



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10th October 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, R Drobny, R Kelly, J Jenkinson, A Shewan, S Dobbie and S Thorn
Also present – the Clerk

556.1 Apologies

None

557.2 Co-option of new councillor

Mrs Sarah Thorn was officially co-opted on to the council and read and signed her Statement of Assurance.

Cllr Drobny asked for an issue with the change of form being used, without full council approval, to be noted.

558.3 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllr Jenkinson – as a governor of Carters Charity School

559.4 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 8th September 2025

Cllr Drobny asked that the minutes reflect that he had attended the meeting and that Cllr Shewan had given apologies.

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

560.5 Public participation

There was no public attendance at the meeting.

561.6 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to be considered at the meeting.

562.7 Quarry Planning Update

Cllr Rimmer advised that the LCC Development Committee meeting is scheduled for the 15th October. A number of speakers will be raising objections to the quarry proposal.

563.8 Finance

Councillors noted

8.1 Bank statements balances Unity 30th September 2025 £128,784.84 and Virgin 31st August 2025 £57,559.96.

8.2 Cllrs noted and resolved to approve payments made for September 2025.

8.3 Agreed as a correct record the bank reconciliations to 31st August 2025.

8.4 Cllrs noted and resolved to approve the quarterly budget for Q2.

8.5 Cllrs approved the changes to the Unity Bank standing orders for Carters Charity School and Fleetwood Charity School to £450.

8.6 Finance Committee advised that work has been completed to revise the Cost Centre and Cost codes to be used for the 2026/27 budget. A first cut budget proposal was provided to councillors to review. It was resolved to use these revised codes for the budget and precept calculation review at the November meeting.

8.7 There were no other items raised from the Finance Committee.

564.9 Christmas Lights

It was resolved to have the lights as per previous years and to set up a working group early in 2026 to review options for consideration as possible alternatives in the future.

565.10 Feasibility of taking back the lease for Preesall Playing Fields

Cllr Rimmer advised that there is a meeting of Wyre Borough Council on the 23rd October 2025 to consider the implications of local government re-organisations and to identify possible leasing options. It was resolved that council would meet on Saturday 18th October to consider all assets that Preesall Town Council would be interested in discussing lease arrangements going forward.

566.11 Bench at Pilling Lane

It was resolved that the clerk approach Lancashire County Council with regards to the possible siting of a bench on a front verge of a property and also undertakes a Land Registry search to determine ownership of a side verge.

567.12 External Audit

Council resolved to accept the closure of the external audit for 2024/2025. The clerk advised that the relevant documents have also been posted on the council noticeboards and on the web site.

568.13 Finger posts

It was resolved to progress the finger posts from Broxap Street Furniture. The clerk to approach Broxap for a more detailed quotation and examples to be considered.

569.14 SPID's Report

Nothing to raise.

It was resolved by council to not renew the warranties on the SPID's given the cost of doing so.

570.15 Refurbishment at the Cenotaph

After reviewing the feedback from the builder it was resolved to approve the extra work required on the concrete base of the memorial.

571.16 Blue Plaques

Council resolved the wording for six new plaques and asked that the clerk arranges their production.

572.17 Grit bins

It was resolved that the clerk purchase two bins and that the location for the bins be agreed at a future meeting.

573.18 Rosslyn Avenue

The condition of Rosslyn Avenue was discussed and it was resolved that the clerk write to Lancashire County Council to increase their awareness of the issues.

574.19 Document Review

All documents were accepted.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

575.20 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Johnson advised that he attended a LEON meeting on the 23rd September. The main point was that licences are going to be tightened for road closure etc

Cllr Orme advised that work is progressing with LALC about the off shore power and plans to use power lines.

Cllr Hayes advised that a recent police surgery in the library had been poorly attended.

Cllr Shewan attend the PPG meeting at the Over Wyre Medical centre. Main topics discussed were the pharmacy provision in the village and the move of complex wound care to Blackpool.

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576.21 Verbal reports from Wyre councillors

Cllr Rimmer advised that plans for the re-cycling of food waste are looking at a start date of April 2026.

577.22 Clerk's report

The clerk advised:

Feedback has been received from Jigsaw Homes about issues on the new estate on Lea close. CPN's and CPW's have been issued by the police and Jigsaw have issued a formal tenancy warning. A meeting is scheduled for early October between Jigsaw, the police and Wyre Borough to discuss these issues. If anyone has any issues raised please let the clerk know as we do now have a contact in Wyre Borough to report any anti-social behaviour to.

Discussions are taking place with the Legacy Trust about payment for the refurbishment of the garage and the contribution to the payments made to the plantsman.

The clerk will be attending a meeting of the poo patrol on Tuesday 21st October.

The clerk is looking at options for a mailbox and signage for the storage facility.

Cat Smith and Wyre Borough have been in touch about any possible locations for a Community Pharmacy. Nothing has been identified currently that would be suitable.

578.23 Mayor's report

Cllr Johnson updated:

Attended the funeral of former Cllr David Williams.

Attended a LEON meeting on 23rd September.

Attended a McMillan coffee morning on the 3rd October.

Attended an evening of dinner and music put on by St Aidan's School at the Villa in Wrea Green.

579.24 Questions to councillors

Cllr Dobbie asked for the contact detail for Easy Websites as she was having trouble with a device.

Cllr Shepherd raised the issue of the date for the Christmas Lights Switch On. She stated that it had been agreed it should be the first Saturday in December. The clerk to see if he can find where this has been minuted.

580.25 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held **on Monday 10th November 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 30th October 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

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needs to specify what the proposal is and that a decision is required or whether the item is for information only.

581.26 Green Paper Item

This item was discussed after the public left the meeting due to the confidential nature of it. A note of the outcome will be sent to councillors under separate cover and not made public.