



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 12th May 2025 at 7pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

Present: Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), K Shepherd, R Drobny, A Hayes, K Tunstall, C Rimmer
Also present – the Clerk, 1 member of the public

463.1 Apologies

Cllrs S Dobbie, T Johnson, J Jenkinson, A Shewan

464.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

None to record.

465.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 14th April 2025

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

466.4 Public participation

The member of the public present did not have anything specific to discuss with council.

It was resolved to take the meeting back into session.

467.5 Planning Applications

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

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00205/FUL

Proposal: Proposed change of use of land for siting 1 caravan for residential occupation by an agricultural worker, with decking and hardstanding (retrospective)

Location: Cabin At Proctors Farm Tongues Lane Preesall Lancashire

Grid Ref: SD337612 448940

It was noted that this reference had already been seen for the erection of a dwelling and that this should be referred to Wyre Borough to see if this application should have a new number. After discussion it was agreed by the majority to object to this application on the grounds of the location and proximity to the actual farm work to be done.

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468.6 Quarry Planning Update

Cllr Rimmer advised that the next committee meeting will possibly be held in June or July.

469.7 Finance

Councillors noted

7.1 Bank statements balances Unity 30th April 2025 £27,873.61 and Virgin 31st March 2025 £29,537.85.

7.2 Cllrs noted and resolved to approve payments made for April 2025.

7.3 Agreed as a correct record the bank reconciliations to 31st March 2025.

7.4 It was resolved to approve the transfer of £70,000 from the Virgin account to the Unity Trust Bank account.

7.5 It was resolved to authorise the clerk to update the signatories on the Hampshire Trust Bank.

7.6 Once the signatories for Hampshire Trust Bank are updated it was resolved to transfer the money to an Instant Easy Access Account to get a little more interest. Longer term the clerk will look at bonds that will give the council the maximum return.

7.7 Due to numbers the Finance Committee meeting was not able to be held earlier in the evening.

470.8 Shelters on the promenade

471.9 Cenotaph

472.10 Council Storage – St Bernards Road

Due to some sensitive commercial information to be shared it was resolved to move discussion on these three items to the end of the meeting and ask the member of the public to leave the meeting at that point.

473.11 Jubilee Gardens

The clerk updated that Green Thumb would be able to continue the work they did last year but that the free 12 month period has now passed and a commercial arrangement would need to be agreed. It was resolved to ask the plantsman to take on the maintenance of the gardens.

474.12 Councillor vacancies

The clerk advised that we still have one vacancy to be filled by co-option and adverts are continuing to be done to try to fill this vacancy.

The vacancy left by the resignation of Cllr Lewin will be the subject of an election as the 10 signatures required by Wyre Borough Council have been provided. The next date to be noted is Thursday 15th May where nominations of candidates need to be submitted to Wyre Borough Council. If there are more than one candidate then there will be an election on Thursday 12th June 2025.

475.13 SPID's Report

Nothing to raise.

476.14 Blue Plaques

Cllr Orme provided the details for the proposed next six plaques. After discussion it was resolved to remove the plaque for the Over Wyre Swimming Pool from this set and to consider in the next group. The clerk will now need to discuss the siting of a plaque with the owners of buildings and how they would like the plaque to be fixed to their building.

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477.15 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Orme attended the Wyre Area LALC last week.

Cllr Orme attended the commemorative event for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day held at Blackburn Cathedral.

Cllr Orme reminded councillors that the LALC conference is on Saturday 7th June and names should be sent to the clerk as soon as possible to be enrolled.

Cllr Orme is to attend a Wyre Parish meeting where information will be given on planning, 106 payments and neighbourhood plans.

Cllr Rimmer attended the Churches Together service last weekend.

Cllr Hayes advised that judging for the best kept village will start on the 6th June.

478.16 Verbal reports from Wyre councillors

Cllr Rimmer has attended the Poulton Partnership Board meeting and will be also attending meetings in Fleetwood and Cleveleys to understand where Preesall Town Council can best take part in these forums.

The second phase of testing for historical contamination is still in progress.

Wyre Borough Council are holding their Annual Meeting this week.

479.17 Clerk's report

The clerk advised:

The draft report from the Internal Audit has now been received and the clerk is working through this to make comments and to provide any evidence required.

The plantsman will be concentrating on the Cenotaph and Battle of Britain memorial over the next couple of weeks.

The lease for Kelly's Corner has now been received for our signature. This will be done after the meeting and returned tomorrow.

We are experiencing a problem at the proposed site of a telescope on the sea wall with damage being done to the base being laid by the lengthsmen. It was resolved to put a notice on Facebook, the council web page and on the noticeboard to highlight how this is costing the community money and that the council may well consult the police if the damage continues.

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The engineer for the clock at Barton Square has now been confirmed for 9am on Thursday 15th May.

A further meeting with the 'poo patrol' is to be held on the 3rd June.

The benches for Barton Square and the ferry shelter have now arrived and the clerk is liaising with the lengthsman to get this installed.

480.18 Mayor's report

Cllr Orme noted the small services held at the Cenotaph and the Battle of Britain memorial to remember the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May where a wreath was laid on behalf of Preesall Town Council.

481.19 Questions to councillors

Cllr Rimmer asked for confirmation of the date for the proposed councillor surgery at the Youth and Community Centre. It was noted that this is Saturday 24th May and Cllr Rimmer will publish this on the council's Facebook page.

482.20 Deferred items 470.8, 471.9, 472.10

The member of the public left the meeting and these items were discussed by the council.

The clerk advised that no quotes have yet been received for the work required at Kelly's Corner. We have had two quotes for the storage facility and one quote for the refurbishment of the promenade shelters and the Cenotaph.

Discussion took place on the storage facility and it was resolved to go back to the two businesses that have quoted to consider rendering the building instead of the metal panels and to look again at the type of roof used to minimise noise issues.

It was also resolved to talk to the business that provided quotes for the storage facility, shelters and Cenotaph to see if there could be some movement on the prices if they were given all three projects.

It was resolved to ask a builder to put up some Harris Fencing to help secure the site.

The clerk advised that he has now received a letter from the War Memorial Trust to advise that the memorial does not need cleaning. A note has been sent to the two companies that quoted previously to remove this aspect from their proposal and re-quote for cleaning and waxing the name plaques, re-instating any mortar with lime mortar and applying smart water. These to be discussed at the next meeting.

483.21 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held **on Monday 9th June 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 29th 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.