



PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs J Lewin (Mayor), P Orme, K Woods, J Jenkinson, C Rimmer, K Shepherd and R Drobny, S Dobbie

Also present – the Locum Clerk and 3 members of the public

184.1 Apologies Cllrs K Tunstall, S Ward, A Hayes and T Johnson

185.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllr Rimmer declared that she was on the Gala Committee.

186.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 11th March 2024

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meetings were not approved as a true record and would be approved in May following some amendments.

187.4 Public participation

No public present

188.5 Planning Applications

There were no applications for consideration at this meeting but 2 had been considered between meetings. No objections were raised:

Application Number: 24/00203/FUL

Proposal: Proposed erection of 1 no agricultural livestock and storage building

Location: 2 Fernbreck Cottages Back Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

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

189.6 Quarry Planning Update

The meeting for this application is due in June or July, still not confirmed. Cllr Rushforth is collating discussion points but gaps need to be filled in.

189.7 Potential Preesall and Knott End Market

This issue has been discussed at a previous meeting. Concerns are:

Where to hold market safely and with parking without road closure.

Concern re taking business from existing shops although it was reported that in Poulton footfall increased on market day and existing shops also saw benefit.

Craft stalls are not favoured, residents want traditional stalls.

It was resolved that the Town Council would support a market if someone was prepared to manage it but Council did not want to take the lead.

190.8 Finance

9.1 The balances on the 2 main bank accounts as at 29th February 2024 were noted by the Councillors.

Unity - £24,722.60

Virgin – 84,903.66

9.2 The payments listed below were noted:

Payroll	BACS 453, 454, 455	Unity	2,543.49
Lengthsman's expenses (on behalf of council)	BACS 456	Unity	7.20
848 Services (Microsoft 365)	BACS 457	Unity	9.48
Nick White - Plantsman	BACS 458	Unity	300.00
Clerk reimbursement Hi Viz jackets	BACS 459	Unity	214.80
Zurich Insurance	BACS 460	Unity	917.83
BRP Benches	BACS 461	Unity	2,746.56
Brunel Engraving	BACS 462	Unity	55.08
Rialtas Accounting Software	BACS 463	Unity	230.40
Smith of Derby Clock Service	BACS 464	Unity	315.60

a) To note the following payments by direct debit		
3 (mobile phone contract) to 31 July	Unity	9.00
Easy Web Sites (hosting fee, SSL certificate)	Virgin	76.56
LCC (Pensiom contributions)	Virgin	443.36

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

9.3 Bank Reconciliations

It was resolved that the Bank Reconciliations from to 29th February 2024 be accepted as a true reflection of the Town Council business.

9.4 Budget Review

It was resolved to accept the end of year budget comparison, no actions required at this time.

9.5 Annual Return

The Clerk reported that the Annual return and associated documents were incomplete as the final bank statements had not been received.

9.6 Self-watering Planters

There was no current appetite to purchase planters unless the Council was to be approached by the Town Bloom Group.

9.7 Sponsorship of Pilling Band

It was resolved that the Band be invited to apply to the Council for a Grant to help support ongoing costs.

191.9 Internal Auditor

The Locum Clerk reported that she had identified a potential Internal Auditor for 23/24. The Company was based in Wales and the cost would be £645. It was resolved that the Clerk engage the Internal Auditor for 2023/24.

191.10 Pothole Inspection

Cllr Woods reported that she had attended a pothole inspection in the town with Cllr Salter. A number of potholes were identified and raised with LCC Highways. Some of the worst ones had been raised as emergencies.

192.11 Decorating Phone Box for Gala

It was resolved that the Phone box be decorated as a tardis. Astro signs had been approached to provide a quote for the work. Cllrs to be encouraged to dress in Dr Who themed fancy dress.

193.12 SPID Project

The order for the posts had has been submitted to LCC.

194.13 Heritage Shelters

It was resolved that the Clerk be given approval to engage with a new supplier if price could be agreed at less than previous approved cost.

195.14 Code of Conduct Training

The Clerk asked for names of Cllrs to attend the Training. Cllr Johnson put his name forward.

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196.15 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Personnel Update – The Clerk has now submitted her resignation and therefore an advert

for a replacement Clerk can be released to Green Book, Website and Facebook.
It was resolved that the Clerk to arrange for flowers for Andrea up to the sum of £50.

It was reported that the work around the Cenotaph had started.

The company Green Thumb previously helped to judge In Bloom and offered to cut grass behind library but would want to put up signs. Add to May agenda.

197.16 Reports from Wyre councillors

Cllr Rimmer reported that there was to be a Local Plan review in June/July and that there was to be a Roadshow for Clerks to attend.

198.17 Clerk's report

Everything covered above

199.18 Mayor's report

Mayor Lewin had given a report at the Annual Town Meeting and there was nothing further to add

199.19 Questions to councillors

Nil

200.20 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held on 13th May **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 2nd May 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.