



**PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held  
on Monday 11 November 2019  
at 7.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community  
Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall**

**Present:** Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), B Burn, A Cropper, J Cropper, R Drobny,  
T Johnson, K Nicholls, N Patrick, A Tarpey-Black, L Woodhouse, K Woods.

**In attendance:** Alison May, clerk to the town council; 3 members of the public.

**144a(1) Apologies for absence**

Cllr D Williams

**144b(1) Absent without apology**

None

**145(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations**

Cllr Woods – planning applications 19/01056/FUL and 19/01057/ADV; item 16 as  
chairman of gala committee.

**146(3) Minutes of the last meeting**

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held  
on 14 October 2019.

**147(4) Public participation**

*At the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting at 7.02pm  
to allow non-councillors to speak.*

- A member of the public cautioned the council regarding the proposal to declare a  
climate emergency as there are many people who believe this doesn't exist. The  
language used is believed to be emotive and could potentially cause knee-jerk  
reactions with greater negative far-reaching consequences.
- A member of the public had recently moved to the area and had come to the  
meeting to see what happens.
- A member of the public gave a detailed description of the flooding issues at the  
bottom of Cartgate and action being taken to mitigate the risk. The council was  
informed of the ill health of some of the residents and the involvement of the wider  
community in aiding the flood action group. The need for sandbags and storage in  
which to keep them safe and dry was explained, with councillors being asked to look  
favourably on the grant request from the FLAG to provide funding for the storage  
containers.

*At the conclusion of the public participation and at the request of the Mayor,  
councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting at 7.20pm.*

**148(5) Planning applications****Application Number: 19/01056/FUL****Proposal:** Partial change of use of forecourt to retail (A1)**Location:** 390 Park Lane, Preesall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 0LT**Resolved:** to object on the grounds of highway safety. Unsuitability of vehicle access arrangements, particularly when locking and unlocking the gates; safety of pedestrians; parking arrangements. (0 in favour, 6 against, 5 abstention).**Application Number: 19/01057/ADV****Proposal:** Advertisement consent for 2 freestanding, non-illuminated signs**Location:** 390 Park Lane, Preesall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire FY6 0LT.**Resolved:** the council raised no objections to the proposal. (7 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstention).**Application Number: 19/01077/FUL****Proposal:** Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on application 17/00236/FUL to introduce elevational changes to the previous approved dwelling**Location:** Land adj to Brandlehow, Nicksons Lane, Preesall, Lancashire FY6 0NY.**Resolved:** the council was unanimous in raising no objections to the proposal.**149(6) Finance**Councillors **resolved:**

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| <b>a) To note</b> receipts in October<br>Current account | 71.50 |
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| <b>b) To approve</b> the following payments: | <b>Cheque</b> |         |
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| Royal British Legion (inv.02/19(PCN05))      | 300009        | 17.00   |
| FOKEL – grant award                          | 300010        | 250.00  |
| Preesall FLAG – grant award                  | 300011        | 323.12  |
| Young at Heart – grant award                 | 300012        | 250.00  |
| Viking (inv. 684092)                         | BACS          | 28.33   |
| Viking (inv. 688286)                         | BACS          | 13.85   |
| Mrs Y McCann (Inv. dated 5.11.19)            | 0048          | 45.44   |
| <b>To note</b> the following payments:       |               |         |
| Payroll                                      | BACS          | 3455.13 |
| Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)      | BACS          | 153.28  |
| 848 Services (Inv. £9.48)                    | BACS          | 9.48    |
| Mrs Y McCann (Inv. dated 4.11.19)            | 00047         | 45.96   |

| <b>c) To note</b> the following payments by direct debit |        |
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| Easy Web Sites (hosting fee, SSL certificate)            | 46.80  |
| O2 (mobile phone contract)                               | 14.70  |
| LCC (contributions)                                      | 981.07 |

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| LCC (deficit) | 8.33 |
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| <b>d) To note</b> the statement of accounts for month ending 31 October |  |
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## 150(7) Committees and working groups

### i Civic events committee

Councillors **noted** the committee had met at 10.30am on 14 October and 4 November and

- a) the minutes of the civic events committee held on 14 October.
- b) the chair of the November meeting informed councillors that work was progressing re the Star Awards trophy, and VE Day75 arrangements. Commonwealth Day arrangements to be finalised once the 2020 theme is known.

Councillors **resolved**:

- c) i) to purchase two Union flags, one flag of St George and an Armed Forces Day flag.  
ii) that a more permanent presence be maintained on the flagpole at the Battle of Britain memorial. The council to commission a Preesall Town Council flag that would be flown through the summer months on non-specific flag days if the clerk confirms that it is possible to fly a non-union flag.

### ii Finance committee

Councillors **noted** the committee had met at 9.30am on 14 October and 4 November.

- a) the minutes of the finance committee held on 14 October.
- b) the chair of the November meeting informed councillors that a full review of the budget had been completed and the committee recommendation was to accept the draft.

## 151(8) Tourism

Cllr Johnson presented his paper on tourism to the council stating that it was the start of a series of discussions. He asked councillors to consider whether the council wished to promote tourism and to pass ideas back to him prior to the next meeting for further discussion. He suggested - building on the motorcycle visits with a show in the first two weeks of June (Lancashire police, Blood bikes, ROSPA etc); approaching the sports hall re an in-door farmers' market.

Cllr Pattrick circulated a mock-up of an information leaflet she had prepared on the village. It was agreed that this be brought to the December meeting for discussion. It was further **resolved** that the council would hold an extraordinary meeting in the New Year specifically to discuss tourism.

