



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 9th December 2024 at 6.30pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

Present: Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), C Rimmer, K Shepherd, T Johnson, S Dobbie, A Hayes, K Woods, J Lewin, J Jenkinson, R Drobny
Also present – the Clerk, County Cllr M Salter and 1 member of the public

343.1 Apologies Cllr K Tunstall

344.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllr Johnson declared his Trade Union interest for employment matters.

345.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 11th November 2024

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

346.4 Public participation

A member of the public asked about individual vehicles being captured at excess of 90mph on the SPID's on the esplanade. Cllr Jenkinson agreed to provide more details.

Cllr Salter then covered the following topics:

He advised that the closure of Knott End Library for refurbishment and advised that there was no fixed date for it re-opening. In the meantime some temporary arrangements were in place for some of the library services.

He advised that documentation had been sent out from Lancashire County Council about the middle shelter on the promenade and that this was progressing through LCC legal teams with a view to transfer to Preesall Town Council.

He confirmed that warm space grants were being continued.

He was asked about the mobile SPID's that had been seen in the village. He advised that these would be from LCC and he was asked to investigate why no communication had taken place just to advise of their presence.

He was asked if the average speed cameras were now in operation. He advised that council contact the police on this matter as they were their responsibility.

347.5 Planning Applications

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

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 24/00986/FUL

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for existing use as a hot food takeaway (Sui Generis)

Location: Wesby Chinese Takeaway, Sandy Lane, Preesall, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire

It was resolved unanimously to approve this application.

Considered via email with no objections

None

348.6 Quarry Planning Update

Advised that we are now waiting for the date of the next meeting and there was nothing further to share.

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

We have received an email from our solicitors advising that they are progressing to completion and asking for evidence of funds, which is being supplied.

We have been advised that the new lease for Kelly's Corner has been approved by Wyre Borough Council Legal Department. Council await confirmation.

350.8 Finance

Councillors noted

8.1 Bank statements balances Unity 30th November 20 £24,443.05 and Virgin 31st October 2024 £110,658.72.

8.2 Cllrs noted payments made for November 2024.

8.3 Agreed as a correct record the bank reconciliations to 31st October 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 Cllrs resolved the transfer of £40,000 from the Virgin Money Account to the Unity Account to cover payments until March 2025.

351.9 Precept and Budget

Precept and Budget for 2025/2026 were reviewed as a second pass. It was resolved to accept a recommendation from the Finance Committee to accept and for the clerk to submit to Wyre Borough Council.

352.10 Shelters on the promenade

Cllr Salter has already updated on the position with LCC regarding the middle shelter. Cllr Salter resolved to write to Wyre Borough Council regarding the shelter near to the village centre. It was resolved that the clerk would put a notice of intent to adopt on the shelter.

353.11 Document Review

It was resolved to follow recommendation from the Finance Committee to defer review of the Financial Regulations until the next meeting.

354.12 Website and email

The clerk advised that he would discuss this with Easy Web Sites in the New Year and advise what the plans were to progress the move to a new domain including work to be done during the council meeting on 13th January 2025.

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355.13 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Rimmer advised that the Communications Working Group had met and that a report was being compiled. The next meeting was scheduled for the 20th January.

356.14 Reports from Wyre councillors

Cllr Rimmer reported that there is a burst pipe in Preesall Cemetery and that the relevant authorities are progressing.

Cllr Rimmer advised that she is reviewing how the licencing application for Hadfields Bistro has been covered and its impact on Town Councils.

Cllr Rimmer advised that further testing has been confirmed on historical contamination from ICI in the Over Wyre district and that the muscle beds have been closed.

Cllr Rimmer advised that discussions have taken place at Wyre Borough Council and Town and Parish councils to look at the interaction with Lancashire County Council. A number of points are now being reviewed.

357.15 Clerk's report

The clerk advised that the accessibility telescope has now arrived. We have also received the extra bollards for the seating area at Fordstone Ave.

The new noticeboard at the Black Bull has now been put up.

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358.16 Mayor's report

Cllr Orme advised that the judging of the Christmas domestic and shop displays had been postponed due to the weather and would be re-scheduled for later in December.

Cllr Orme thanked everyone involved in the Christmas Lights Switch On which had been very successful.

359.17 Questions to councillors

Cllr Drobny advised that he has received complaints about seagulls on the promenade. He asked if consideration could be given to putting signs up to try to dissuade people from feeding them. It was resolved that Cllr Drobny would look at similar schemes in other areas and feed back to council.

Cllr Johnson raised the issue of flooding again outside St Oswalds Church. At this time of year the main reason for this flooding is the drains getting blocked with fallen leaves. It was resolved that the clerk discuss with the lengthsman any proactive work that could be done to try and ease the situation.

Cllr Woods advised that she would be resigning from the council with immediate effect. She would formally write to the clerk so this could be recorded. It was resolved that the clerk would advise Wyre Borough Council so that they could initiate the appropriate process for a vacancy.

360.18 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held **on Monday 13th January 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 2nd January 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.