



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town

Council held on Monday 11th May 2026 at 6.30pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

Present: Cllrs P Orme, C Rimmer, S Dobbie, R Drobny, A Shewan, K Tunstall

In attendance: D Smith - Clerk

1.21(2026 27) Apologies

Cllrs A Hayes, Kath Shepherd, T Johnson, R Kelly, J Cawley

2.22(2026 27) Declarations of interests and dispensations

Nil

3.23(2026 27) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to **approve** as a correct record the minutes, as presented, of the Annual Town meeting held on 13th April 2026, and the Full Council Meeting held on 13th April 2026. The Deputy Chair signed the minutes.

4.24(2026 27) Matters arising from the minutes of 13th April 2026

Nil

5.25(2026 27) Public participation

Three members were present at the meeting.

Resolved to adjourn the meeting to allow non-council members to speak.

Two members of the public wanted to talk about the quarry appeal which has now completed. The member asked for it to be noted on the public record they're thanks to County Councillor Salter, and Wyre Cllr Rushforth who stayed with them throughout the entire appeal process. A thank you for was given to Cllr Rimmer for the work and support on the noise part of the application. The application was rejected on noise, dust and highways. The appellant wanted a Grampian placed, to allow for more time to address the highways issues on rejection. Then the rule 6 was put on notice, and the member proved to the inspector that Grampian would not work to prevent widening Lancaster Road. The member asked in future, in the event of it happening again for the support of the council with any predetermination issues. If the inspector overturns the appeal, the member has said that monitoring devices must be in place over the issues of dust. Cllr Rimmer informed the council that with a previous developer there were issues of monitoring, and stressed the importance if required, monitoring must be done.

The member informed the council that conditions have now been filled with LCC, and they have submitted them directly to the inspector on behalf of the people, and a decision should be made in the Autumn over the appeal.

A PSCO was present at the meeting and wanted to update the council, that they are currently dealing with abandoned vehicles in the area. They have been attending community sessions at the library, and residents have been coming forward with their issues too be addressed. They also have an E Bike ready to use at Garstang station, and they are looking at identifying the E Bike riders in the area. Cllr Drobny informed the PSCO that there were three youths trying to vandalise a bus shelter, and Cllr Orme confirmed there seems to be an issue with bus shelters being vandalised at present in the area.

Resolved at the conclusion of the public session to reconvene the meeting.

6.26(2026 27) Planning Applications

Application Number: 26/00268/FUL

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension following the demolishing of existing conservatory.

Location: Briarwood 93 Sandy Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

The Council **resolved** to not object to the application, no further comments were made.

The council **noted** the planning applications below have been resolved via email due to the deadline before the May Meeting.

Application Number: 26/00301/FUL - Deadline 4th May

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Location: 1 The Hollies Sandy Lane Preesall Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

The council **resolved** not to object to the application; no further comment was made.

Application Number: 26/00138/FUL – Deadline 5th May

Proposal: Erection of two stable blocks, storage barn and muck midden together with creation of hard standing yard (part retrospective)

Location: Land Of Cemetry Lane Cemetery Lane Preesall Lancashire FY6 0JA

The council **resolved** to object to the application at this time. The council note that there is no existing or proposed carparking within the application, although the plans show a large hard standing area. The council wish to have it clarified is this area the car park, and if not where will visitors or stable hands park? The council note that in the application form it states the site is not within 20m of a water course, yet the plans show a drain down East side of the site and within the application it is proposed to surface drain to it. The council would like an explanation on this issue. The council also noted there are no toilets shown or a sewage plan included in the application. Further clarification is required regarding the owner's welfare space, is this an office or toilet facilities, what are visitor or stable hands going to do?

7.27(2026 27) Finance

Cllr Orme, the chair of the finance committee, reported to the council on May's finances, that the meeting was disbanded, due to not enough numbers making quorum for resolutions to be upheld.

All payments were made under clerk's delegations in accordance with the financial regulations at the finance committee meeting:

6.9. *The Clerk/RFO shall have delegated authority to authorise payments in the following circumstances:*

iii. any payment necessary to avoid a charge under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 or to comply with contractual terms, where the due date for payment is before the next scheduled meeting of the council, where the Clerk/RFO certify that there is no dispute or other reason to delay payment, provided that a list of such payments shall be submitted to the next appropriate meeting of council and finance committee.

a) Receipts

Receipt Name	Details	Date of receipt	Bank (Unity Virgin, Hampshire)	Amount
HMRC	2025/26 Financial year VAT claim	28 April	Unity	£6,318.95

b) Direct Debits

Payment Name	Details	Cash Book BAC's/card Ref	Bank (Unity Virgin, Hampshire)	Amount
Easy Websites	Monthly hosting fee	01 May	Virgin	£66.00

