



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.00pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

Present: Cllrs T Johnson (Deputy Mayor), P Orme, K Shepherd, K Woods, J Jenkinson and K Tunstall, C Rimmer, S Dobbie and R Drobny
Also present – 2 Members of the public and the Locum Clerk

126.1 Apologies Cllr Lewin

Cllr Johnson started the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year

127.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

As all Councillors lived in the Town a dispensation was allowed for all to enable discussion regarding the Precept.

128.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 3th November 2023 and 11th December 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meetings were approved as a true record except for Zebra Crossing should read Zebra on minutes from 11th December.

129.4 Public participation

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow non-councillors to speak.

Neither of the members of the public wished to speak at the meeting.

It was resolved that the meeting recommence.

130.5 Planning Applications

Application Number: 23/01130/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective change of use of agricultural land to form extended domestic curtilage and erection of shed

Location: Sand Lea 211 Pilling Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

It was resolved that the Council would not object to this application, however, they did have concerns that the application had been made retrospectively.

131.6 Finance

6.1 The balances on the 2 main bank accounts were noted by the Councillors.

6.2 The Receipts for the Mayors Charity of £80 was acknowledged.

6.3 The payments listed below were noted:

Payment	Method	Amount
Elan City – Speed Indicator Devices	BACS	5,615.98
Microsoft	BACS	9.48
Fordstone General Store	BACS	150.00
Preesall Bloomers	BACS	500.00
Salaries	BACS	1,788.48
J Redman – Christmas Electric	BACS	60.00
D Stuart – Christmas Electric	BACS	30.00
Easy Websites	DD	71.28
Telephone	DD	9.00
HMRC	BACS	288.23
LCC Pensions	SO	580.55

It was resolved to accept the above payments as true expenditure for Preesall Town Council.

6.4 It was resolved that the Bank Reconciliations from April 2023 to November 2023 be accepted as a true reflection of the Town Council business.

6.5 Following recommendation by the Finance Committee it was resolved that the Council would request a Precept of £100,109 for the financial year 2024/25.

6.6 Following recommendation by the Finance Committee it was resolved that there was no current action to take on the Budget review to 31st December 2023.

6.7 It was resolved that the Council would transfer £50,000 to a high interest bond within the Hampshire Bank. It was further resolved to transfer £30,000 from the Virgin Bank Account to Hampshire.

132.7 Events

It was resolved that as the Council did not plan to raise funds via Crowdfunding no one would attend the Crowdfunding event on 11th January. It was further resolved that Cllrs Orme and Drobny would attend the LANPAC event on the 28th February.

133.8 SPIDs Project

Cllr Shepherd reported that she had met with LCC and was waiting for the Engineers Department to approve the post placement. It was resolved that there would be 7

posts installed with a solar panel for each post. It was further resolved that a further 2 cameras be purchased.

It was resolved that the Clerk would check with the Lengthskeeper and Plantsperson to see if they would be happy to move the SPIDs around and to attend a course for working at height.

Thanks were passed on to Cllr Shepherd for her work on this project and for Cllr Jemkonson for his contribution.

134.9 Document Review

It was resolved that the following documents be accepted en masse for approval for 2024.

Community Engagement Strategy

Grievance Policy

Disciplinary Policy

Co-option Policy

135.10 Co-option of Councillors Update

It was resolved that an advert be included within the Green Book, a notice placed on the noticeboards and added to Facebook. Deadline for applications to be with Clerk by 9th February 2024.

136.11 Library List

Cllr Johnson circulated a list of dates for attendance at the Library for Councillors to fill in with their availability. The Clerk took the list to create in electronic format and circulate.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

137.12 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Orme reported that he had been put under pressure to split Knott End and Preesall into 2 entries for BKV Competition. Following discussion it was agreed that the entry would be as one area.

138.13 Reports from Wyre councillors

It was reported that a call had been issued for sites to be identified for development, the project starts on 9th January with a consultation in summer 2024. Also the Wyre Local Plan was to be reviewed. There is to be some proposed boundary changes put forward and the Lancashire Devolution bill had been signed off.

139.14 Clerk's report

Items not covered above.

The Clerk reported that Mayor Lewin had decided not to stand as Mayor for a further year and therefore a new Mayor was required for 2024/25.

The Clerk had received complaints regarding parking in the town. It was agreed that the Clerk would put a piece in the Green Book, inform the police and contact building site asking for workers to park on site.

140.15 Mayor's report

Deputy Mayor Johnson reported that there was to be a Mayday event on 6th May 2024 similar to Teddy Bears picnic held in 2023.

Cllr Johnson asked the Council to consider recognising International Womens day on 8th March. It was agreed that Councillors would approach local Womens Groups to identify any interest.

141.16 Questions to councillors

Cllr Woods requested guidance a to how a Mayor is elected at PTC. It was agreed that Cllr Drobny produce a draft Policy document.

An update was requested on the land transfer, Cllr Orme reported that he had chased the Solicitors and it was in the hands of the donators solicitors. The garage acquisition was in the hands of Land Registry.

A discussion took place regarding changing the future dates of January meetings but it was felt that this was unnecessary as the January 24 meeting happened to fall at an awkward point following new year. Perhaps consider if similar issues arise in future.

Cllr Orme asked the Council to consider contributing to or getting involved in Bourne Arms Fireworks event. Need to put on agenda nearer the time.

142.17 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held on 12th February **2024 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 1st February 2024** 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.

There being no further business the mayor closed the meeting at 20.25.