



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 11th November 2024 at 7.00pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

Present: Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), C Rimmer, K Shepherd, K Tunstall, T Johnson, S Dobbie, A Hayes, K Woods, J Lewin

Also present – the Clerk and 2 members of the public

318.1 Apologies Cllrs J Jenkinson, R Drobny

319.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllr Johnson declared his Trade Union interest for employment matters.

Cllr Woods declared her FOKEL interest for the grant approval.

320.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 14th October 2024

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

321.4 Public participation

A member of the public attended to talk about affordable housing in the area and issues being faced with getting their name on to the list. Following discussion about possible actions that could be taken it was resolved that Cllr Shepherd would speak privately to discuss a way forward.

322.5 Planning Applications

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

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 24/00906/FUL

Proposal: Proposed two storey side extension and roof lift, new detached garage with room above and alterations to driveway and front garden wall.

Location: Steeplegate, 164 Pilling Lane, Preesall, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire

It was resolved by a majority to not object to this application.

Considered via email with no objections

None

323.6 Quarry Planning Update

Advised that we are now waiting for the date of the next meeting.

324.7 Land on Pilling Lane, Micks Garage and Kelly's Corner

The clerk has sent an email to our solicitors to try to bring this to a speedy conclusion. We await a response to this correspondence.

Kelly's Corner is still in the hands of Wyre Borough Council Legal Department. It was resolved that Cllr Rimmer would chase for an update.

325.8 Finance

Councillors noted

8.1 Bank statements balances Unity 31st October 2024 £42,282.42 and Virgin 30th September 2024 £111,113.93.

8.2 Cllrs noted payments made for October 2024.

8.3 Agreed as a correct record the bank reconciliations to 30th September 2024.

8.4 As the Finance Committee had resolved to carry the action to accept the New Model Financial Regulations over to the next meeting it was resolved to carry the acceptance of the regulations to the next meeting.

8.5 There was nothing to report from the Financial Committee.

8.6 It was resolved to accept the pay increases proposed by NALC and for the clerk to authorise these, and back dated payment to 1st April 2024, with our salary support team.

326.9 Precept and Budget

Precept and Budget for 2025/2026 were reviewed as a first pass. It was resolved for the clerk to make a number of amendments and for these to be brought back for a second review at the next meeting.

327.10 SPID Projects

The Clerk updated the findings of the latest reports. As previously the majority of speeds show compliance but there are a small number of high speed recordings being captured. This seem to be in the early hours of the morning. Concern was expressed with these speeds and it was resolved to review with further reports.

328.11 Christmas Lights switch on

A number of councillors advised that would volunteer to marshall the road closures for this event.

329.12 Mayoral Chains

Due to Cllr Drobny being unable to attend the meeting it was resolved to carry this over to the next meeting.

330.13 Parrox Hall

Discussions took place on the Parrox Hall estate and the latest position. It was advised that the council has not received any updates from the estate trustee. It was resolved that council would write to the trustee to see if the latest position could be shared.

331.14 Documents for Review

Volunteer's policy

It was resolved to accept the above document.

Preesall Town Council Financial Regulations

Due to the Finance Meeting resolving to carry review of these over to the next Financial Committee meeting it was resolved to carry this over to the next meeting.

332.15 Survey from Wyre Borough Council relating to issues with fly tipping

The clerk outlined a number of questions from Wyre Borough Council on the topic of fly tipping. It was resolved that the clerk responds to these questions with the following updates:

1. There are some hotspots on Back Lane, Preesall and at the pumping station off Pilling Lane.
2. Council are not aware of any measures that have previously be taken to reduce incidents other than individual reports.
3. Council has encouraged vigilance and reporting of any incidents.
4. There are a number of volunteer groups that collect litter and keep the shoreline tidy.

333.16 Gathering after the December meeting

It was resolved to hold this event again this year following the meeting on 9th December 2024. As in previous years this would be a hot pot supper for volunteers and organisations who have worked in the community.

334.17 Website and email

It was resolved that the clerk approves the purchase of the domain name 'preesall-tc.gov.uk' and agrees next steps for the move of the website and email accounts.

335.18 Councillor vacancy.

The clerk advised that there were no applications to be considered. It was resolved to advertise the vacancy again on Facebook, the council website, council noticeboards and in the Focus Magazine.

336.19 Residents concern on safety issues at ginnel joining the new Rosemount Ave estate to Meadow Ave.

The issue raised by a resident was discussed and it was resolved to approach Wyre Borough Council to see what they would recommend at the Meadow Ave end of the ginnel. The clerk will write to the residents to update them on progress.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

337.20 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Woods advised that the bloomers would be stopping shortly and that the Gala AGM had been held the previous week.

Cllr Orme is to talk to Wyre Borough about containers for storage.

338.21 Reports from Wyre councillors

Cllr Rimmer reported that planning had been rejected for the proposed childrens home on Lancaster Road.

Cllr Rimmer advised that Hadfields Bistro has made a licensing application.

Cllr Rimmer advised that further tests are being requested on historical contamination from ICI in the Over Wyre district.

339.22 Clerk's report

The clerk advised that two telescopes have now been delivered and we await delivery of the accessibility telescope.

Given the time constraints the clerk advised that we have had a request from FOKEL for a grant towards the lantern workshops in readiness for Christmas lights switch on. This has been covered in the financial update but had only been authorised at the Finance Committee meeting.

340.23 Mayor's report

Cllr Orme advised that he had attended a meeting with Lancashire County Council where better working relationships with Parish and Town councils was discussed. Several ideas had been shared for consideration by LCC.

Following this meeting the Annual General Meeting of LALC had been held. A number of issues were raised at this meeting which mean an EGM will need to be arranged.

341.24 Questions to councillors

Cllr Orme advised that a consultation was looking at the move to have more meetings using remote attendance and proxy voting. Discussions took place around this and it was resolved that, as there were a number of different views, the clerk would send out the link for feedback and each councillor would be able to complete, if they so wish.

Cllr Orme will liaise with Cllr Johnson on the next six blue plaques to be resolved. These are at: The Old Police Station, The Old NatWest bank, the site of the swimming pool in Preesall, the house on the sea front where Lowry stayed, the site of the Emmanuel Church and the site of the Bethel Church.

Cllr Woods asked for any councillors to support the lantern making sessions being run by FOKEL on Saturday 23rd November from 10am to noon and Thursday 28th November from 5pm to 7pm.

Cllr Lewin asked if the Trustee for the Legacy could be updated on latest activities as it had been a little while since they has been updated. Resolved that Cllr Orme would provide an update to them.

342.25 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held **on Monday 9th December starting at 6:30pm** - 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 November 2024** 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.