this month.

400.21 Finger direction post

It was resolved that the clerk would identify possible suppliers for this and progress a possible siting on the Wyre Borough side of Plantation Ave in Knott End.

401.22 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

It was resolved that we would enter again this year and that Cllr Orme would lead.

402.23 Barton Square seating

It was resolved unanimously to purchase two further benches for this area and to look at one being a 'chatty bench'.

403.24 Further lease opportunities.

It was resolved unanimously to investigate the possibility of council taking on the leases for NatWest corner and the flower beds in Barton Square. It was also resolved for the clerk to look at the possibility of including the Battle of Britain monument in and discussions with Land Registry about the shelter next to it.

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404.25 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Johnson advised that there is a LEON meeting arranged 13th February and that he would be attending.

Cllr Hayes asked if a PCSO could attend the councillor library sessions. As we are looking at the possibility of holding a coffee morning type session going forward it was resolved to look at attendance at these.

405.26 Reports from Wyre councillors

Cllr Rimmer provided updates as follows:

Latest results from the historic contamination at Hillhouse have been released. The first phase of sampling confirmed the presence of the chemical PFOA at all 22 areas sampled near to the site. Some of the results were high for the type of land use e.g. growing food. More tests are being done in the area closest to the site including where modelling shows it will be highest. No testing planned for Over Wyre yet but councillors are following it to see what the next test results are.

Wyre is advertising a few events over half term e.g. there are super heros at Freeport/Affinity and a silent disco there.

Wyre has purchased its first empty home to renovate and sell as an affordable home. If anyone has a home that has been empty for more than two years Wyre could be interested in buying it.

There is still money left for residenst under the household support fund for those struggling with bills.

406.27 Clerk's report

The clerk advised that he has been looking at financial products that could be considered to replace Rialtas. He will make a recommendation to the Finance Committee and Full Council at the March meetings.

The clerk is attending the next Gala Committee meeting to discuss the possibility of working together to get a full set of road signs and walkie talkies that both organisations can use.

The move to the new email address is continuing with some councillors still to get access on their devices. The clerk reminded that the old address of .org will not work after July 2025.

The clerk is meeting with Phil Smith from PRS to discuss the Christmas Lights and Trees to discuss if this is still a robust and cost effective system given the increase in the severity and frequency of strong winds.

407.28 Mayor's report

Nothing to report.

408.29 Questions to councillors

It was resolved to review the councillor surgeries from April onwards and to consider having one in the library, as now, and the other as a coffee morning event in the Youth and Community Centre. This to be discussed further at the next meeting.

Cllr Johnson asked if we could write to the transport companies and LCC to see if they would consider providing a bus service to Cleveleys and Fleetwood in times where the ferry is not operational. It was resolved that the clerk progress this.

409.30 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held **on Monday 10th March 2025 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 27th February 2025** 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

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needs to specify what the proposal is and that a decision is required or whether the item is for information only.