LCC	(Pension contributions)	19 May	Virgin	£466.07
Unity Bank	Monthly Service Charge	31 May	Unity	£7.00
3 Mobile	Phone Contract	01 June	Unity	£7.80

c) Payments

Payment Name	Details	Cash Book BAC's/card Ref	Bank (Unity Virgin, Hampshire)	Amount
Payroll	April 2026 payroll paid in May 2026	BACS19,20,21	Unity	£3,691.23
HMRC	Tax on salaries	BACS 22	Unity	£1,057.33
Paul Dooler	Lengths Man's Milage for April 2026	BACS 23	Unity	£16.65
* Nick White	(Plants Man)	BACS 24	Unity	£900.00

* £400 of this payment is being covered by the Legacy Trust Fund

Phil Orme	Reimbursement for clips for flagpole from Homecare and DIY	BACS 25	Unity	£11.22
Phil Orme	Reimbursement for flagpole halyard	BACS 26	Unity	£19.13
Phil Orme	Reimbursement for enclosed lock	BACS 27	Unity	£72.06
Lancashire County Council	Temporary bus stop licence	BACS 28	Unity	£120.00
One Stop Hire Safety Training	Training for the lengths man's road closure/signage/lighting guarding	BACS 29	Unity	£234.00
Astro Signs	2 x roll up banners for PTC	BACS 30	Unity	£132.00
Astro Signs	Garage sign/Lancashire landings sign/improvement signs/council name plaques	BACS 31	Unity	£228.00
Astro Signs	Telephone box signs	BACS 32	Unity	£18.00
Wyre Memorials	Black granite plaque	BACS 33	Unity	£600.00
JDH Business Services	Internal Audit fee	BACS 34	Unity	£834.00
Knott End Sports & Social Club	Refreshments at the Lancashire Landings Event	BACS 35	Unity	£75.00
Wyre Building Supplies	5ltr wood treatment/brush/wire brush/2 x stoke oil	BACS 36	Unity	£57.51
LALC	LALC/NALC/Area Secretary annual subscription	BACS 37	Unity	£772.67
848	Services Ltd – Microsoft Licence	BACS 38	Unity	£13.82
Adrian Catch Children's Entertainer	Entertainer for the May Day Event	BACS 39	Unity	£325.00
Please note BACS 40,41 and 42 was received after the agenda was published, and to avoid late payment fee's will be paid this month. These payments were resolved at full council.				
Towers & Gornal	Payroll company for services from Jan-March 26.	BACS 40	Unity	£150.60
Pilling Countryside Florist	Spring Wreath for the community/civic service.	BACS 41	Unity	£30.00
NPower	Unmetered Electricity – 1 st -30 th April	BACS 42	Unity	£6.64

d) The Council **noted** under clerk's delegations (*reference Financial Regulations 5.15*), the clerk authorised a payment to the contractor of the storage unit of £560.00 to dig out and fit the ducting from the box for the electric supply. The Council to **resolved** the payment of £2,943.19 including VAT to connect electric to the building from Northwest Electric. The clerk will inform the contractor of works to be authorised.

e) The Council **noted** the Hampshire Savings Account has now been changed to a 12-month fixed 4% interest rate account. The accounts opening date is 20 April 2026, and it will mature on 20 April 2027. An annual statement will be received at the end of the accounts' maturity period.

f) The finance committee chair asked the council to pay the invoice for the buffet at £375.00 before the next meeting, and the second installment of £3,000.00 for the building work for the shelter on the esplanade. The council **resolved** to pay the invoices.

8.28(2026 27) Auditors Report and Recommendations

The Council **noted** the internal auditor conducted the Town Council's audit week commencing 13 April 2026 and was completed on the 2nd May 2026.

The Council **resolved** to **note** the auditor's report. The Council **noted** the auditor's recommendations, and outstanding recommendations, which are within the report, and they will be put forward to councillors and placed on June's agenda for actions and resolutions.

9.29(2026 27) Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26

i) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

The Deputy Chair read through each point of the Annual Governance Statement, and the council **resolved** to approve Section 1. The Deputy Chair and the Clerk then signed section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement to confirm it had been **approved** by the council.

ii) Section 2 – Accounting Statements for the year end 2025/26

This has been prepared and signed by the Responsible Financial Officer as confirmation that the accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The Deputy Chair read through Section 2 of the Accounting Statement and the council **resolved** to **approve** Section 2 of the Accounting Statement. Box 7 was ticked no, and a written explanation was provided, this will be published on the website along with the AGAR completed form. The form was dated and signed at the meeting by the Deputy Chair to confirm that the accounts have been **approved** by the council.

iii) Dates for the notification of public rights to inspect the unaudited accounts

Councillors **resolved** to **approve** the dates for the notification of public rights to inspect the unaudited accounts as being the period between Wednesday 3 June 2026 and Tuesday 14 July 2026. Confirmation of these dates will be published on the council's website and placed on the noticeboards Tuesday 12 May 2026 by the clerk.

