

# PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 9 April 2018 at 7.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall

**Present:** Cllrs T Reilly (Mayor), R Black, B Burn, R Drobny, P Greenhough, D Hudson, R Lawson, G McCann, J Mutch, P Orme, N Patrick, L Woodhouse.

**In attendance:** Alison May, clerk to the town council, 3 members of the public and James Reilly of Easy Web Ltd.

### 276a(1) Apologies for absence

None

### 276b(1) Absent without apology

None

### 277(2) Declarations of interests and dispensations

None

### 278(3) Minutes of the last meeting

**Resolved:** 1). That the minutes of the meetings held on 5 March and 12 March 2018 be agreed as a true record subject to it being noted that Cllr Patrick declared an interest in item 13 of the latter meeting and that the deputy mayor chaired it.

### 279(4) Public participation

*At the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow non-councillors to speak.*

- The council was addressed by James Reilly from Easy Web Sites Ltd in respect of the new data protection regulations coming into force in May and the email options which could be provided to help councillors comply with the law. He outlined three options: the council could have just one additional email (like the clerk's) which councillors would all be able to access/edit; they could have individual .org email boxes linked to their own pc/tablet or they could have individual webmail access.
- Councillors were reminded of a resolution back in 2012 to look at the feasibility of erecting a notice board on Fordstone Avenue adjacent to the Chinese takeaway.
- The prompt response of the police in dealing with an issue concerning boy racers on the ferry slip was mentioned and the question was raised as to whether the police were picking and choosing where they attend.
- Cllr Orme reported that LALC's invitation to discussing policing matters with the police and crime commissioner had been accepted and councillors were asked to pass any questions to Cllr Orme or Cllr McCann for them to raise at that meeting .

*At the conclusion of the public participation (7.50pm) and at the request of the mayor, councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.*

---

Preesall Town Council meeting 9 April 2018 final

Signature.....

**280(5) Data protection training**

It was **resolved** that the mayor elect – Cllr Woodhouse - would attend the data protection training, being offered by Wyre Council on 16 May, with the clerk.

**281(6) Data protection changes**

It was **resolved** that a separate meeting of the council be convened after the 16 May data protection training course. This would be for councillors to discuss and decide the actions they should take in order to comply with all the requirements of the Data Protection Act and registration with the Information Commissioner's Office.

**282(7) Positioning of WW1 memorial benches**

It was **resolved** that the decision on the siting of the benches be devolved to the Battle's Over committee.

**283(8) Spring conference**

It was **resolved** that the council would not send a representative to the Lancashire Association of Local Councils' spring conference on Saturday 28 April at the Hallmark Leyland hotel.

**284(9) Request to speak to press**

It was **resolved** that Cllr Hudson would not be given permission to speak as a councillor with the press regarding the highways issues on Preesall Hill. However, he is within his rights to speak in a personal capacity and to quote instances of the council having supported his requests for letters to be sent and the supporting documentation sent with those letters. He is also free to provide a press statement to the clerk for the council's approval.

**285(10) Appointments to outside bodies and subject leads**

It was **resolved** that the following appointments be confirmed –

**Co-op** – Cllr Woodhouse

**Best Kept Village** – Cllr Orme

**Gala** – Cllr Hudson

**G & KE light railway** – Cllr Black, Cllr Drobny, Cllr Woodhouse

**Health** – Cllr Greenhough

**Highways** – Cllr Hudson

**Housing** – Cllr Hudson

**Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee)** – Cllr Orme and Cllr McCann

**Preesall Youth and Community Association** – Cllr Pattrick

**Planning Ambassador** – Cllr McCann

**Tourism** – Cllr Black and Cllr Woodhouse

**Wyre Ferry Management Board** – Cllr Orme

**Wyre Festive Lights Committee** – Cllr Reilly

**Wyre Flood Forum** – Cllr Orme and Cllr Pattrick

**Wyre In Bloom** – Cllr Mutch

**Xmas Fair** – Cllr Orme

**Youth** – Cllr Pattrick

**286(11) Investment strategy**

It was **resolved** to adopt the new Investment Strategy containing disclosure and reporting requirements, as it became mandatory on 1 April 2018 for all councils with investments exceeding £100,000 to have one.

**287(12) Patient access to bus service**

It was **resolved** that the clerk would write to Mary Dowling at the Clinical Commissioning Group in Kirkham, the Catch 22 bus company and Blackpool Victoria Hospital with a copy to the Over Wyre Medical Centre. This would be to make them aware of the difficulties experienced by residents in accessing medical care at the walk in centre at Fleetwood and appointments at Blackpool hospital on Sundays, following the withdrawal of the bus service, and to ask for support regarding patient access.

