



## PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 8 February 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom video conference**

**Present:** Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), B Burn, A Cropper, J Cropper, R Drobny, T Johnson, K Nicholls, N Patrick, A Tarpey-Black, D Williams, L Woodhouse, K Woods.

**In attendance:** Alison May, clerk to the town council, and one member of the public.

**171a(1) Apologies for absence – none.**

**171b(1) Absent without apology – none.**

### **172(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations**

Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Orme, application 20/00634/REMMAJ.

### **173(3) Minutes of the meetings of full council**

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2021.

### **174(4) Public participation**

The member of the public indicated that they did not wish to speak. Councillors resolved to move to agenda item 5.

### **175(5) Planning**

**Application Number: 20/00634/REMMAJ**

**Proposal:** Reserved matters application for the erection of 42 residential dwellings (following outline application 16/00010/OUTMAJ)

**Location:** Land off Rosemount Ave, Preesall, Lancashire

**Resolved:** to object to the application as the council continues to believe that the land is totally unsuitable for building purposes. Councillors remain particularly concerned about the flood risk to neighbouring properties should this development go ahead. It was noted that the development field floods with water from the dyke at the western end of the land. The proposal to put an 18" flag on end to raise the height will prevent this water from escaping into the new development and will force it to flood existing gardens and possibly the neighbouring homes. The finished floor levels of existing properties are considerably lower than those of the proposed properties. The proposed pumping station to the eastern boundary will have no effect on the water to the west as it is designed to take surface water from the roads and not the dyke.

**Application Number: 21/00016/OUT**

**Proposal:** Outline application for the erection of a replacement dwelling with access and layout applied for and creation of new access on to Hall Gate Lane and additional parking area for the existing coal yard (all other matters reserved)

**Location:** Fell View Cottage, Hall Gate Lane, Preesall, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire

**Resolved:** to object to this application as the construction of a house on the site as opposed to the already agreed industrial units would reduce the employment advantage provided by the proposed industrial units.

**Application Number: 21/00030/FUL**

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing single-storey side garage and outbuildings and erection of single-storey side/rear extension with living accommodation within the roof and dormers/rooflights

**Location:** Heathfield, 237 Park Lane, Preesall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire

**Resolved:** the council raised no objections to the proposed development.

**Application Number: 21/00037/ADV**

**Proposal:** Advertisement consent for the display of 2 non-illuminated canvas banner signs (temporary for 2 years)

**Location:** The Old Coal Yard Hall Gate Lane Preesall Lancashire FY6 0PJ

**Resolved:** the council raised no objection to the banner signs. The clerk was asked to put a date in the diary for two years hence to check the temporary nature of the signs.

**176(6) Finance**

Councillors **resolved:**

**a) To note** receipts in January

	<b>Amount</b>
YB current account	1600.00
Unity	221.40

**b) To approve** BACS the following payments: **Payment type** **Amount**

Payroll	BACS0066)	
	BACS0067)	1751.09
Clerk's expenses on behalf of council	BACS0068	33.74
848 Services Ltd (Inv.10853)	BACS0069	9.48
FH&M Davies and Son (Inv. SI – 280)	BACS0070	54.00
PRS Electrical (Inv.22388)	BACS0071	4671.00
Smith of Derby – deposit (Inv.0117398)	BACS0072	2826.72

**c) To note** the following payments by direct debit

Easy Web Sites (hosting fee, SSL certificate) YB	46.80
O2 (mobile phone contract) YB	10.46
LCC (contributions) YB	524.78
LCC (deficit) YB	50.00

<b>d) To note</b> the statement of accounts	
<b>CB1 Yorkshire Bank (previously) RBS</b>	£87,610.88
<b>CB2 HTB Bond issue 39</b>	£40,623.44
<b>CB3 IB</b>	Nil
<b>CB4 UNITY</b>	£29,552.05
<b>CB5 HTB easy access</b>	£10,001.00

### **177(7) Reports from committees and working groups**

#### *i) Finance committee*

The finance committee met on 25 January; a verbal update was provided by the chairman.

