



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 12th February 2024 at 7.00pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

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

143.1 Apologies Cllrs Lewin and Shepherd

144.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Nil

145.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 8th January 2024

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meetings were approved as a true record.

146.4 Public participation

No members of the public present.

147.5 Planning Applications

Deadline 1st February therefore responses received via email

Application Number: 23/01143/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a building for ancillary living accommodation, following demolition of existing dilapidated agricultural building, and change of use of land from agricultural to residential use.

Location: Orchard Cottage Fluke Hall Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire

No objection to this application although one Councillor had concerns regarding the increased potential risk of flooding as Development is within Flood Level 3 area.

Application Number: 24/00097/FUL

Proposal: Change of Use from retail (Class E) with residential accommodation above to hot food takeaway with owners/workers accommodation above (Sui Generis). Work to include the installation of a flue extract to the side of the property

Location: 2 Wyre View Knott End-on-sea Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0AE

It was resolved that the Council would not object to this application.

148.6 Finance

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

Unity - £89,516.76

Virgin – 85,014.74

6.2 The Receipts for the Wyre Christmas Lighting Grant £3,900 and LCC PROW Scheme £800.

6.3 The payments listed below were noted:

Payment	Method	Amount
Elan City – Speed Indicator Devices	BACS	1,337.30
Microsoft	BACS	9.48
Lengthsman Expenses	BACS	59.07
PRS Christmas Lighting	BACS	9,504.00
Salaries	BACS	2,998.15
Towers & Gornall	BACS	422.40
David Ogilvie Shelters and Benches	BACS	44,582.40
Easy Websites	DD	71.28
Telephone	DD	9.00
Elan City SPIDs	BACS	5,615.98
LCC Pensions	SO	566.10
N White Plantsman	BACS	300.00
Brunel Engraving	BACS	77.40

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 to 31st December 2023 be accepted as a true reflection of the Town Council business.

6.5 It was resolved that Mayor Lewin would continue as payment approver despite resigning from the Finance Committee. This is to cover until additional signatories be added to the Banking Mandate

6.6 Following recommendation by the Finance Committee it was resolved that the Locum Clerk be added to the Unity Mandate.

149.7 Internal Auditor

The Locum Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor for previous years would not be able to carry out the audit for 2023/24. The Clerk asked for recommendations and would continue to investigate options.

150.8 Bench Policy Review

It was resolved that the updated Bench Policy for 2024 be accepted.

151.9 Co-option of Councillors

It was resolved that the 3 candidates be interviewed on 24th February 2024 from 0am through to 11.30.

152.10 Mayor for the civic year 2024/25

It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Tony Johnson be elected as Mayor for 2024/25.

153.11 Arrangements for Civic Sunday 2024

Cllr Johnson suggested that Civic Sunday be on 14th July 2024, this coincided with Sea Sunday.

154.12 Arrangements for Annual Town Meeting 2024

It was resolved that the Annual Town Meeting be held on 8th April. It was requested that this event be added to entry for the "Green Book". It was further resolved that the Mayor Making would take place on 13th May 2024.

155.13 Update from Minutes dated 9th October 2023

The Clerk reported that it was confirmed by Leanne Murray that when addressing the Council regarding the set up of Hope Community Care Hub, she informed the Council that it was deemed that a CIC Limited Company was not in the residents best interests. Back minutes cannot be changed but this is to acknowledge the mistake.

156.14 LANTRA Training Dates

The Clerk reported that Cllr Dobbie has been allocated a place on the Training on 8th March and Cllrs Tunstall and Drobny on the 18th April. It was requested that the allocations for Cllr Dobbie and Tunstall be swapped.

157.15 Allocation of Affordable Housing

Cllr reported that he had concerns over the allocation of Affordable Housing in Preesall. He reported that the proper checks had not been completed, allocations had been given before the properties were advertised and a house had even been allocated because the occupier wanted an alternative layout to the current property. Cllr Rimmer raised similar concern as local resident was unable to obtain a property. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the relevant agencies to raise concerns and to ask for details of volumes of properties and how they had been allocated

158.16 SPID Project

Cllr Orme reported that the Council now had 4 cameras and 7 solar panels but were waiting for the LCC Engineers report.

The Clerk was asked to produce a letter to be distributed to residents living near a SPID post.

159.17 Great British Spring Clean

It was resolved that the Town Council would hold a litter pick on Saturday 16th March starting at 9am starting at the Youth Centre.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

160.18 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Orme reported that he had attended the Wyre LALC Meeting on 31st January. Presentations were delivered by Sean Turner, Rebecca Huddleston and the Police. Dave Sharples had acted as Secretary for many years but had now resigned and an alternative Secretary had been found.

The Gala Committee were having a Space theme. They were also looking for some storage, it was suggested that, once the garage had been finalised there may be able to offer up some storage space.

Cllr Jenkinson reported that the Library had purchased some programmable lego with the Council donation and it was proving to be very popular.

Mayday Festival – Carters School, Singleton Cloggers and Leyland Morris men had all confirmed their involvement in the event

161.19 Reports from Wyre councillors

It was reported that the Local Plan Consultation would take place during June 24. To include details on infrastructure, roads and housing. A survey on Biodiversity was available for all to respond to. The Quarry enquiry is due in June/July 24.

162.20 Clerk's report

Everything covered above

163.21 Mayor's report

No report received

164.22 Questions to councillors

Cllr Drobny asked Cllr Rimmer regarding a concern he had regarding that state of the Roslyn Avenue. He reported that there were pot holes and dips, very severe and a lack of lighting for pedestrians, increasing the risk of a trip hazard. It was reported that this had been reported 2 years ago by Cllr Salter. It was felt that the condition of the roads were unacceptable and that pressure needed to be put on LCC.

Cllr Drobny also raised issue of illuminated signs on seafront and he believed that this was in contravention of Planning process. Clerk to add to March Agenda

165 23 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held on 11th March **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 29th 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 Deputy Mayor closed the meeting.