**288(13) Planning applications****Application Number: 18/00214/FUL**

**Proposal:** Proposed first floor rear extension.

**Location:** 1 Beach Road Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0HQ

**Resolved** to raise no objections

**Application Number: 18/00289/FUL**

**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension and enlarged rear dormer.

**Location:** Pen Y Gent 56 Pilling Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

**Resolved** to raise no objections

**289(14) Finance**

Councillors **resolved**:

<b>a) To note</b> receipts	
Current account	7.66
Reserve account	1.22
In Bloom account	900.00

<b>b) To approve</b> the following payments:	Cheque	
Payroll	262, 263, 264	2602.04
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)	262	15.40
Lengthsman's expenses (on behalf of council)	263	40.00
LALC (inv 1962)	265	567.22
Viking (inv 82741)	266	71.03
Hampshire flag (inv 0131566)	267	318.00
Preesall Auto Discount (inv.813)	268	31.97
Wyre Building Supplies (inv. 156923; 159214; 159413;159386)	269	196.02

<b>c) To approve</b> the following payments by standing order/direct debit	
Easy Web Sites (hosting fee)	24.00
O2 (mobile phone contract)	13.80

Preesall Town Council meeting 9 April 2018 final

Signature.....

LCC (contributions)	749.09
LCC (deficit) April	8.33

<b>d) To accept</b> the statement of accounts for March 2018:	
Current account	£48,433.36
Reserve account	£30,685.14
In Bloom account	£4,419.31

<b>e) Transfers for approval</b>	
To agree the transfer of £500 to the In Bloom account in the form of a one-off donation and to transfer £2,963.64 Vat monies from In Bloom activity in 2017-18 to the In Bloom account.	

<b>f) To accept</b>	
The budget monitoring document for quarter four showing the total receipts and expenditure for the year 2017/18.	

<b>g) Approval of regular payments</b>	
To approve the list of regular payments for the coming year.	

### **290(15) Verbal reports from subject leads and outside body representatives (Information only)**

**Co-op** – Cllr Woodhouse reported that the Co-op had carried out a number of care home visits and was looking to organise walk to school days.

**Friends of Preesall Park** – Cllr Orme reported that as the park had now been handed back to Wyre council it no longer seemed appropriate to report to PTC.

**Best Kept Village** – Cllr Orme reported that the entry had now been submitted and judging would be in June. Future winners will be awarded with a small glass trophy for them to keep.

**Gala** – Cllr Hudson reported that the clerk should have received a letter of thanks from the gala for the grant award.

**G & KE light railway** – Cllr Drobny reported that a trip to Apedale light railway was being organised that coincided with the gala. A scouting exercise had taken place in Staffordshire where donations of tracks and engines might be possible.

**Health** – Cllr Greenhough reported on a rough sleeper within the village and the offer from Blackpool's sheltered housing manager to speak to the council regarding responsibilities. She also reported that she was organising health talks within the village and was looking to provide the first level of nursing course to members of the public along with a first aid course.

**Highways** – Cllr Hudson reported that the highways department was still looking into the provision of double yellow lines on Park Lane.

**Housing** – Cllr Hudson reported that he had tried unsuccessfully to engage with Mr McArthur at Wyre and asked if the borough councillor could chase this up.

**Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee)** – Cllr Orme made councillors aware that the next meeting would be in a couple of weeks and that attempts were being made to resurrect the Wyre Area Road committee.

**Preesall Youth and Community Association** – Cllr Reilly passed on his thanks to Cllr Patrick and all the volunteers.

**Planning Ambassador** – Cllr McCann reported that the proposed development at Cartgate had been rejected by the planning committee. The clerk was thanked for having provided an excellent submission.

**Tourism** – Cllr Woodhouse reported that the AGM for the railway group would be on 28 April and that Wyre Council had offered help with the project.

---

Preesall Town Council meeting 9 April 2018 final

Signature.....

**Wyre Festive Lights Committee** – Cllr Reilly stated that the next meeting hadn't been announced. He agreed to make enquiries regarding the missing Santa and sleigh from the old Nat West building.

**Wyre Flood Forum** – Cllr Orme reported that a meeting would take place re Sunnyside Terrace on 23 April. He also reported that action was being taken elsewhere regarding the illegal filling-in of a dyke.

**Wyre In Bloom** – Cllr Mutch said the team had been proceeding with the spring preparation work and had been raising money for the floral tubs.

**Youth** – Cllr Pattrick reported that the accounts had been done and that there was a balance of £1,572. Plans were in place to save to take the children away for a residential weekend and £444 had been donated by the Co-op. She also reported that there was a possibility of having five additional volunteers.

