



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the civic events committee
held on Wednesday 11 August 2021 at 10.30am in
Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre.

Present: Cllrs P Orme (chair), R Drobny, T Johnson, K Woods.

In attendance: Alison May, clerk to the town council. One invited guest. One member of the public.

1 Apologies for absence

None.

2 Declaration of interests and dispensations

None.

3 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2021.

4 Public participation

The member of the public indicated they did not wish to speak, therefore it was resolved to move to item 5.

5 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Councillors discussed the possibility of creating a jubilee walk in the wood adjacent to Park Lane with the owner of the land, Mr Elletson. Various suggestions were made as to the features to be incorporated into a walk. Mr Elletson indicated that he would be amenable to the idea of leasing the wood and possibly some additional land to the council for the jubilee walk.

Resolved: for a formal approach on behalf of the council to be made from the clerk once a draft plan had been developed.

6 Episodes in History event

Cllr Woods said she would report back to the committee after the next meeting of the gala committee on 8 September.

Cllr Johnson said that a firearms licence would be needed in order to store gunpowder for the event.

Cllr Orme reported that he had contacted the chief engineer at Wyre Council regarding the possibility of information boards on the sea front detailing items of local history. There were no problems in principle with this and a formal response is awaited.

7 Jubilee Garden stone

Resolved: to park this item until another meeting. Councillors were asked to bring ideas back to the committee.

8 Memorial to Prince Philip

Cllr Orme reported that he had written to Wyre Council regarding the possibility of renaming the riverside walk to commemorate the life and times of Prince Philip.

Resolved: to park the item re developing the children's reading area at the Jubilee Garden until a later date when other plans regarding the land adjacent to the garden are known.

9 Beacon lighting for the Queen's Jubilee

Resolved: for an item to be included in the Green Book and other media explaining that the council has been invited to light a beacon to commemorate the platinum jubilee. The article to ask for suggestions for an event and volunteers from the community willing to take this forward.

10 Remembrance Sunday arrangements

Resolved: that arrangements will proceed in the same way as last year with no formal road closure and procession. Those wishing to lay wreaths to meet at the steps of the war memorial on 14 November at 11.00am. Wyre Council to be invited to attend.

11 Christmas lights arrangements

Resolved: for the clerk to be given authority to purchase additional/replacement lighting and additional barriers within budget limits and in consultation with the chair of the committee. A replacement flagpole 'tree' to be purchased. Switch on to be at 4pm on 27 November, with no ceremony unless a Christmas fair is held. Cllr Orme to speak with the Methodist church regarding the possibility of an illuminated cross at the front of the building.

12 Permanent marker for the Queen's platinum jubilee

Resolved: that the crossroads at the junction of Clarence Avenue and Lancaster Road be renamed Coronation Square (a name that was previously in existence). This would be done at the same time as the corner feature to commemorate the platinum jubilee proposed for the Methodist church grounds.

13 Coat of arms

Resolved: that a metal replica of the council's coat of arms be put on public display, details of the location to be decided. Councillors were also prepared to accept the old swimming pool plaque should it be offered to the council.

14 Further verbal updates

i) The clerk to ask the lengthskeeper if he would be prepared to attend a ladder climbing course to put the council's flags in the Christmas tree holders. If not, the clerk to be given permission to contract this work out.

ii) Councillors considered decided to recommend to full council that it pay for a jubilee party for each of the junior schools to commemorate the Queen's platinum jubilee if the heads of the schools agree.

15 Date of next meeting

To be arranged.

There being no other business the chair closed the meeting at 12.50pm.