The clerk will now continue with the audit, and file all required documents with the external auditor.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.30(2026 27) Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

None were received.

11.31(2026 27) Verbal reports from Wyre Councillors

Cllr Rimmer reported that Wyre had now received approximately £280,000.00 from section 106 for the development of parks, and works will start in 2027. Cllr Orme remarked on how unhappy he was over this, as it has been going on for some time. There is already a plan that Wyre has agreed to, and Wyre should be getting on with it, not delaying it till next year. He informed the council he is going to demand a meeting with Wyre and have it resolved. Cllr Rimmer spoke over the trees to be planted on the verges by Wyre, and that they had spoken over having a small orchid planted near the sports hall in Preesall. Cllr Rimmer will email the clerk to ask for this to be placed as an agenda item for the next meeting. Cllr Drobny requested to add to June's agenda to look at large tubs for trees to be planted in the Knott End near the shops to beautify the area.

12.32(2026 27) Clerk's report

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Lancashire Landings Event

The event went well, with a good turnout from invites and the community and will be discussed at the next civic meeting on the 7th of May.

Planting within the community

The pagodas have delivered and they have been added to the asset register. Alan Whalley is coordinating the purchase of the plants with Cutt's Nursery's with Cllr Hayes and the Plants Man.

Shelter Works

The building work has started, and the first installment paid. I have applied for a temporary bus stop with LCC. This is a required license, and under the health and safety of the public, so bus services will not be missed I have agreed to pay £120.00 for the license under clerk's delegations.

May Day Event

The May Day Event was a great success, with a good turnout from the local community, and will be discussed at the next civic meeting on the 7th of May.

Issues with Preesall and Over Wyre Buses

I have sent a letter addressed to the MD of Blackpool transport, and copied it into MP Cat Smith, LCC transport, Cllr Rushworth, and Cllr Salter. A letter of reply has been received from Blackpool Transport and has been emailed to members.

Green Issues at Sandicroft Place

Residents at Sandicroft Place are now in receipt of a letter asking them not to park on the grassed area.

Speeding on Park Lane

I have emailed MP Cat Smith with the council's letter re: speeding on Park Lane and I have had no response to date.

Streaming/Filming

The resident has been informed of the council's decision at April's meeting.

Co-Option Vacancy

The notice period has been served. I have advertised the vacancy on the council's website, Face Book page, and the noticeboards.

Ferry Timetable

The timetable will now be placed and updated accordingly in the council's noticeboards, to provide information to residents who cannot access a computer, and to show the council's support for the ferry.

LALC Summer Conference

Councillors are informed that there will not be a conference this summer, which is usually held at the Marriott Hotel in Preston. The Autumn conference will be Saturday 14th November.

Wyre LALC Meeting

I attended the meeting on Wednesday 29th April. I was informed that the Champion Grant is now open for up to £1,000.00 per applicant. There was a speaker from Wyre, informing councils they may ask about obtaining assets in their parishes from Wyre as the policy is now complete. The 'Love Clean Streets' is now in a testing phase to improve its services. The Wyre Area Committee Energy Working Group reported that LCC and Wyre are setting out a case to put forward to the PM, re: energy re-directed.

13.33(2026 27) Mayor's report

Nil – the Mayor was not present at the meeting, and the Deputy Mayor had nothing to report.

14.34(2026 27) Questions to councillors

Cllr Orme asked members if they were happy to purchase the improvement plaque at the cenotaph which has previously been resolved by council, and reminded them, he had emailed members the increased price which now costs £500.00. The council agreed to the plaque.

Cllr Rimmer asked if there had been any communication over the flower boxes at Barton Square from Wyre, and there has not been. Cllr Rimmer will follow this up with Wyre.

Cllr Drobny asked members if there are signs in place while the shelter work is taking place, to inform the public it is on behalf of Preesall Town Council as a work in progress. Members confirmed there is a sign in place at present. Cllr Orme informed the council that he was in the process of having signage completed to be placed on items that have been purchased and improved by the council.

15.35(2026 27) Date and time of next meeting

This is to be resolved at the following meeting Preesall Town Council Annual May Meeting (Mayor Making).

The Deputy mayor closed the meeting at 7.20pm for the Annual May Meeting of Preesall Town Council (Mayor Making) to follow.

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