**291(16) Verbal report from Wyre councillors (information only)**

None

**292(17) Clerk's report (information only)**

**Lengthsman's report**

In March the Lengthsman has continued to reclaim pathways where soil has encroached and cleaned gullies where the roadsweeper is prevented from cleaning owing to parked cars to ensure the free flow of water. He has installed the flagpole at the Battle of Britain memorial, reported that dog fouling continues to be an issue and taken a few days' leave.

**Flagpole**

The new flagpole at the Battle of Britain memorial has now been installed and on April 1 will fly the RAF flag kindly donated by a member of the Royal British Legion, to mark the centenary of the RAF. A community event is being planned for later in the year when a representative from RAF Spadeadam will attend a dedication service and photograph the red, white and blue floral display.

**Insurance renewal**

The council's Insurance with Zurich Municipal has been renewed from 1 April 18 to 31 March 19 at a cost of £413.50.

**Wyre Local Plan examination/hearings**

Public hearings into the draft Local Plan for Wyre are to be held at the Civic Centre in May. Wyre Council submitted the plan for examination to the Secretary of State in January and these hearings, which begin on May 15, are part of that process. Details will be available at:

[http://www.wyre.gov.uk/info/200317/planning\\_policy/1192/submission\\_draft\\_wyre\\_local\\_plan\\_examination](http://www.wyre.gov.uk/info/200317/planning_policy/1192/submission_draft_wyre_local_plan_examination)

Queries should be addressed to [tony.blackburn@wyre.gov.uk](mailto:tony.blackburn@wyre.gov.uk) (01254 260286).

**Dementia help**

Volunteers can get involved in a dementia project being run by Wyre Council. The initiative, called Just Reminiscing, will feature informal drop-in sessions at Fleetwood Market, which may be followed by more formalised gatherings elsewhere in the borough. The project will be supported by professionals in social care, artists and advocates who work with people with dementia. For details call 01253 887450 or email [chris.wyatt@wyre.gov.uk](mailto:chris.wyatt@wyre.gov.uk).

**Road consultation**

Statutory consultation for the proposed A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool scheme opened on March 21 and will run until 8 May. For more about the scheme and the consultation, including the opportunity to have your say, visit the [scheme web page](#)

**Travel concessions**

The county council is seeking views on a proposal to increase the charge for holders of a disabled person's NoWcard travelling on local bus/tram services before 9.30am on Mondays to Fridays from 50p to £1. A questionnaire is available until May 21 at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay)

Cllr Orme raised the question of whether the replacement tiling in Barton square should wait until after the gala, it was agreed to start it sooner rather than later. He also mentioned the hedge in the library garden that has gone from strength to strength and that it is approaching the point where work will have to be carried out in order for it to remain a hedge.

**293(18) Mayor's report (information only)**

The Mayor reported that he had been invited to attend Knott End Golf Club on 18 April to speak to Radio Lancashire would be hosting the show from there that day. He intended to focus on how nice the area is as a place to live, the things to do such as the beach, walks, riding and the golf club along with the number of volunteer groups.

**294(19) Questions to councillors**

Cllr Hudson asked why the council had not been made aware of the visit by the planning inspectorate. It was explained that the interested parties had been informed and were present at the time of the planning inspectorate's visit.

Cllr Black asked what was happening regarding the ferry. It was explained that this had been discussed at the preceding town meeting - the aim was still to have the ferry back in the water around 13 April.

Cllr McCann wished to clarify the situation regarding Cllr Drobny having bought his own chair, even though the council had resolved to purchase him a chair suitable to his specific medical needs. Cllr McCann was informed that no professional opinion documentation had been provided by Cllr Drobny, therefore the decision to purchase the chair and not provide details of his specific needs to the council was Cllr Drobny's and stemmed from negative comments having being posted on Facebook following the council's decision to pay for the chair. As Cllr Drobny had purchased the chair the council could not be held responsible for it or its suitability or care. Cllr Orme suggested a disclaimer was needed regarding theft/damage to the chair if it is left in the Youth and Community centre as there are multiple users of the building.

**295(20) Exclusion of the press and public**

Pursuant to Section 1(2) and 1(3) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the council resolved to exclude the press and public at 9.35pm to:

- a) discuss previous green paper items
- b) discuss a potential breach of the press and media policy inc green paper information.

**296(21) Items for next agenda**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 May 2018. Councillors are asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda by notifying the clerk **in writing** by Thursday 3 May at the latest. A summary of the reason for raising the matter should be provided.

There being no further business the mayor closed the meeting at 9.50pm.