



PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10th November 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 Kelly, J Jenkinson, A Shewan, and S Thorn

Also present – the Clerk, one member of the public, one Community Support Officer

582.1 Apologies

Cllrs S Dobbie, R Drobny

583.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllr Jenkinson – as a governor of Carters Charity School

Cllrs Hayes and Tunstall - OWSAC

584.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 13th October 2025

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

585.4 Public participation

Hannah (PCSO) updated the meeting as follows:

The Police are working closely with Jigsaw Homes and Wyre Borough to co-ordinate efforts with some housing issues in the area.

There have been reports of issues with E Bikes in the area. It will greatly assist the Police if the community report these incidents.

There is a drop in session on the 1st Tuesday of every month at Knott End Library.

The Police are trying to get to various community groups in addition.

586.5 Planning Applications

Considered at the meeting

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00913/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land to domestic curtilage and erection of domestic motorhome garage following demolition of existing chicken shed (retrospective)

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Location: Springfield 19 Little Tongues Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde
Lancashire
Grid Ref: SD336996 448005

It was noted that it is difficult to comment on retrospective applications and that comments made previously are still valid. It was resolved that the clerk update the application to that affect and repeat the comments made previously.

Considered via email with no objections

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00815/FUL

Proposal: Proposed ground floor rear extension.

Location: 2 Beechfield Avenue Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0PT

Grid Ref: SD336202 448311

No objections have been raised to this.

587.6 Finance

Councillors noted

6.1 Bank statements balances Unity 31st October 2025 £113,514.66, Hampshire Trust 31st October 2025 £51,295.76 and Virgin 30th September 2025 £57,006.97.

6.2 Cllrs noted and resolved to approve payments made for October 2025.

6.3 Agreed as a correct record the bank reconciliations to 30th September 2025.

6.4 It was resolved that the Over Wyre Veterans will pay £977 towards the cost of the bench for Ray Bradburn. Council will pay the delivery and the VAT which will be claimed back.

6.5 There is a gap on the Finance Committee, due to the resignation of Cllr J Jenkinson, and it was resolved that Cllr R Kelly would join the committee.

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

588.7 Precept and Budget

A first cut budget proposal and precept calculation for 2026/2027 was provided to councillors to review. It was resolved that the clerk review the budget and precept to get it to a similar amount as for 2025/2026. These to be reviewed again at the December meeting.

589.8 SPID's Report

Nothing to report

590.9 Christmas Lights Switch On

All councillors present indicated that they would be attending to help with marshalling. It was resolved that the clerk will write to all councillors with details nearer the time.

591.10 Gathering after the December meeting

It was resolved to have a hot pot supper again this year after the December meeting on Monday 8th December. Invitation to be sent to LCC Councillor, Wyre Borough Councillors, Lengthsman, Plantsman, Gala reps, Bloomers, Coastguard, Fire Service, Police, FOKEL

592.11 Grant Requests

It was resolved to progress these requests in closed session after the main meeting.

593.12 Code of Conduct Refresher Training

Cllrs Hayes, Thorn, Kelly, Shewan, Tunstall, Johnson, Orme and Rimmer confirmed their attendance at this. It was resolved that the clerk sends reminders to remaining councillors.

594.13 Declaration of Interest Forms

It was resolved that the clerk will send out reminders for any still outstanding.

595.14 Torches for events

It was resolved that six rechargeable torches can be purchased.

596.15 Bench at Little Tongues Lane/ Sandy Lane

It was resolved that a bench be put back on the site of the previous one.

597.16 Storage Facility at St Bernards Road

It was resolved that the clerk investigate best value building and contents insurance and that payment can be made as required to for this insurance.

598.17 Star Awards

It was resolved to ensure that these awards are published at the start of 2026 and to be presented as part of the Mayor Making ceremony.

599.18 Document Review

The Volunteers Policy is not on the web site. It was resolved that the clerk would investigate this and bring the document back for review at a future meeting.

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600.19 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Orme advised that the next Flood Forum meeting would be in the next 2 to 3 weeks.

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.

601.20 Verbal reports from Wyre councillors

Cllr Rimmer advised that there is a meeting on the 20th November to set our Wyre Borough Councils views on the Local Government re-organisation.

Wyre Borough Council are holding a cinema festival at the Marine Hall in Fleetwood in February and March 2026.

602.21 Clerk's report

The clerk advised:

There are issues with our Preesall-tc.gov.uk email addresses going into Wyre Borough Council and ending up in individuals 'quarantine' boxes. This has affected road closure requests for Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Lights Switch On but these issues have now been resolved. Wyre Borough Council IT department have opened up the clerk address bit investigations are still on-going.

Plan are progressing well for the Christmas Lights Switch On with choir, dancers, band, sleigh and Santa confirmed.

603.22 Mayor's report

Cllr Johnson updated:

Will be attending prize giving at St Aidan's on 13th November.

Remembrance Sunday was well attended, despite the inclement weather and looking forward to Armistice Day and the unveiling of the bench for John Raymond Bradburn.

604.23 Questions to councillors

Cllr James Jenkinson advised that he will be resigning from the council with immediate effect. The clerk will now advise Wyre Borough Council and the first phase of advertisement of the vacancy will take place.

Cllr Rimmer advised that a job description for the clerk and assistant clerk have been produced. The advert for a new clerk/RFO will be published in the Focus Magazine, on the web site and Facebook with a deadline set of Friday 5th December.

605.24 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held **on Monday 8th December 2025 starting at 6:30pm** –

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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 27th November 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.

606.25 Closed Session 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.