



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 13th May 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, A Hayes, K Tunstall, S Ward
Also present – the Locum Clerk and 3 members of the public

201.1 Apologies Cllr A Johnson

202.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllr Woods declared that she was involved with the Bloomers.

203.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 11th March (updated) and 8th April 2024

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

204.4 Public participation

No contribution from the public

205.5 Planning Applications

Application Number: 24/00185/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of existing outbuildings with external works to create two dwellings (C3), demolition of buildings, change of use of land to residential use and associated landscaping/carparking and internal access road

Location: Willowgrove Park Sandy Lane Preesall Lancashire

It was resolved that there were no objections to this application.

206.6 Quarry Planning Update

The meeting for this application is due in June or July, still not confirmed.

207.7 Mayor for the civic year 2024/25

The Mayor Cllr Lewin wished Cllr Johnson well in his ongoing recovery.

Cllr Orme (Prop Cllr Shepherd and Seconded Cllr Ward) and Cllr Drobny (prop Cllr Hayes and seconded Cllr Tunstall) were proposed to fulfil the Mayor role in the 2024/25 Civic year. Cllr Orme was chosen following a vote of 6 votes to Cllr Orme and 5 votes Cllr Drobny.

Cllr Orme requested that Cllr Rimmer be chosen as Deputy Mayor, this she accepted.

208.8 Document Review

The Investment Strategy was accepted following some amendments.

209.9 Kelly's Corner

A discussion took place regarding the HOT from Wyre Council. Cllr Drobny raised concerns that, if the Town Council pay for any upgrades eg accessible access, a position that should have been implemented by Wyre Council it would be a case of double taxation. Cllr Rimmer suggested that the Council may apply for a grant towards the required upgrade but that it should not be conditional. Cllr Shepherd reported that the request to make the area accessible had been made over a number of years and Wyre had not implemented any changes. Cllr Orme suggested that using local trades may mean that the job could be done cheaper. A concern was raised regarding the Insurance requirement. Cllr Lewin suggested that a sign to let people know it had been upgraded by the Town Council should be erected.

It was proposed by Cllr Orme, seconded by Cllr Shepherd and following a vote resolved that the Town Council would go ahead with the agreement, Cllr Lewin signed the HOT document.

210.10 Searches for Micks garage

It was resolved that the searches be requested for Micks Garage at a cost of £903.25.

211.11 Land on Pilling Lane

Awaiting for the validity of ownership from the Solicitors although this was the case in a 2001 planning application. The front area to be passive with the back active. It was resolved that Cllr Jenkinson take the lead on the Project and for the Council to consider reinstating the Environmental Working party.

212.12 Wyre Local Plan Consultation Update

Drop in event planned for issues and options.

(Following meeting these have been put on hold until after the elections on the 4th July.

213.13 Finance

Councillors noted

13.1 Bank statements balances Unity 30th April 2024 £32,073.77 and Virgin 31st March 2024 £84,389.02

13.2 Cllrs noted and approved payments made for May 2024 and further noted receipt of Precept

13.3 Agreed as a correct record the bank reconciliations to 31st March 2024 both year to date and monthly and resolve any actions.

13.4 Resolved to implement payrise for Lengthsperson in line with their contract.

13.5 Resolved to accept and fund applications for Councillor Training.

13.6 Considered the Grant application from Pilling Silver Jubilee Band for £500 but wanted more information in line with the Council grant policy

214.14 SPID Project

It was resolved that the Council purchase a further 3 SPIDs and agree funding for the erection

215.15 Heritage Shelters

It was reported that Wyre Council had agreed to install the shelters.

216.16 Code of Conduct Training

The Clerk reminded Councillors about the free Code of Conduct Training to be held on 30th May.

217.17 Library Grassed Area

It was resolved to allow the company Green Thumb to take over maintenance of the grassed area near the Library and to allow them to advertise that they are doing it by erecting a sign/signs.

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218.18 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Wyre Area LALC Meeting – It was reported that the guest speaker was from Highways England discussing Motorway access and the Local Bypass. A discussion took place where it was highlighted that it was quicker to go to Skippool and come back on yourself rather than follow the official signs taking you back to Singleton Crossroads.

219.19 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.

220.20 Clerk's report

Everything covered above

221.21 Mayor's report

Mayor Lewin reported that she had attended the Over Wyre Choir and the Churches Together events.

Mayor Lewin thanked Cllr Tunstall, Hayes and Drobny for their help towards her fundraising event where she raised £1,026.29

222.22 Questions to councillors

Cllr Woods reported that the Bloomers had dug up the Cenotaph roses and planted them in tubs.

Cllr Drobny raised concern that developers were allowed to erect signs for their sites without approval. Cllr reported that he had raised this at LALC (who queried with LCC) and was informed that it was usually by agreement. There is a concern about sign pollution.

223.23 **Items for next agenda**

The next full council meeting will be held on 10th June **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 30th 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.