

# PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 11 July 2016 at 7.00pm at Presall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Presall

**Present:** Councillors T Reilly (Mayor), R Black, B Campbell, R Drobny, R Lawson, G McCann, J Mutch, P Orme, V Taylor and L Woodhouse.

**In Attendance:** Alison May, Clerk to the Town Council, and four members of the public.

### (16-17)061 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Hudson and Cllr P Greenhough.

### (16-17)062 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr McCann declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 8 as the presentation and costings were provided free of charge by his godson - an employee of Sylvania Lighting. Cllr Orme declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 9, 10 and 14. Cllr Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9.

### (16-17)063 Minutes of the Last Meetings

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 09 May 2016 be agreed as a true record.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2016 be agreed as a true record.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2016 be agreed as a true record.

### (16-17)064 Public Participation (Including a Verbal Police Report)

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

Members of the public raised the following items:

- Drivers were still parking under the clock in Barton Square  
In response: Cllr Orme to arrange meeting with taxi licensing officer at Wyre to discuss
- Concerns re lack of progress with installing a zebra crossing and possible objections from shop keepers  
In response: LCC officers are investigating a scheme that would be acceptable to all stakeholders and we have to wait for their report. The Mayor will seek an update from Cllr Greenhough on progress.
- Problems with dogs running loose  
In response: Cllr Orme has passed the email to the dog wardens

The police report arrived too late to be included in the discussions and will be circulated under separate cover to councillors.

*At the conclusion of the public participation and at the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.*

**(16-17)065 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Pursuant to Section 1(2) and 1(3) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the Council **resolved** to exclude the press and public to discuss an employment matter.

At the end of the discussion **the Public were invited to rejoin the meeting**

**(16-17)066 Freeman of the Township of Preesall**

Councillors discussed the merits of setting up the title of 'Freeman' for Preesall and conducting further research into its creation.

**RESOLVED That no further action be taken in creating this honour within Preesall.**

**(16-17)067 Blackpool Transport 2C bus service**

Councillors discussed the detrimental impact to quality of life caused by the lack of a Sunday and Bank Holiday Bus service. Cllr Taylor reported that Wyre and Fylde LTG were empathetic, but business economics were an overriding factor.

**RESOLVED That the Clerk write to Blackpool Transport on behalf of the Council seeking to reinstate the bus service on a Sunday and Bank Holidays.**

**(16-17)068 WW1 memorial commemoration**

In response to an agreed motion to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the cessation of WW1 Cllr McCann gave a presentation on the possibility of lighting the Mount. Four Lighting scenarios were shown and councillors commented on the visual impact of each, with an approximate overall cost of £8000 - £9000.

**RESOLVED That the Clerk investigates sources of funding for the project.**

**(16-17)069 Christmas Lights Funding**

Councillors noted the introduction of a trial process for the distribution of grant support in 2016/17 by Wyre Borough Council and discussed its potential impact on lights funding.

**RESOLVED That an application for £5000 of funding – the maximum available be submitted.**

**(16-17)070 Date for Christmas Lights Switch on**

Councillors heard that the date for the switch on was historically in line with the first week of Advent.

**RESOLVED The lights switch on will be Saturday 3 December.**

**(16-17)071 Pensions Auto Enrolment**

**NOTED That once updated contact details are confirmed by the Pensions Regulator that the Clerk will complete the necessary paperwork by 1 October 16.**

**(16-17)072 Purchase of up to date manuals**

The Clerk informed the councillors of the requirement for up to date guidance documentation - of the documents previously purchased one was four years out of date and the other had been retained by the previous Clerk as the cost had been shared with another council (Stalmine) of which she is still the Clerk.

**The clerk is authorised to procure the Local Council Clerk's manual and Charles Arnold Baker (10<sup>th</sup> edition).**

**(16-17)073 Access to the beach**

Councillor's discussed the historical rights of access to the beach, its value to families and children and the loss of signage at certain access points prohibiting un-licensed/approved vehicular access.

**RESOLVED That the Clerk approach the appropriate responsible person at Lancashire County Council to have replacement signs installed.**

**(16-17)074 LALC-72<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting 2016**

Councillors discussed representation at the meeting including who would attend in a voting and non-voting capacity. Cllr Orme reminded councillors of their right to put forward motions for inclusion on the Agenda of the meeting, and the limited timeframe for this to be done.

