



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 8th December 2025 at 6:30pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

Present: Cllrs T Johnson (Mayor), K Shepherd, P Orme, A Hayes, C Rimmer, R Kelly, S Dobbie, R Drobny, A Shewan, and S Thorn
Also present – the Clerk

607.1 Apologies

Cllr K Tunstall

608.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

None raised.

609.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 10th November 2025

Two points were raised in the minutes.

Firstly the minutes should show that Cllr R Drobny had apologised for his absence. Secondly Cllr K Shepherd asked if extra clarification could be noted on item 587.6 6.5 to clarify that the gap on the Finance Committee was due to the resignation of Cllr Jenkinson. It was resolved that the minutes of the above meeting are approved as a true record after these corrections have been made.

610.4 Public participation

There were no members of the public present

611.5 Planning Applications

Considered via email with no objections

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00872/FUL

Proposal: Proposed erection of single dwelling bungalow with integral garage on domestic garden area.

Location: Hillfoot Grange Sandy Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Grid Ref: SD337015 447656

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 25/00929/FUL

Proposal: Proposed side extension following demolition of attached garage.

Location: Lyndhurst 25 Rosslyn Avenue Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Grid Ref: SD336447 448656

Considered at the meeting**Planning Application - Consultation**

Application Number: 25/00444/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use and the formation of commercial riding menage for use in connection with existing livery business.

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

Grid Ref: SD336991 447809

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.

612.6 Finance

Councillors noted

6.1 Bank statements balances Unity 30th November 2025 £100,260.37 Hampshire Trust 30th November 2025 £51,295.76 and Virgin 31st October 2025 £56,453.98.

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

6.3 Agreed as a correct record the bank reconciliations to 31st October 2025.

6.4 The Finance Committee asked council to resolve that the feedback from the committee and any actions to be resolved is moved to the first item of this section and that the wording for the bank reconciliation is amended to say that council is to note not agree. These changes were agreed.

613.7 Precept and Budget

A second draft budget proposal and precept calculation for 2026/2027 was provided to councillors to review. The Finance Committee would recommend this for acceptance with a change to the Contingency Reserve to £71,200. It was resolved that this be accepted and that the Precept request for 2026/2027 would be £103,259 (one hundred and three thousand two hundred and fifty-nine pounds).

614.8 Councillor Vacancy

The clerk advised that Wyre Borough Council have confirmed that no election has been called for this vacancy. It was resolved that the clerk will now progress the advertisement of the position for co-option.

615.9 Clerk Vacancy

Council was advised that two interviews for the position are to be held on Friday 12th December. The interview panel to consist of Cllrs Rimmer, Johnson, Hayes, Shepherd and Dobbie. It was resolved that the Personnel Committee will meet following these interviews to consider any offers and contracts to present to the next council meeting on 12th January 2026.

616.10 Declaration of Interest Forms

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

617.11 Christmas Lights Electric Letters

Council noted that these are to be sent out.

618.12 Document Review

The review of the Financial Regulations is actually due in March 2026 so it was resolved to strike this item from the agenda.

The clerk advised that the outstanding review of the Volunteers Policy will be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

619.13 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Hayes advised that the Civic Events and Celebrations Committee had met and reviewed Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day celebrations. A number of areas for improvement have been raised and will be taken into consideration for future events.

Cllr Rimmer has attended the lantern making supported by FOKEL and advised that the Gala AGM will now be in January.

Cllr Thorn attended a meeting looking at local businesses and their needs in the county. The majority of the session looking at the challenges faced by farmers and the state of the roads.

620.14 Verbal reports from Wyre councillors

Cllr Rimmer advised that there is no further update on the Local Government re-organisation. Phase 3 testing at Hill House has been completed and the results are due to be published in January 2026.

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There is a rough sleeper in Knott End. Cllr Rimmer is liaising with Wyre Borough to understand any support that can be provided. Daily contact is taking place and the situation is being closely monitored.

621.15 Clerk's report

The clerk advised:

Work on the refurbishment of the garage is now waiting for the electric to be re-connected.

Work on Kelly's Corner will hopefully start in January 2026.

I would just like to thank everyone who helped with the road closure marshalling for the Christmas Lights Switch On.

The refurbishment of the Cenotaph is now complete.

There is to be a meeting in January, with the builder, to discuss the work on the shelters on the promenade.

622.16 Mayor's report

Cllr Johnson updated:

Attended prize giving at St Aidan's on 13th November.

Attended the Veterans breakfast on 15th November.

Called in at the FOKEL lantern making session on 22nd November.

Attended Christmas Fair at St Bernards church hall on 6th December.

623.17 Questions to councillors

Cllr Dobbie asked if a donation could be made for the Coca Cola van attending the Christmas Lights Switch On. This will be put as an agenda item for the meeting on Monday 12th January 2026.

Cllr Drobny raised the issue of the flooding on Park Lane in Preesall. It is understood that work is scheduled to look at this issue and hopefully resolve.

624.24 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held **on Monday 12th January 2026 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 1st January 2026** 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.