



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the finance committee meeting held on Monday 9th March at 6pm in Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

Present: Cllr P Orme (chair), Cllr S Dobbie, Cllr R Kelly, Cllr K Shepard

In Attendance: Alan Whalley (out-going clerk), Debbie Smith (in-coming clerk)

242.1 Apologies for absence

Nil

243.2 Declaration of interests and dispensations

None

244.3 Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to **approve** as a correct record the minutes as presented, of the meeting held on 9th February 2026

245.4 Public participation

None Present

246.5 Monthly Receipts and Payments

a) The councillors within the finance committee **resolved** to **note** the below receipts:

Receipt Name	Details	Date of receipt	Bank (Unity Virgin, Hampshire)	Amount
Hampshire Trust Bank	Annual Interest	16/02/2026	Hampshire	£51.30

b) The councillors within the finance committee **resolved** to **approve** the following payments:

Payment Name	Details	Cash Book BAC's/card Ref	Bank (Unity Virgin, Hampshire)	Amount
Payroll	February 2026 payroll paid in March 2026	BACS 274, 275,276	Unity	£4,204.31
Paul Dooler	Lengths Man's Travel expenses (on behalf of council) for February 26	BACS 277	Unity	£12.60
* Nick White	(Plants Man)	BACS 278	Unity	£900.00

* £400 of this payment is being covered by the Legacy Trust Fund

Debbie Smith	Clerk's homeworking February 2026	BACS 279	Unity	£18.00
HMRC	Tax on salaries	BACS 280	Unity	£1,516.21
848 Services Ltd	Microsoft Licences	BACS 281	Unity	£13.82
Wyre Building Supplies	Materials	BACS 282	Unity	£23.00
Npower	Unmetered electricity for CCTV unit	BACS 283	Unity	£11.07

Zurich Insurance	Insurance from 1 st April 2026 to 31 st March 2027	BACS 284	Unity	£1,282.54
Alan Whalley	Scarecrow Trophies for the Gala for 2026 to 2030 incl	BACS 285	Unity	£164.95
Npower	Electricity	BACS 286	Unity	£25.35
LALC	Communicating training for Cllr Thorn	BACS 287	Unity	£18.00

Please note that the below payment was **resolved** by the full council at the meeting 9th March 2026

Payment Name	Details	Cash Book BAC's/card Ref	Bank (Unity Virgin, Hampshire)	Amount
Kevin Stockdale (KSG)	Building works completed at Kelly's Corner	BACS 288	Unity	£5,870.00

c) The finance committee **noted** the following payments by direct debit:

Company Name	Details	Payment Date	Bank (Unity Virgin, Hampshire)	Amount
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Charge	31 March	Unity	£6.00
3 Mobile	Phone Contract	31 March	Unity	£7.20
Easy Websites	Monthly hosting fee	2 March	Virgin	£66.00
LCC	(Pension contributions)	16 March	Virgin	£485.67

d) Bank Reconciliation to 31st January 2026 was **approved** and signed. The bank reconciliation to January 31st, 2026, was put to full council under recommendation to be noted.

247.6 The finance committee **noted** the below Bank closing balances-

Bank Name	Date of Closing Balance	Amount of Closing Balance
Unity	28 th February 2026	£58,685.67
Virgin	31 st January 2026	£59,178.33
Hampshire	28 th February 2026	£51,347.06

248.7 The finance committee reviewed the Scribe reports and **resolved** to **accept** them.

249.8 The finance committee reviewed expenditure for January, February and March 2026 and **approved** the Q4 budget monitoring statement. The committee informed the full council.

250.9 The finance committee **discussed** the uprising renewal insurance quote and **resolved** to **accept** the quote. The committee gave their recommendation to the full council. The full council resolved to accept the quote minute reference 672.7 (d).

251.10 The finance committee **reviewed** and **accepted** the Financial Regulations 2026. The committee gave their recommendations to the full council. The council resolved to re-adopt the Financial Regulations, minute reference 673.8.

252.11 The finance committee **discussed** and **resolve** to apply for a Unity Trust bank card for the incoming clerk. The committee made their recommendations to full council. The full council resolved to apply for a Unity Card at a £50.00 fee, and a further monthly fee of £3.00, minute reference 672.7 (g).

253.12 Hampshire Bank Mandate

The finance committee discussed that the mandate for the bank is out of date. It was proposed to remove A May, Y Walton and J Jenkinson from the mandate and to add Cllrs K Shepherd, R Kelly and S Dobbie and the clerk, Debbie Smith. The committee **resolved** these changes and gave a recommendation to full council., full council minute reference 672.7 (a)

254.13 Date of next meeting

Monday 13th April 2026 starting at 6.pm

Chairman Sign..... Date.....