



## **PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre**

**Present:** Cllrs T Johnson (Mayor), K Shepherd, P Orme, A Hayes, K Tunstall, C Rimmer, A Shewan, R Kelly, J Jenkinson and S Dobbie  
Also present – the Clerk, 2 members of the public

#### **484.1 Apologies**

Cllr R Drobný

#### **485.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations**

Cllr Orme – Planning application for Ashton Ave and Youth and Community Centre  
Cllr Jenkinson – Building work for the storage facility in St Bernards Road  
Cllr Johnson – Social Housing

#### **486.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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

#### **487.4 Public participation**

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

It was resolved to take the meeting back into session.

#### **488.5 Planning Applications**

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

##### **Planning Application - Consultation**

**Application Number:** 25/00465/PIP

**Proposal:** Permission in principle for the erection of up to 20 affordable homes

**Location:** Land at Park Lane Preesall Lancashire

**Grid Ref:** SD336913 446388

Cllr Rimmer advised that Wyre Borough Council have invalidated this application. To follow this process the number of homes needs to be 9 or less.

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### **Planning Application - Consultation**

**Application Number:** 25/00487/FUL

**Proposal:** Proposed single storey rear extension

**Location:** 6 Ashton Ave Knott End-on-Sea Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0BU

**Grid Ref:** SD334783 448424

This was approved unanimously.

### **489.6 Quarry Planning Update**

Cllr Rimmer advised that the next committee meeting will possibly be held in July or September. Lancashire County Council officers are still objecting on the proposed travel routes.

### **490.7 Finance**

Councillors noted

7.1 Bank statements balances Unity 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 £97,202.58 and Virgin 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 £129,813.64. £70,000 was transferred from Virgin to Unity in May and this is reflected in the Unity bank balance but NOT the Virgin bank balance.

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

7.3 Agreed as a correct record the bank reconciliations to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

7.4 The Finance Committee advised that their Terms of Reference had been reviewed and approved.

7.5 2024/2025 Annual Governance and Accountability Return – Councillors stepped through each item in section 1 and section 2 of the document. It was resolved unanimously to accept the document.

### **491.8 Shelters on the promenade**

It was resolved unanimously to award the building work to the only builder from whom a quote has been received.

### **492.9 Cenotaph**

It was resolved unanimously to award the building work to the only builder from whom a quote has been received.

It was also resolved to award the cleaning and restoration of the memorial to one of the companies who had provided quotes.

It was resolved that Cllr Orme will look at the design for a plaque at the Cenotaph to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II.

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#### **493.10 Council Storage – St Bernards Road**

Council has received two quotes and designs to refurbish the building. It was resolved that the clerk will consider both and decide on the best one to progress.

#### **494.11 Memorial for John Raymond Bradburn (Ray – Poppy Man)**

Discussions took place regarding possible memorial for Ray. It was resolved to commission a bench with poppies and reference to the RAF. Cllr Orme will research the bench and update. It was also resolved to have a Blue Plaque and to ask permission to put this outside the Pet Shop/CO-OP.

Cllr Orme advised that the Veterans Group would like to be involved. There have been several enquiries about a memorial for Ray and it was resolved that the clerk puts an update in the Focus Magazine and advises that any groups or individuals who would like to contribute are able to do so.

#### **495.12 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.

#### **496.13 SPID's Report**

Nothing to raise.

#### **497.14 Telescopes**

Discussions took place around restricting the movement of the telescopes to 180 degrees. It was understood that this can be done but on contacting the company that provided them it was clarified that this can only be done in their workshop. It was resolved that Cllr Jenkinson would discuss how we can restrict them with the lengthsman.

#### **498.15 Poo Patrol**

The council are fully supportive of the work the group have been doing and the results being seen. After some discussion it was resolved that two re-chargeable power washers are purchased and that one is loaned to the group for their use.

#### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

#### **499.16 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives**

Cllr Hayes is to look at opportunities where we may be able to use people on probation to progress community projects.

Cllr Rimmer updated that there will be brunch in the Bourne Arms on Gala Day from 11am. Could any councillors who would like to walk in the procession please let Cllr Rimmer know.

Cllr Orme that he would be attending the Wyre Flood Forum on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Cllr Orme advised that judging for the Best Kept Village has now started.

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Cllr Johnson has attended the latest LEON meeting with the focus on safety requirements at all events.

### **500.17 Verbal reports from Wyre councillors**

Cllr Rimmer advised that there was a meeting being held on 13<sup>th</sup> June for community groups to discuss the tip at Fleetwood.

### **501.18 Clerk's report**

The clerk advised:

The lease for Kelly's corner is now completed and the clerk will chase local firms for quotes to make the area more accessible for all.

The clerk continues to chase prices for a handrail at the top of Beach Road.

The survey of the Methodist Church has been completed but a drone survey has been requested for areas that could not be accessed by ladder.

The clerk is researching new accounts that the council can consider to hold funds.

### **502.19 Mayor's report**

Cllr Johnson updated some key dates:

14<sup>th</sup> June – litter pick at the library

26<sup>th</sup> June – John Bradburn funeral

5<sup>th</sup> July – litter pick at the playing fields and summer concert by the Over Wyre Choir

13<sup>th</sup> July - Civic Sunday

### **503.20 Questions to councillors**

Cllr Shewan asked about seating arrangements for the councillor session in the library. It is difficult sometimes to find space with other activities going on. Unfortunately this is an issue and we need to manage as best we can.

Cllr Shepherd asked Cllr Rimmer if she could please ask Wyre Borough Council if they still hold multi agency meetings for all housing associations.

Cllr Johnson asked all councillors to consider a project they could champion with the costs of progressing.

Cllr Orme advised that the veterans group were looking at the possibility of 4 black silhouettes of a soldier at the Cenotaph. Cllr Orme asked councillors to consider if the council would sponsor two of them.

### **504.21 Items for next agenda**

The next full council meeting will be held **on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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

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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.