



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10th March 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, K Tunstall, J Lewin, A Shewan, K Shepherd, C Rimmer
Also present – the Clerk, 2 members of the public

Before the meeting opened Mr Ken Bennett advised that he would be audio recording the meeting.

410.1 Apologies

Cllr R Drobny

411.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

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

Cllr Orme declared his interest in planning application 25/00108/FUL.

412.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 10th February 2025

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

413.4 Public participation

A member of the public spoke to ask council to review the car parking facilities in the village. With the new zebra crossing a number of spaces had been lost.

It was resolved to take the meeting back into session.

414.5 Planning Applications

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

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00182/ADV

Proposal: Advertisement consent for the installation of 1.no non-illuminated ATM surround sign

Location: ATM Esplanade Knott End-on-Sea Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

It was resolved unanimously to approve this application.

Considered via email with no objections

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00045/FUL

Proposal: Proposed single-storey rear extension

Location: 29 Coniston Avenue Knott End-on- Sea Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0DR

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00108/FUL

Proposal: Replacement of windows and French door

Location: 3 Bay View Bourne May Road Knott End-on- Sea Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

No objections were received from councillors to these applications

415.6 Quarry Planning Update

Cllr Rimmer provided the following update:

Lancashire County Council Highways Department are still objecting to the access road on Lancaster Road.

The next Development meeting has not yet been arranged but is looking likely to be in June or July.

416.7 Land on Pilling Lane, St Bernards Road workshop and Kelly's Corner

Now completion has been signed it was resolved to move forward with tasks to ensure the building is safe, to get a quote for fencing the site off, to get a quote for insurance, to finalise plans for the development of the building and to send out for formal quotations to complete the work required.

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On Kellys Corner the solicitors are now reviewing the lease agreement and looking to register with Land Registry. It was resolved to get formal quotes to create a flagged path for easy access and also areas next to benches for wheelchairs and mobility scooters with a stoned centre. There is no further update on the land on Pilling Lane.

417.8 Finance

Councillors noted

8.1 Bank statements balances Unity 28th February 2025 £37,576.33 and Virgin 31st January 2025 £31,145.33

8.2 Cllrs noted payments made for February 2025.

8.3 Agreed as a correct record the bank reconciliations to 31st January 2025.

8.4 The Financial Committee had reviewed the Financial Regulations 2024 document and it was resolved by council to accept it.

8.5 It was resolved to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the clerk to ask about a discount if 10 benches are ordered and, if this is acceptable, to place that order.

8.6 It was resolved to approve the pay increase for the lengthsman from 1st April 2025.

8.7 Following recommendation from the Finance Committee it was resolved to accept Scribe as the councils finance management system from the start of the new financial year.

8.8 The renewal quote for the councils insurance was reviewed along with several updates to the asset list identified by the clerk. It was resolved to accept these and to authorise the payment of the renewal premium of £1,082.07.

8.9 There was no further feedback from the Finance Committee

418.9 Shelters on the promenade

We are still waiting for Lancashire County Council to complete the paperwork for the middle shelter. The notice period placed on the shelter nearest the village stating that council would assume ownership unless any objections were received has now passed with no objections raised. It was resolved to take risk of ownership of the shelters and to obtain quotes to refurbish them.

419.10 Document Review

The following documents were reviewed and accepted:

Standing Orders

Town Meeting Standing Orders

Risk Management Plan

Risk Register

There were several issues identified with the Asset Register and it was resolved that the clerk would review all comments made and update the documents before bringing it back to council for review.

420.11 Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was resolved to use the same internal auditor as last year.

421.12 Mayor Making

It was resolved to hold the Mayor Making meeting on Tuesday 27th May at 7pm.

422.13 Seating in Barton Square

Cllr Orme presented three options for the seating. After review it was resolved to progress with a small bench and a larger bench as a 'chatty bench'.

It was noted that the bench already there has had a small amount of damage done to it. It was resolved that the clerk write to the company who had put scaffolding up near it to see if this had been the cause.

423.14 Bus Shelters

Following discussion on a proposal from Cllrs P Orme and K Shepherd it was resolved that a review of all shelters should be completed and recommendations made regarding whether they should be replaced or upgraded.

424.15 Transport needs of Preesall and Knott End

It was resolved to support Cllrs P Orme and T Johnson in their efforts to have a round table with all stakeholders to discuss the transport needs of the community. It was also resolved that an item be put in to the Focus Magazine to ask for feedback from residents and that Cllr C Rimmer will write to St Aidans, Blackpool Sixth Form and Blackpool and Fylde College for their thoughts.

425.16 Ferry Dredging Licence

A discussion took place regarding the dredging of the ferry slip and the impact on the ferry service. The responsibility for this lies with the operator. It was resolved that should money be an issue that council would consider a request for a grant to support this process.

426.17 Handrail onto the seawall at the end of Beach Road

It was resolved unanimously that the clerk looks to get this work completed.

427.18 Update on affordable housing concerns raised at the last meeting

Council has received a reply from Wyre Borough Council and also an update to say that the issues raised have been escalated in Great Places. It was resolved that the clerk write to Great Places again for further clarification of their process.

428.19 Signage and stencilling of footpaths to highlight dog fouling

The clerk advised that he has written to the Wyre Borough Council Environmental Officer to understand where the council can help and compliment the work already being progressed. This to be discussed further at the next meeting.
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429.20 Recycling of medical blister packs

Cllr Johnson updated on his thoughts. This idea was accepted unanimously and it was resolved that Cllr J Lewin would speak to the medical centre to see if this could be sited there.

430.21 SPID's Report.

Cllr Jenkinson advised that there was nothing new to report.

431.22 Mayoral Chains

It was resolved to buy two new chains for the Deputy Mayor and their Consort. It was also resolved to purchase a new Deputy Mayor badge in the same design as the past mayor badges.

432.23 Councillor Surgeries

The clerk advised that dates and councillors were needed for April and the next 5 months. Discussion took place regarding the location for the proposed monthly coffee mornings. There were concerns raised about parking at the playing fields and this will be looked at further in the April meeting. It was resolved that the clerk email councillors for their availability and that the April sessions are held in Knott End library.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

433.24 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Johnson advised that the LEON meeting on the 13th February had looked at a number of training opportunities. These included LANTRA training and training in Safeguarding and Manual Handling.

Cllr Orme advised that the AGM of the Youth and Community Centre had been held. Cllr Johnson and the clerk had attended.

434.25 Reports from Wyre councillors

Cllr Rimmer provided updates as follows:

Latest results from the historic contamination at Hillhouse showed high levels in allotments near to the site.

There has been a 2.99% in the council tax by Wyre Borough Council for the new year.

435.26 Clerk's report

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.

436.27 Mayor's report

Cllr Orme updated on the relaunch of the library following its renovations and also a lunchtime meeting at the golf club to discuss the launching of a citizens award.

437.28 Questions to councillors

Cllr Orme advised that Green Thumb were looking to carry on looking after the grass in the Jubilee Garden. It was resolved that the clerk contact to understand timings, cost etc

Cllr Orme advised that a councillor is needed as a contact point for the bloomers.

Cllr Orme is talking to a new person at LCC regarding the possibility of railings and bollards in Barton Square.

The clerk is progressing the purchase of a finger post as previously agreed. The contact in LCC has retired so research needs to be done on potential suppliers.

438.29 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held **on Monday 14th April 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 3rd April 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 needs to specify what the proposal is and that a decision is required or whether the item is for information only.