Councillors **resolved** to note:

- the approved minutes from 26 October.
- the approval of Quarter 3 expenditure and Quarter 3 budget monitoring.

#### *ii) Civic events committee*

The civic events committee met on 25 January; a verbal update was provided by the chairman.

Councillors **resolved** to note:

- the approved minutes from 3 August.
- Commonwealth Day would be marked by the flying of the Commonwealth flag, there would be no event.
- The Star award to consist of a shield plaque, to be kept by the winner for one year and a small award to retain.

### **178(8) Mayor for the civic year 2021/22**

Councillors were asked **to consider** nominations for the office of mayor for the civic year 2021/22.

Cllr Drobny proposed and Cllr Williams seconded Cllr Nicholls.

Cllr Patrick proposed and Cllr Burn seconded Cllr Tarpey-Black.

Cllr Orme proposed an amendment to the motion to elect a mayor, suggesting that the role revert to that of chair of the meeting only. **Resolved** by a majority to reject the amended motion.

Cllr A Cropper proposed and Cllr J Cropper seconded Cllr Orme.

**Resolved:** to nominate Cllr Anne Tarpey-Black as the Mayor-elect of Preesall Town Council for the civic year 2021/22.

### **179(9) Arrangements for Civic Sunday 2021**

**Resolved:** that the event would be marked by the flying of the union flag and the laying of a wreath by the Mayor, the date to be determined once Covid restrictions ease.

### **180(10) Arrangements for Annual Town Meeting 2021**

**Resolved:** not to hold the meeting in 2021 as a result of Covid concerns and to revisit the item in 2022.

### **181(11) Policies and procedures**

**Resolved:** to note the contents of the action plan for quarter 4 and update the phone number for Cllr Woodhouse.

### **182(12) Councillor training**

**Resolved:** to approve the attendance of Cllrs Tarpey-Black, Nicholls and Woods on the LALC Councillors and Clerks training in May. To approve Cllr Williams' attendance on the course after June and to approve Cllr Tarpey-Black's attendance on the Chairmanship course,

### **183(13) Land adjacent Pilling Lane**

**Resolved:** to give permission to the clerk to conduct a detailed investigation into the ownership of the plot of land to the north of Pilling Lane adjacent to the water treatment plant. If an owner can be established, then an approach to be made to ascertain if they would be willing to sell/lease it to the council.

### **184(14) Feeder pillar for Christmas tree at Fordstone Avenue**

**Resolved:** for the clerk to approach Lancashire County Council regarding the possible installation of a feeder pillar near Fordstone Avenue seating area to enable the Christmas tree to be moved to the verge. The costs of approximately £1,000 to be funded from the Christmas lights budget.

### **185(15) Council Facebook presence**

**Resolved:** that the council would establish a Facebook page to enable the council to post updates to the public. The details of how this will work in practice to be determined by the civic events committee. Cllr Pattrick to act as lead councillor for posting items after consultation with the clerk/Mayor.

### **186(16) Cycling on sea wall**

**Resolved:**

**to approve** the wording – 'Polite Notice (underlined and centre) Please respect each other when using this path. Thank you'.

**to give approval** for permission for signage to be sought by Cllr Orme from the appropriate bodies (this could include additional signage provided by them incorporating any restrictions already imposed on users).

**to note** that Cllr A Cropper had been in contact with cycling organisations and local horse groups, and the consensus seems to be that without evidence there's not much that can be done. Proposals by the Government to amalgamate footpaths, bridleways and cycleways may also have to be taken into consideration.

### **187(17) Lengthsman recruitment**

**Resolved:** to give the personnel committee permission to pursue the recruitment of a lengthsman by whatever means it considers appropriate and if necessary to re-advertise the post as an employed position.

### **188(18) Storage**

**Resolved:** that the Christmas decorations could be stored by Cllr Drobny until such time as the container is in place on Preesall playing field.

### **189(19) Waste bin**

Councillors were made aware of an approach by a member of the public who requested a litter bin on the grassed area at the junction of Hillside Avenue and The Crescent. This has been reported to Wyre Council, which is scheduled to conduct a review of bins in six months (the last one was two years ago).