**RESOLVED That Cllr Woodhouse and Cllr Orme would attend as voting representatives and Alison May – the Clerk would attend as a non-voting representative.**

**(16-17)075 Planning Applications**

**16/00556/FUL**

**Proposal:** Siting of one additional caravan, engineering works to increase width of embankment, reposition of access/drive parking and cantilevered decking to Lake (re-submission of 16/00009/FUL)  
**Location:** Willow Grove Park, Sandy Lane, Preesall

By a majority (1 councillor voted against) it was agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

**16/00584/FUL**

**Proposal:** New dwelling with associated access  
**Location:** Wyre Borough Council Public Conveniences 57 Lancaster Road Knott-End-On-Sea FY6 0DU

By a majority (3 councillors voted against and 1 abstained) it was agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

**16/00583/FUL**

**Proposal:** Installation of external plant area  
**Location:** Co-op Food, Sandy Lane, Preesall, FY6 0EJ

By a majority (1 councillor voted against) it was agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

**16/00585/FUL**

**Proposal:** Installation of external plant area  
**Location:** Co-op Food, Sandy Lane, Preesall, FY6 0EJ

By a majority (1 councillor voted against and 1 abstained) it was agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

**(16-17)076 Finance**

**a) Payments received:**

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**b) It was resolved to pay the following;**

73/74	Staff Costs	£1354.73
75	HMRC	£ 254.25
76	Data Protection renewal	£ 35.00
77	Wyre Building Supplies (inv S1088347, S10089401, S10089692, S10089959)	£ 63.53
03	F.H&M. Davies (in Bloom)	£1202.82
04	Mrs Y McCann (in Bloom)	£ 53.02
05	Europlanters (in Bloom)	£ 197.88

**It was resolved** to note the following payments;

**Payments by Standing Order/Direct Debit**

Easy Websites (hosting fee)		£24.00
O2 (mobile phone contract)		£13.97
LCC (employer contribution)	£331.80)	
LCC (employee contributions)	£ 90.15)	£421.95

**c) Statement of Accounts – June 2016**

**RESOLVED** To note the statement of accounts for June was not available as the Clerk does not have access to the accounts. The Clerk to obtain the necessary paperwork to change the signatory form prior to the next meeting and present the June and July Accounts at the next meeting.

**(16-17)77 Verbal Reports from Subject Leads and Outside Body Representatives (information only)**

**Housing**

No action can be taken regarding difficulties with property owned by Great places unless the police release further details.

**Tourism**

Cllr Woodhouse reported the Lancashire landings are proposed for Saturday 16 July, this is dependent on the weather and will be confirmed via Facebook on Thursday 14 July.

**Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee)**

Cllr Orme reported that he would be attending the NALC meeting next week attended by reps from all North West CALCS and officers and the Chief Executive of NALC.

**Wyre in Bloom**

Cllr Mutch reported that Judging will be on Monday 18 July, meeting up at the Black Bull at 9.00. The weather is still causing problems with the plants not flowering as hoped. A new bench and two planters have been installed by the ferry slipway and a further bench for this area is proposed.

### **Preesall Youth and Community Association**

Cllr Orme reported that he had received a reply from Jennifer Mein at LCC stating that his email had been passed to the relevant bodies.

### **Planning Ambassador**

Cllr McCann reported that he had sent comments to David Sharples re drainage of the proposed Rosslyn Avenue development and on the matter of Enforcement.

### **Christmas Fair**

Cllr Orme reported that the fair would be prior to the lighting of the Christmas tree on 3 December.

### **(16-17)78 Verbal Report from Wyre and Lancashire County Councillors (information only)**

Nothing to report

### **(16-17)79 Clerk's Report (information only)**

#### **Lengthsman's Report**

In June the Lengthsman has cleared undergrowth, cut hedges and overhanging trees from Lyndal Lane (bridle path). He assisted with Civic Sunday – acting as a Marshall on the day. He has helped to install the hanging baskets and has put out the planting barrels. He continues to water the baskets and planting in the beds.

