



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 14th July 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

505.1 Apologies

Cllr R Drobný

506.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllr Orme – Re-imbursement for purchase of flags

507.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 9th June 2025

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

508.4 Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

509.5 Planning Applications

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

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00457/FUL

Proposal: Erection of commercial livery stables (retrospective)

Location: Littledale 17 Little Tongues Lane Preesall Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

Grid Ref: SD336991 447809

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00444/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective change of use of agricultural land for the formation of equine riding menage for use in connection with livery business

Location: Littledale 17 Little Tongues Lane Preesall Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

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These two applications were considered jointly. Nine councillors voted to reject these applications with one abstention. The reason for this decision are:

The lack of car parking spaces being made available and the fact that the road entrance is not acceptable.

There is nothing in the applications to show how waste from the business will be removed.

510.6 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.

511.7 Finance

Councillors noted

7.1 Bank statements balances Unity 30th June 2025 £83,461.47 and Virgin 31st May 2025 £59,261.97.

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

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

7.4 The payments for the 1st quarter of the financial year and budgets.

7.5 Finance Committee advised that it will start the process of reviewing the budgets for 2026/27 at the August meeting. It will look to work with committees to agree budgets for them and how payments made by them can be approved.

512.8 Memorial for John Raymond Bradburn

It was resolved that Cllr Orme would get prices for a new bench.

Cllr Orme advised that the Over Wyre Veterans Group have committed to making a contribution.

It was resolved that Cllr Kelly and Cllr Orme will look to set up a 'Go Fund Me' account for groups and individuals to add their contributions.

Cllr Jenkinson advised that there was space outside the Post Office if this was required.

It was resolved that the clerk would put an item in the Focus Magazine and that the latest position would be reviewed at the next meeting.

513.9 Ambulance Response Times

It was resolved unanimously that the clerk, assisted by Cllr Johnson, write a letter to North West Ambulance Service to invite a representative to a council meeting to discuss response times and actions being taken to improve. This letter will use the wait time for a lady in Preesall Cemetery as an example. The letter will also be copied to Cat Smith, MP.

514.10 Housing Associations

It was resolved that the clerk, assisted by Cllr Orme, will write a letter to all housing providers asking what actions they are taking to deal with repeat ASB offending tenants on their developments. The letter will be copied to Wyre Borough Council and the Police.

It was resolved that the clerk will ask Wyre Borough Council for confirmation that multi agency meetings are still being held and if the Housing Association ASB officers are attending and co-operating with the Police.

515.11 Millenium Time Capsule

Cllr Johnson asked if any councillors had any information about this. It was resolved that Cllr Orme will investigate if a time capsule was buried and its exact location and report at the next meeting.

516.12 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.

517.13 SPID's Report

Nothing to raise.

518.14 Green Space Play Area

Discussion took place around the lack of play areas in Knott End-on-Sea and Preesall Hill. It was resolved that councillors would consider this for further discussion at the next meeting.

519.15 Road Signage

It was resolved that the clerk can purchase road signs that will ensure the council is compliant for any road closures under its control.

520.16 Police Electric Bikes

After discussion it was resolved not to support this request as there are concerns regarding the location of the bikes and the ability to use them in our community if they are stored in Garstang.

521.17 Legacy Fund meetings

It was resolved to limit the attendees at future meetings to five councillors who will then ensure that the full council are updated and their thoughts taken into account. The representatives will be Cllrs Shepherd, Hayes, Kelly, Dobbie and Orme.

522.18 Pilling Band donation request

The clerk advised that Pilling Band have submitted a grant request form. It was resolved to award the band £1,000. Cllr Shepherd asked that any future grant requests received by the council are emailed to all councillors before being considered at a full council meeting.

523.19 Scarecrow trophy for Gala

It was resolved that the clerk purchase five trophies to run from 2026 to 2030 incl.

524.20 Cenotaph

It was resolved that the council would purchase four Tommy statues to be used at the Cenotaph during Remembrance Week.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

525.21 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Rimmer thanked all councillors who walked or helped with marshalling for the Gala.

526.22 Verbal reports from Wyre councillors

Cllr Rimmer advised:

A community impact study was being requested for the smells from the tip.

There is to be a community drop in meeting at Thornton FC on Wednesday 23rd July to discuss the Hillhouse site.

527.23 Clerk's report

The clerk advised:

There has been some confusion over the trimming of the hedge on Park Lane bordering the Parrox Estate. The clerk had asked the lengthsman to trim the hedge as a health and safety issue which has been done. The clerk has written to the Parrox Trustee about invoicing the estate for the work.

The clerk will be emailing all councillors to update the attendees at councillor surgeries until the end of the year.

The clerk advised that work has now started on the storage facility and is hoped to be completed in September. Two quotes have been received for work at Kellys corner and the clerk is currently chasing for a third.

The clerk advised that he has written again to the Legacy Fund trustees about monies already been paid by the council and getting them sent to council funds.

The clerk advised that a new handrail is to be fitted at Beach Road.

The clerk advised that he has been working with the lengthsman to update this and when it is complete it will be put before full council for approval.

The clerk has written to Wyre Borough Council about areas they look after with regards to spraying for weeds and when this is scheduled. This will prevent duplication by the lengthsman.

The clerk will be submitting road closure requests for Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Light Switch On this month.

The clerk is progressing with photo id badges for all councillors with Wyre Borough Council.

The clerk is working on a contingency document outlining all actions that need to be progressed and the timing of doing so should the clerk or lengthsman be unable to do so for a period of time. The clerk has received a thank you from the Chair of the Gala Committee for the support of councillors on Gala Day.

528.24 Mayor's report

Cllr Johnson updated:

He has attended anti-terrorism training.

He had visited the Knitting Group.

He curated the exhibition at the library for WWII.

He, with other councillors, attend the funeral of John Raymond Bradburn.

On the 28th June he attended a short flag raising ceremony at the Battle of Britain memorial.

He attended the Over Wyre Choir summer concert.

He would like to thank all councillors who attended and supported Gala Day and Civic Sunday.

529.25 Questions to councillors

Cllr Rimmer advised that she is looking for more information from Wyre Borough Council about initiatives to plant more trees.

Cllr Orme advised that he is attending a meeting on Friday 25th July with Cllr Hayes to look at possible solutions to lighting on the seaside of the esplanade.

Cllr Rimmer advised that she will put the recent community survey results on the agenda for the next meeting.

530.26 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held **on Monday 8th September 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 28th August 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.