



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 14th April 2025 at 7pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

Present: Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), T Johnson, R Drobny, A Hayes, K Tunstall, J Lewin, A Shewan, C Rimmer

Also present – the Clerk, 2 members of the public

439.1 Apologies

Cllrs S Dobbie, K Shepherd, J Jenkinson

440.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

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

Cllr Hayes declared that he is an ex-employee of Moons Funeral Services who have a planning request for discussion.

441.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 10th March 2025

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

442.4 Public participation

A member of the public spoke to ask council about the memorial bench policy around flowers etc being left on benches. It was stated that the policy was that no memorials, flowers, etc should be left on the benches and that anything left will be removed. There is a little bit of flexibility around anniversaries and Christmas. It was resolved that the clerk would put an update on the policy in the Focus Magazine.

Attention was also brought to the council with various areas where rubbish was an issue. The ones highlighted were at the back of Mr G's, at the back of Simons Terrace and at the back of the old Steakhouse. Cllr Rimmer advised that she would raise these with Wyre Borough Council.

It was resolved to take the meeting back into session.

443.5 Planning Applications

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

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00256/FUL

Proposal: New build, 1.no three-bedroom house dwelling within the existing settlement

Location: Heather Cottage Back Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Grid Ref: SD336460 447094

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00282/FUL

Proposal: 2no front dormers and single storey rear extension

Location: 107 Sandy Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0PA

Grid Ref: SD336877 447753

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00297/FUL

Proposal: Proposed roof lift to create first floor office space

Location: Moons Funeral Service Sandy Lane Preesall Lancashire FY6 0NU

Grid Ref: SD336968 447676

All three applications were approved.

Considered via email prior to the meeting

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00205/FUL

Proposal: Proposed erection of 1.no agricultural worker dwelling (retrospective)

Location: Cabin At Proctors Farm, Tongues Lane, Preesall, Poulton Le Fylde FY6 0HL

Grid Ref: SD337674 449054

Objection raised on the question of the need for live in staff.

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00214/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of existing outbuildings with external works to create 1.no dwelling with associated garaging, domestic storage,

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landscaping/carparking and access following demolition of existing buildings

Location: Willowgrove Park Sandy Lane Preesall Lancashire

Grid Ref: SD336432 448221

Comments raised on bat habitats and reference to the Environmental Health Contamination Report which suggests further examination of the site is undertaken. Also question as to why no gas mitigation is mentioned.

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00236/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 2 storey extension to side of existing dwelling with associated works

Location: 64 Pilling Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0HB

Grid Ref: SD336272 448736

Nothing raised

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00242/COUQ

Proposal: Prior Notification under Class Q of the GDPO for a change of use of 1.no agricultural building to 1.no market dwelling

Location: Martlet Barn 231 Pilling Lane Preesall Lancashire FY6 0HH

Grid Ref: SD337131 449189

Commented that a more up to date Environmental Study would be useful as believed the last one was 2019. Also suggested that up to date bird and bat survey should be performed.

444.6 Quarry Planning Update

There was nothing new to report.

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

The clerk advised that discussions have taken place with the Legacy Trustees and that they are, like the council, keen to try to employ local builders on the renovation of the garage. It was resolved that the clerk should go out to get three further quotes for the work and that these are to be discussed at the next meeting. As part of the response the builders will be asked to provide an idea of when they would be able to start the work. The clerk advised that he has now had a new address for the garage which will be PTC Storage, St Bernards Road, Knott End-on-Sea, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 0AW. This will allow the clerk to look into insurance for the building.

The lease for Kellys corner is in the final stages of being signed and recorded with Land Registry. The clerk has asked three local business for quotes to have a path round the area suitable for wheelchairs and disability scooters and new stones in the centre.

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

446.8 Finance

Councillors noted

8.1 Bank statements balances Unity 31st March 2025 £41,539.00 and Virgin 28th February 2025 £30,059.06

8.2 Cllrs noted payments made for March 2025.

8.3 Agreed as a correct record the bank reconciliations to 28th February 2025.

8.4 It was resolved to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the clerk to order two bollards to be situated by the shelter at the Ferry to try to prevent any vehicles damaging the shelter. These are £170 each.

8.5 There was no further feedback from the Finance Committee

447.9 Shelters on the promenade

We are still waiting for Lancashire County Council to complete the paperwork for the middle shelter. It was resolved that the clerk should ask for quotes for the renovation of the shelters under the same timelines as those for the St Bernards Road storage facility.

