



## **PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre**

**Present:** Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), K Shepherd, T Johnson, S Dobbie, A Hayes, J Jenkinson, R Drobny, K Tunstall

Also present – the Clerk, Wyre Borough Cllr Rushworth, PCSO Critchley and 1 member of the public

**361.1 Apologies** Cllr C Rimmer, Cllr J Lewin

#### **362.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations**

Cllr Johnson declared his Trade Union interest for employment matters.

#### **363.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meeting are approved as a true record.

#### **364.4 Public participation**

Cllr Rushworth updated the meeting on the latest position with the planning application for The Quarry. Many points in the revised application are being challenged but the main areas for this meeting are the health aspects and the road network.

It was resolved that Preesall Town Council would make a formal response to the application to Lancashire County Council Development Team covering these two areas.

PCSO Critchley reported that logs recorded from the start of December had shown that the period had been quiet. There had been a serious assault in Knott End on the evening of the 31<sup>st</sup> December and investigations are still on-going. There had been a drugs warrant actioned in Preesall in early December.

Cllr Hayes asked about two burglaries at the same address over the holiday period and PCSO Critchley agreed to look into this.

It was advised that the recruitment of another PC for the area is currently underway.

It was requested that a formal invitation to the meetings be sent to Sgt Jones. The clerk will action this.

Mr K Bennett asked about the current councillor vacancies and it was resolved that he would publish to support council adverts that are currently posted.

### **365.5 Planning Applications**

#### **To be considered and resolved to object/not object at the meeting**

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 24/01040/FUL

Proposal: Proposed installation of Air Source Heat Pump to side

Location: Pointer Cottage Lancaster Road Preesall Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

**It was resolved unanimously to approve this application.**

#### **Considered via email with no objections**

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 24/01034/FUL

Proposal: Proposed installation of Air Source Heat Pump to rear

Location: Pointer House Lancaster Road Preesall Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 24/01038/FUL

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension following removal of existing conservatory

Location: Sea Mews Lancaster Road Knott End-on-Sea Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

Planning Application - Consultation

Application Number: 24/01069/FUL

Proposal: Proposed front and rear two storey extensions, roof lift, formation of front dormers and demolition of existing garage

Location: 11 Beach Road Preesall Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

**No objections were received from councillors to these applications**

### **366.6 Quarry Planning Update**

As discussed in the public participation section of the meeting the council will be producing a response to the latest planning application around health and traffic issues.

### **367.7 Land on Pilling Lane, Micks Garage and Kelly's Corner**

A Signed contract and cheque for completion of Micks Garage will be posted to council solicitors on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Council has now received the new lease for Kelly's Corner and this is being reviewed with our solicitors. Given the length of the lease registration with Land Registry will need to be actioned.

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### **368.8 Finance**

Councillors noted

8.1 Bank statements balances Unity 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 £57,734.22 and Virgin 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 £110,037.51

*It should be noted that the agreed transfer of £40,000 from Virgin to Unity is showing in the Unity statement but not the Virgin one.*

8.2 Cllrs noted payments made for December 2024.

8.3 Agreed as a correct record the bank reconciliations to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

8.4 The Financial Committee had not been able to meet before this meeting and it was resolved to carry the action to accept the New Model Financial Regulations over to the next meeting.

8.5 There was nothing to report from the Financial Committee.

8.6 The third quarter budget forecast was review and accepted.

8.7 It was resolved that Cllr S Dobbie would join the Finance Committee to increase the number of councillors on it. It was resolved that council would look at add another councillor to the committee but would review after the councillor vacancies had been filled.

### **369.9 Lighting on Promenade**

Cllr Hayes raised the issue of no lighting on the sea side of the promenade the and health and safety risk this causes. It was resolved that the clerk would approach Lancashire County Council for their thoughts and report back to council at a future meeting.

### **370.10 Shelters on the promenade**

The notice of intent is now on the shelter nearest to the village with deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025. It was resolved to approach Land Registry to confirm ownership of these shelters once we had both under council control.

### **371.11 Document Review**

The following documents were reviewed and accepted:

Community Engagement Strategy

Grievance Policy

Disciplinary Policy

Co-Option Policy

It was resolved to follow recommendation from the Finance Committee to defer review of the Financial Regulations until the next meeting.

### **372.12 Councillor Vacancies**

The clerk advised that he had received one application. It was resolved to interview the candidate on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 10am.

It was resolved to re-advertise the remaining vacancy in the Focus Magazine, on the council web site and noticeboards and on the council Facebook page.

### **373.13 Flag Flying Diary**

Cllr Orme sought approval for the proposed diary for 2025 and asked for permission to do a stock take of flags and purchase replacements as required. It was resolved to accept.

## **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **374.13 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives**

Cllr Hayes reported on an email received from Sgt Jones asking if the council would be prepared to make a grant of £150 towards the provision of two e-bikes. Council asked for more information on where these would be used and stored and it was resolved to review further at the next meeting.

### **375.14 Reports from Wyre councillors**

Cllr Rimmer advised that the Historic Contamination from ICI report has now been issued. There will be a public meeting at Thornton Football Club on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 to discuss.

Cllr Rimmer advised that there is a free tree scheme at Wyre Estuary Country Park on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January. Anyone looking to do this needs to register on the website first.

### **376.15 Clerk's report**

The clerk reported that a response has been received from Lancashire County Council on requests for possible speed calming measure on Rosemount Ave and the placement of bollards outside the old NatWest bank. Both of these requests had been turned down. It was resolved that the clerk will write again on a regular basis to get these decisions reviewed.

### **377.16 Mayor's report**

Nothing to report.

### **378.17 Questions to councillors**

Cllr Johnson asked if a meeting of the Personnel Committee could be called. The committee needs a new chair following the resignation of Cllr Woods and the clerk requires a six month review of his probation period. It was resolved that the clerk arrange this for February.

**379.18 Items for next agenda**

The next full council meeting will be held **on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 starting at 7pm** - councillors are asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda and provide updates from working groups by notifying the clerk **in writing by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025** at the latest. The item should specify the business which it is proposed be transacted, in such a way that the members who receive it can identify the matters which they will be expected to discuss i.e. it needs to specify what the proposal is and that a decision is required or whether the item is for information only.