



## PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6.30pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre**

**Present:** Cllrs J Lewin (Mayor), T Johnson, P Orme, K Shepherd, K Woods, J Jenkinson and K Tunstall, C Rimmer and R Drobny  
Also present – 3 Members of the public and the Locum Clerk

### 108.1 Apologies Cllr Dobbie

### 109.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllr Johnson declared his Trade Union interest if any personnel issues were to be discussed.

### 110.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 3<sup>th</sup> November 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meeting would not be approved as a true record as Cllr Shepherd reported that item 99.8 was incorrect. Clerk to update and submit for approval at meeting in January.

### 111.4 Public participation

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow non-councillors to speak.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding inaccuracies in the meeting minutes for the Extra Ordinary meeting held in August to consider the proposed Quarry planning application. The minutes reported a contribution by a member of the public stating that the Hope Community Hub was a Ltd Company, this has since been proved to be incorrect. Previous minutes cannot be changed but Clerk to attach note to minutes to reflect inaccuracy.

It was resolved that the meeting recommence.

### 112.5 Planning Applications

**Application No: 23/01024/FUL**

**Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 4 dwellings with associated infrastructure (resub of 23/00019/ful)**

**Location: Springfield Cottage Farm, Cart Gate Preesall**

The Council resolved to approve this application but were concerned regarding the

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30mph speed limit on Cartgate impacting the entry and egress of the site. It was also felt that LCC would not accept the application as the dimensions of the roads were insufficient for the number of houses.

## 113.6 Finance

6.1 The balances on the 2 main bank accounts were noted by the Councillors.

6.2 The Receipts for the bench plaques were acknowledged.

6.3 The payments listed below were noted:

<b>Payment</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Plantsman	BACS	300.00
Microsoft	BACS	9.48
Pilling Band	BACS	175.00
Phils Craft	BACS	50.00
Salaries	BACS	2,496.51
Wyre Building Supplies	BACS	27.72
Lengthsman Expenses	BACS	129.60
Bench Plaque	BACS	73.80
Easy Websites	DD	68.40
Telephone	DD	9.00
Payments to Donation Carters and Fleetwood Charities	SO	100.00
HMRC	BACS	462.20
Over Wyre Brass	BACS	100.00
LCC Pensions	SO	832.91

It was resolved to accept the above payments as true expenditure for Preesall Town Council.

6.4 It was resolved that the Clerk would call a Finance Committee meeting before the next full Council meeting to consider the Precept Calculations and Budget for 2024/25, payments for January 25 and Budget to 31st December 2023.

## 114.7

Councillors were asked to consider a letter received from a member of the public re the impact of speeding vehicles on Lancaster Road.

It was resolved that the Clerk acknowledge the letter and inform the author that Cat Smith was aware and had written to LCC on behalf of residents, that the Town Council have plans in place to install SpID's around the town. A suggestion was put forward for the installation of bollards in the area but it was felt that this would bring its own problems and may set a precedent for other areas. It was felt that the issue

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should be taken on by LCC as any corrective action would be a large expense to the Town Council and it is LCC that are responsible for Highways.

### **115.8 SPIDs Project**

Members of the Council considered several quotes and it was resolved to accept the quote from Supplier..... at £..... and to purchase 2 SPIDs.

Cllr Shepherd reported that the posts would cost £400 including installation. Cllr Shepherd was to meet with LCC to finalise the locations that required posts:

Church Lane near St Oswalds and Pilling Lane.

Near the Cenotaph/Pilling Lane

Sandy Lane/Willow Grove

Pilling Lane, near the Zebra crossing.

It was suggested that a platform was purchased for the lengthsman to support him moving the SPIDs.

Cllr Drobny raised concerns re the lack of potential spots for SPIDs on the Esplanade, Cllr Shepherd agreed to discuss with representative from LCC when she met with them.

### **116.9 Council Noticeboards**

It was reported that currently the Council Noticeboards are for Council Business only. It was suggested that a current usage Policy was needed. It was reported that there was a Community Noticeboard at Youth Centre that could be used. It was resolved to allow the use of the Council Noticeboard for Community and Charitable events with Council approval.

### **117.10 Memorial Bench Policy**

It was felt that vases for flowers were not like on the benches and the lengthsman would be asked to remove them. Further concerns were raised re the placement of wreaths on benches. It was resolved that a piece be included in the Greenbook and Facebook asking people not to place flowers etc on benches. It was reported that plaques to advertise the Town Council had been ordered for benches that were purchased by the Council.

### **118.11 The Bloomers design for around the Cenotaph**

It was resolved to accept the Bloomers design as emailed to Councillors

### **119.12 Town Council Committee Membership**

Cllr Woods resigned from the Civic Committee. It was further reported that the Finance Committee had a vacancy, it was resolved that Cllr Jenkinson would fill the vacancy.

It was further resolved that the co-option to Committee guidance be updated to allow for the co-option to Committee at any Full Council Meeting not just at the Annual Meeting.

The Committees are now made up of the following Councillors:

Finance

Cllrs Orme, Lewin, Woods, Shepherd and Jenkinson

Civic

Johnson, Dobbie, Drobny, Lewin, Tunstall and Jenkinson

Personnel

Woods, Rimmer, Orme and Johnson

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

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

Cllr Woods reported that an urgent Personnel Committee meeting be held. It was resolved that the meeting be held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6pm.

#### **12.14 Reports from Wyre councillors**

Nil

#### **104.15 Clerk's report**

Wyre Council were notified of Heather McMurray's resignation and processes are in place for residents to, potentially, call an election. The vacancy in South Ward is still available for co-option.

Cosy Homes have been in touch and Cllr Orme reported that he may offer the Youth Centre.

Over Wyre Choral Society have provided details of how the Grant has been utilised. The Payrise has been received from NALC and details provided to T & G to implement.

Permission has been given to purchase grit bins for the town.

The Locum Clerk will be taking over the full Clerk role from this month except for Banking.

Wyre Council have invited the Council to apply for Christmas Lighting Grant and the process is in hand.

#### **105.16 Mayor's report**

Mayor Lewin reported that the Christmas Lights switch on was very successful despite having to overcome difficulties. The Mayor expressed thanks to all involved and in particular Cllr Woods who worked hard in pulling the event together.

#### **106.17 Questions to councillors**

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Cllr Drobny requested an update on the Bus Shelters. It was reported that they would be installed early in the New Year.

Cllr Johnson reported that the Library list needed to be updated for the new year.

**107.18            Items for next agenda**

The next full council meeting will be held on **8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 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 28<sup>th</sup> December 2023** 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.

There being no further business the mayor closed the meeting at 21.24.