

PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 14 September 2015 at 7pm at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall

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

In Attendance: 5 members of the public.

(15-16)101 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hudson and the reason accepted.

(15-16)102 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr McCann declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 (verbal report from Wyre in Bloom representative) as his wife is heavily involved in the group.

(15-16)103 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the meetings held on 10 August and 17 August 2015 be agreed as a true record.

(15-16)104 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.

Councillors noted that no Police report had been received. Inspector Jo Jackson had moved from Fleetwood to Blackpool but the name of her replacement was not known.

A member of the public stated that the July 2015 minutes were incorrect and the Mayor informed him that the minutes had been corrected at the August meeting.

A member of the public stated that members of the Council had been spreading malicious rumours and indicated that he may take legal action against either the Council or a councillor. Cllr Campbell asked if he had proof. No member of the Council was aware of the accusations. Cllr McCann stated that if a member of the public had a complaint against a councillor it should be reported through the Standards regime. Cllr Reilly stated that it was not a matter for the Council to debate the issue.

A member of the public expressed concern that library staff were having to wash the path on a regular basis, usually on Fridays and Saturdays.

A member of the public raised the issue of parking under Barton Square clock and asked whether any action had been taken. This would be passed on to the relevant authority.

A member of the public was concerned by planning decisions and asked why the decisions reached by the Town Council appeared to be ignored. Councillors explained the planning decision making process outlining the requirement for robust reasons to be given and policies adhered to.

A member of the public stated that he was very impressed with the Lowry statue.

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

(15-16)105 Projects for 2016/17

Councillors **resolved** to consider projects for 2016/17 and bring them to the October meeting.

(15-16)106 Bus Shelter – Saracens Head

Councillors noted that Wyre Council can only provide a new modern shelter and LCC has no funds. The Mayor suggested that Cllr Hudson put this forward for consideration as a project for the next financial year.

(15-16)107 Planning Applications

15/00548/LAWE

Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for an existing outbuilding used for storage and parking of cars

Location: 285 Pilling Lane, Preesall

By a majority (1 councillor voted against and 2 abstained) it was agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal. However, councillors wished to stress that there must be no commercial use of the premises.

15/00693/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 to substitute plans relating to planning application 15/00203/FUL to allow for a variation to the approved design

Location: Land South of Park Lane, Preesall

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

(15-16)108 Finance

a) Payments received:

Salmine Parish Council (Inv 15/011))	£20.72
TGR Transformation Solutions (donation)	£50.00
Wyre Council (SYN grant – Lowry project)	£2,000.00

b) Payments to be approved:

2889/90 Staff Costs	£2947.59
2889 Clerk's expenditure on behalf of Council	£43.61
2891 HMRC	£820.94
2892 WEC Group Ltd (Lowry project)	£6,600.00
2893 Wyre Building Supplies	£195.13

Payments by Standing Order/Direct Debit

Easy Websites (hosting fee)	£24.00
O2 (mobile phone contract)	£22.82
LCC pension	£996.50

c) Statement of Accounts – August 2015

The statement of accounts for August will be circulated with the October meeting papers.

Councillors **resolved** to note the payments by standing order/direct debit and to approve the accounts for payment. Councillors thanked Cllr Reilly for his donation towards the cost of refreshments for the Lowry statue unveiling.

(15-16)109 Verbal Reports from Subject Leads and Outside Body Representatives (information only)

Tourism

Cllr Black reported that the Lowry statue unveiling had gone very well.

Youth

Cllr Taylor reported that she had attended the UR Potential award ceremony recognising the valuable contribution young people make by volunteering. They confirmed that LCC Youth Services provide a donation of £5,000 per annum towards the cost of using the Youth and Community Centre. Cllr Orme confirmed that he had asked for a review of the amount but this will not be considered until the general review of LCC has been completed. Councillors agreed that this could be a future agenda item.

Protect Wyre Group

Cllr Orme reported that all legal routes had now been explored and there is no action that can be taken.

Friends of Preesall Park

Cllr Orme reported that a start date for the BMX track work is awaited.

Wyre Festive Lights Committee

Cllr Reilly will look into moving the lights from the NatWest Bank site.

Wyre in Bloom

Cllr Mutch reported that the Bloomers continue with deadheading and watering.

Planning Ambassador

Cllr McCann reported that Wyre Council is looking at social housing within the local area.

(15-16)110 Verbal Report from Wyre and Lancashire County Councillors (information only)

Cllr Taylor reported that Wyre Council had raised concerns with LCC over the length of time LCC is taking to respond to major planning applications. She also reported that there had been delays in repairing potholes owing to personnel changes resulting from the LCC restructure.

(15-16)111 Clerk's Report (information only)

Councillors noted the information contained in the Clerk's report in respect of:

Lengthsman's Report

In August the Lengthsman has installed the froggy litter bin in the Jubilee Garden and the cycle rack at the playing field. He has put in the base for an additional bench seat and the bench will be fitted in September. He has continued weedspraying and cutting back briars as well as his normal work keeping the villages neat and tidy.

Support for Armed Forces and Veterans

Lancashire County Council has launched a new website to provide advice and information on the services relevant to armed forces personnel and veterans. The site includes information on ways for people to get involved with groups, activities and events to support armed forces and veterans. It can be found at www.lancashire.gov.uk/armedforces.

Town Guide

The Town Guide will now be published in January 2016 to give advertisers a full year of publicity and to ensure the Guide is available during the visitor season.

Christmas Fair and Lights Switch On

A road closure application for part of Clarence Avenue has been submitted. The closure is to prevent possible accidents on Lancaster Road and provide a safe location for visitors to watch the switch on.

Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Sunday parade and service will take place on Sunday 8 November. The procession will assemble at 1.45pm in the playing field car park followed by a service in St Oswald's at 2.30pm. The Mayor of Wyre, Cllr Tom Balmain, will lay the wreath on behalf of Wyre Council. All councillors are welcome to attend.

Moles on the Playing Field

The pest control operative cannot undertake work on the playing field given that there is public access to the field.

(15-16)112 Mayor's Report (information only)

The Mayor reported that the Lowry unveiling ceremony was very successful and asked that a letter be sent to Fleetwoods Charity School thanking the children for their delightful performance. He also asked that a letter of thanks be sent to MTec and the apprentices who had made the statue

(15-16)113 Questions to Councillors

Cllr Campbell raised concerns over the dog grooming parlour on Coniston Avenue where traffic and access were causing severe problems.

Cllr Campbell stated that he had received two complaints about sand yachting and vehicles.

Cllr Reilly indicated that he would speak further to LCC about the road safety audit in the area close to the Saracen's Head.

Cllr Greenhough raised the issue of the handrail for the footpath from Hawkshead Ave to the sea wall. She had discussed this with the Clerk who had been advised by the manufacturer that the handrail should be manufactured and installed shortly.

There being no other business the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.05pm.