#### **Scams Awareness Month 2016**

(SAM16) aims to create a confident community of consumers; people who get timely advice from trusted sources; people who report scams and share their experiences so that others can benefit. Throughout July, local Citizens Advice and Trading Standards Services together with other partners will aim to get the key messages out to consumers across the County. There is further information about the campaign at

[https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/campaigns/current\\_campaigns/scams-awareness-month/](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/campaigns/current_campaigns/scams-awareness-month/)

There will be regular features about scams on the Trading Standards Facebook page – Scambuster Stan  
<https://www.facebook.com/StanleyDards>

#### **Marine Conservation – Beachwatch recording**

The society has made a few changes to their forms so they can better compare our beach litter levels with the rest of Europe, helping in the fight against marine litter which has no boundaries. Volunteer groups are asked to take part in Beachwatch throughout the year, in specific 'survey windows'. These have been updated to match the rest of Europe. The new windows which need to be adhered to are:

- Autumn: Mid September – Mid October (*Ideally on the third weekend of September to coincide with the Great British and Great Channel Islands and Northern Irish Beach Clean and the international coastal cleanup*)
- Winter: Mid December – Mid January
- Spring: April
- Summer: Mid June – Mid July

This means data will not be required in the months of, February, March, May, August, October or November. To be able to compare our litter levels with the rest of Europe the data will only need to be collected within the survey windows mentioned above.

## **Appointment of a Stoma Nurse**

Hundreds of people in Fylde and Wyre will benefit from a new community-based nurse specialising in stomas thanks to new NHS investment. Previously, residents of Fylde and Wyre living with stomas had to go to hospital to have a check-up. The new service, commissioned by NHS Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and delivered by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals, will mean patients can see the new nurse closer to home. The CCG has allocated £50,000 a year of funding to the new service, which will help an estimated 750 patients across the area, making sure they all receive better care and also help the NHS locally to save money. The new community stoma nurse, who will have a base in each of the CCG's four neighbourhoods – Fleetwood; Thornton, Poulton and Over Wyre; Lytham, St Annes, Freckleton and Ansdell; and Kirkham and Wesham – will see every patient identified as living with a stoma to carry out a review and check their prescriptions. They will then carry out a review of every patient each year going forward and if any stoma patients have a problem they will have a point of contact, rather than needing to go to hospital. The nurse will also carry out home visits for those patients who are unable to get out of the house.

## **CPRE's new maps of England's light pollution and dark skies**

CPRE has just published the most detailed maps ever of England's light pollution and dark skies, based on satellite data captured at 1.30am throughout September 2015. Maps have been created for all English counties, districts, National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and, at a wider scale, National Character Areas. The maps were created by consultants LUC. The report [\*Night Blight: Mapping England's light pollution and dark skies\*](#) analyses the maps and investigates where England's darkest and brightest counties and districts are.

The detailed maps can be accessed via : <http://nightblight.cpre.org.uk/> The maps show the percentage of the area that falls under nine different 'night light' categories, and ranks counties and districts from darkest to brightest. Parish/Town councils are seen as playing a vital role in shaping the lighting in their areas, along with influencing planning applications so they do not cause additional light pollution. The *Night Blight* report makes a recommendation for action by parish councils and community groups to:

“ Use the maps as evidence to inform neighbourhood plans and to shape local decisions about lighting, such a street lights owned by parish councils.”

## **Barton Square Car Park**

Cllr Orme reported that the Chief engineer will put the car park on his list for the next review of car parking in the borough.

### **(16-17)79 Mayor's Report (information only)**

The Mayor reported that he had attended and really enjoyed Civic Sunday, a wet but thoroughly enjoyable Knott End and Preesall Gala and Sea Sunday with tales from the Coast Guard.

### **(16-17)80 Questions to Councillors**

Problems with safety of electricity supply on gala day - Cllr Orme informed councillors that the electricity supply within the football pavilion had suffered water ingress preventing the electrics for the gala stage being plugged in there. The football club have extended the lease and are to spend money on improving the building so there shouldn't be a problem next year.

Taxi parking - Cllr Drobny reported that complaints had been received from residents re five taxis parking within the square asking what could be done to address this. Cllr Orme referred back to item 4 of the agenda and his proposed meeting with the WBC taxi licensing officer.

There being no other business the Mayor closed the meeting at 9.30pm.