

PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Update from the clerk 3rd June 2026

Co-Option Vacancy

I have had one person enquire over the co-option vacancy, unfortunately they do not meet the criteria as they have only been a resident within the area for 5-months.

Ferry Timetable

The June ferry timetable poster has been created and has been placed in the council's noticeboards for residents.

External Audit

The external audit and relating documents have been filed with PK Little John. I have had to do quite some extensive work with the external auditor, as the council goes into automatic review as they are over £200,000.00 in funds. I have also had to answer questions over last year's external audit report. I anticipate there will be external auditor recommendations that will have to be addressed and resolved at a later meeting in the year.

Projects and costs

As the feed-back from the internal auditor over reserves and the budget was prominent in the report. I have created an internal spreadsheet logging all costs of projects and their purchases, so the budget record can be expanded in the 3rd quarter of the financial year for the precept. The information will also be used to create an action plan document in April 27 that will inform residents what the council's has spent in 2026/27 and what they are to spend in 2027/28 to improve the council's transparency.

HR

I have started looking at employee's records and contracts and working with the personnel committee plan to bring all policies, procedures and documents up to date in line with the Practitioners Guide 2026/27.

Micks Garage

I have looked at bank records, emails and documents to bring myself up to speed with the garage project. My understanding at the present time is that the contractor has had 3 lots of the 4 installment payments, with the last one pending on completion of the project. I have been informed that all inside work is complete apart from the toilet by the contractor, and all external work apart from the rendering can't be completed until the electrical work is installed. The contractor should have completed the electrical trench and conduit. Cllr Hayes and I met a representative from the electrical company on Tuesday 2nd June at the garage to discuss the border of the substation next door to the building as they wish to put up a fence. It was agreed that I will co-ordinate between the two electric departments to first have the electric connected before the metal fence is erected. I have asked the contractor for the contact details of the electric company to make the connection payment agreed at the May meeting, once received I will have the payment authorised as soon as possible.

Planting

The planting in Barton Square and the two pagodas will take place week commencing 8th June. Alan Whalley has co-ordinated the delivery and planting. The approximate cost of plants and bark will be £1,400.00 which has been previously agreed, is well within budget.

Unity Bank Card

There has been an issue with the main administrator address on the Unity Bank, which has held up the business card process. I have spoken to the bank and sent off the required forms they

requested to rectify the issue. I am now waiting to hear from Unity over the card and will update the council accordingly.

Legacy Meeting

Upon the time of this report, I have organised a meeting with one of the representatives from the legacy trust, which should be the 10th of June. I am just awaiting a few more replies.

Trees at the Cenotaph

Cllr Orme has very kindly ordered and organised the trees to be planted at the cenotaph. He asked me to co-ordinate with the plants man to have them planted on Wednesday 3rd June.