448.10 Cenotaph

Councillors were asked to note that there are three aspects of building work required at the Cenotaph. Firstly the edgings of the steps require removing, clearing and re-aligning with the steps, secondly the outer wall need repointing and cleaning and thirdly there is a crack on the concrete base under the memorial that needs attention. There are outline requirements for this work and it was resolved that the clerk should attempt to get three quotes from local builders to do this work and a timeline from them for starting it.

The clerk updated that he has been in discussion with the War Memorial Trust and their conservation experts have advised that the memorial itself does not need cleaning. They have suggested that the name plaques could be cleaned and waxed, any pointing can be done with lime mortar and that smartwater should be applied. It was resolved that the clerk goes back to the companies who have already provided quotes with the new requirements and that he asks the War Memorial Trust for a letter, supporting their findings, for the councils records.

449.11 Identification Badge

It was resolved that the clerk look into both an identification badge and a lapel badge for councillors and council staff.

450.12 Civic Events for 2025

All proposed dates for civic events were noted.

451.13 Signage and stencilling of footpaths to highlight dog fouling

The clerk advised that he has been in contact with Wyre Borough Council and community members involved with the 'poo patrol'. Wyre Borough Council need help from the council to approach the putting up of signs where they have no jurisdiction. Wyre Borough Council have advised that they are happy to provide signs and they have also provided a stencil and spray paint. It was resolved that the council will help in hot spots such as the sea wall, the Esplanade, Prince Philip Way and Preesall Park.

The clerk advised that Cllr Johnson and himself are attending a meeting of all interested parties on 15th April and that he will report back at the next meeting.

452.14 SPID's Report

Nothing to raise.

453.15 Councillor Surgeries

It was resolved to hold the second surgery in a month at the Youth and Community Centre on a trial basis until the end of September. The clerk will issue a rota for all surgeries up to the end of September.

454.16 Bollards at the Ferry shelter

It was resolved to order two bollards to be sited at either end of the shelter to offer protection from vehicles using the slipway.

455.17 Blue Plaques

It was resolved that Cllr Orme would email all councillors with the proposed wording and locations for the next batch of six plaques.

456.18 Flower displays

It was resolved to have a planter that utilises the sleeve for the Christmas tree at Fordstone Ave and to remove some glass panels from the telephone box on Park Lane to allow planters to be fitted. The clerk will liaise with the plantsman to do this.

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457.19 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Rimmer advised that the end of the Second World War is the gala theme this year.

Cllr Orme advised that there had been a meeting of the joint parishes. The main topic discussed was the transport provision Over Wyre and in particular the gap left by the prolonged delay in getting the ferry back operational.

458.20 Reports from Wyre councillors

Cllr Rimmer provided updates as follows:

Town partnership boards are now available for villages.

Anyone affected by the smell from the tip at Jamison Road should record days and times and report to Wyre Borough.

459.21 Clerk's report

The clerk advised that we are still waiting for confirmation from LCC that the proposed location for the telescope near the middle shelter on the promenade is acceptable. He has also written to Wyre Borough about the location of the accessibility telescope at the ferry.

Posters for May Day event should be out in the local businesses in the next few days.

We are waiting for a quote for the handrail at the end of Beach Road on to the sea wall.

The benches for Barton Square have now arrived and fitting will be scheduled with the lengthsman.

A meeting is taking place this week with the gala to discuss the road signs we have between us and what is needed to have a full set that both council and the gala can use.

460.22 Mayor's report

The Mayor has attended the Womens World Day of Peace celebrations and also a concert given by the Over Wyre Choir.

461.23 Questions to councillors

Cllr Shewan raise the issue of the rubbish at the back of Mr G's. As previously stated Cllr Rimmer will raise this with Wyre Borough Council.

Cllr Lewin offered her resignation with immediate effect. Whilst accepting her letter council thanked her for her contribution to the council and community and were sorry to see her leave.

Cllr Tunstall raised an issue with part of the Jubilee Gardens looked after by the Bay project. It was resolved to look into this with the Bay and also to look at the possibility of fencing off the area they work on.

Cllr Orme asked if we could put tide times and defibrillator locations on our noticeboards and web page. This was agreed.

Cllr Drobny raised issues with parking outside the Hope and parking on the zebra crossing. Whilst there is very little that can be done at the Hope the clerk will write to Lancashire County Council about the problems around that junction. We will try to review CCTV footage of the zebra crossing to see if particular vehicles, days and times can be identified.

462.24 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held **on Monday 12th May 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 1st May 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.