## **ITEMS 20 to 25 FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **190(20) Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives**

Best Kept Village – the event will take place as normal if government restrictions allow. If not, the proposal is for entries to be made remotely by submitting a recording of the area. Cllr Orme to investigate camera options.

KE light railway – possibility of furniture donation to Youth Club.

Halite/Brine watch – an email had been received from Halite indicating that final requirements had been delivered to and approved by Wyre Council. Nothing had been heard to this effect from Wyre. Wyre councillors to investigate further.

Health (all aspects) – the medical centre believes it has now contacted all those aged over 75 and is now progressing with vaccinations for the 70 to 74 age group.

Highways – Cllr Patrick has recorded a number of problem potholes and has reported these to Cty Cllr Salter. In addition a further request has been made for the 20mph road markings to be painted on Pilling Lane.

Housing – written responses had been received from the three parties responsible for the allocation of properties. An interim response from Wyre councillors had been circulated to Preesall councillors. The housing associations had indicated they were compliant with the selection process included as part of the s106 agreement with Wyre Council. Councillors will continue to monitor the situation.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee) – the police notice had been circulated by the clerk. Support has been given to the local electricity bill.

**Technical problems meant that councillors resolved to suspend the meeting at 9.05pm. It was agreed that there were no outstanding issues for discussion.**

### **191(21) Verbal reports from Wyre councillors**

None.

### **192(22) Clerk's report**

Councillors had been provided with the following information:

#### **Banking**

A request has been made to Yorkshire Bank to supply a cheque book and paying-in book as these still haven't been supplied following the opening of the account on 22 December. Additional signatories are being added to the account.

### **Insurance of additional items**

Following resolution 158(7), the following items have now been insured with Zurich: Lake District panorama in bronze £1,440; Battle of Britain commemorative stone £3,600; Lowry figures and information board £20,000; 2x WW1 memorial benches £2,100 overall; Fordstone seating area £2,080; Fordstone noticeboard £2,590.

### **Wyre grant**

An application has been made to the Covid expenditure IT fund to cover the cost of additional expenditure arising from the pandemic up to the end of January. This will cover the Zoom subscription costs of £95.92.

### **Affordable housing**

Letters were sent to Wyre Council, Regenda and Adactus with responses received from each. Regenda and Adactus have confirmed that they are applying the s106 rules, as agreed with Wyre, when placing tenants. Wyre is to keep a watch on the situation.

### **Purchase of bench by member of the public**

A member of the public has purchased the bench nearest the life belt on the riverside walk, in memory of her late husband. Discussions are continuing regarding suitable wording for the plaque.

### **Policing update**

The report for LALC Wyre Area Committee is **enclosed**.

Reporting incidents to the police - Sgt Guy Hamlett has asked me to let you know that you can report issues via the website (including uploading pictures)  
<https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/>

### **North West coastal access**

Update from Natural England

Silverdale to Cleveleys (88km) - approved in part

- We have collated the responses to our reports and forwarded them to PINS and the Secretary of State for consideration. There were no objections to Reports 2 (Wild Duck Hall, Bolton-le-Sands to Ocean Edge Caravan Park, Heysham), 4 (Carlisle Bridge, Lancaster to Glasson Dock Swing Bridge) or 6 (Fluke Hall Lane car park, Pilling to South Promenade, Cleveleys) and the Secretary of State has now approved these three.
- Lancashire County Council will shortly commence establishment work on these parts of the stretch.
- Secretary of State will consider the objections and representations submitted in relation to reports 1,3 and 5 before making a decision on whether to approve each individual report with or without modifications.
- Access rights will commence once all establishment work is completed for the entire stretch.

**Road safety 50+**

Lancashire County Council's safe & healthy travel team is providing access to a 40-minute road safety presentation aimed at residents who are 50+.

**193(23) Mayor's report**

None.

**194(24) Questions to councillors**

None.

**195(25) Items for next agenda**

The next meeting will be held on 8 March 2021 at 7.00pm - councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda and provide updates from working groups by notifying the clerk **in writing by Thursday 25 February 2021** 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 either what the proposal is and that a decision is required or whether the item is for information only.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 9.05pm.