## 152(9) Siting of storage container at Jubilee Gardens

Councillors raised concerns regarding the visual appearance of a container at the Jubilee Garden. Councillors **resolved** to accept Cllr Orme's proposal to withdraw the agenda item and for the clerk and others to investigate alternative options for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

### **153(10) Draft budget for 2020/2021**

The clerk talked councillors through the items on the budget that had increased since last year and were yet to be agreed.

**Resolved:** to accept the first draft of the budget and for it to be brought back to council once further monthly expenditure was known.

### **154(11) Policy documents**

#### **i Volunteers policy**

**Resolved:** to adopt the volunteers' policy and form as per the draft presented to councillors.

#### **ii Grant application policy**

**Resolved:** to adopt the updated grant application policy that had been updated to reflect the council's use of the General Power of Competence subject to additional wording stating that the council's deliberations on the grant applications would be done in closed council.

### **155(12) Appointment of internal auditor**

**Resolved:** to appoint Edwina Parry as the internal auditor for year ending 31/3/2020 at a fee of £150. To note the internal audit requirements for 2020 and to approve the terms of reference for the internal audit.

### **156(13) Grant applications**

Councillors considered the following applications and determined whether a grant should be made.

#### **i Friends of Knott End Library (FOKEL) grant application**

**Resolved:** that a grant of £250 be made; to be put towards the purchase of equipment such as Lego, the provision of the memory café, young people's self-awareness sessions and generally attracting the whole community to use the library.

#### **ii Preesall Flood Action Group (FLAG) grant application**

**Resolved:** that a grant of £322.12 be made; to be put towards the purchase of two grit bins for the storage of sandbags at Sunnyside Terrace. This would enable the bags to be kept in a safe, dry store and aid distribution at times of flooding.

#### **iii Young at Heart (YAH) grant application**

**Resolved:** that a grant of £250 be made to fund a day trip for the group to promote social interaction and improve the wellbeing of members, some of whom have mobility issues.

### **157(14) Signage request**

**Resolved:** that the council could not assist with the cost of the signage.

### **158(15) Councillor library sessions in 2020**

Councillors completed the library attendance diary up to the end of June 2020.

**Resolved:** that an item be placed on the June agenda to discuss the effectiveness of the library attendance and attendance for the new year.

**159(16) Trophy sponsorship**

**Resolved:** That the council would sponsor a trophy in the name of Gordon McCann. Monies set aside (£250) at an earlier resolution for a memorial to be allocated to the purchase of a trophy/trophies. Cllr Pattrick to investigate options for agreement at a later date.

**160(17) Climate emergency**

It was agreed that the title was emotive with a suggestion that it become an eco town, however, as climate emergency was the nationally accepted phraseology the council retained that wording

**Resolved:** that Preesall Town Council would declare a climate emergency. In practice this would mean that the decisions it makes take into account the impact on the environment. This includes comments it makes regarding planning applications.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**161(18) Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives**

Co-op – the sponsored head shave in Knott End raised £898.

Best Kept Village – in future there would be better standardisation of marking with judges working to tighter controls.

Gala – six councillors had attended the AGM with some volunteering to become committee members. Items such as the length of the parade, traffic problems and ignorant drivers had been mentioned. The gala queen for next year had been selected, with the 2020 theme being ‘your favourite decade’. The next meeting to be on 13 November at 6.30pm. Xmas band concert on Friday 6 December at 7.30pm – tickets £6.00.

KE light railway – still fundraising.

Halite/Brine watch - Documentation on dust reduction is on Wyre planning site.

The mayor asked councillors to approve a 15-minute extension – **resolved** all in favour

Health – Self Care week from 18 November. A significant number of appointments had been missed at the surgery with patients being urged to cancel if they are unable to attend.

A number of courses on prostate cancer available – anyone interested to contact Cllr Johnson.

Highways – Issues have been passed to Cty Cllr Salter. Meeting has taken place on A588 between Cty Cllrs, LCC and Head of Highways re safety improvements.

Coniston sink hole being looked at by United Utilities and LCC. Work outside Pilling Lane school to be completed at Christmas. Improvements to Pilling Lane near Hi-Fly and Lancaster Road outside the church being chased by Cty Cllr Salter.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee) – attended AGM, presentation by health authority.

Preesall Youth and Community Association – New bin in situ outside the centre.

Planning Ambassador – Cllr Burn had attended the planning committee.

Wyre Flood Forum – Water retention measures on Preesall Hill being investigated. Still waiting for walk round on Meadow Avenue.

Wyre In Bloom – the team was thrilled to have been awarded another gold medal

Christmas Fair – Planning well under way. Lantern event could have as many as 150 attending, further lantern making with Rainbows/Brownies and at Messy Church. Councillors offered to assist with stewarding on 30 November – to liaise with clerk.

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### **162(19) Verbal reports from Wyre councillors**

The phone box at the junction of Park Lane and Sandy Lane is to be de-commissioned. An item will be on December agenda for councillors to consider if they wish to adopt it.

The Wyre Council lottery will be launched later this year.

### **163(20) Clerk's report**

Councillors **noted** the information contained in the clerk's report:

#### **Lengthsman's report**

No report available

### **Banking**

The completed new forms for RBS have been uploaded and confirmation of receipt has been received. The bank aimed to respond by 8 November.

### **Tree charter**

The council has now signed up to the tree charter and has become a Charter Branch:

For more information on the 10 principles see - <https://treecharter.uk/>

### **Tree planting**

Two rowan trees have been ordered for the 30 November tree planting ceremony to mark the long service of retired councillors Jean Mutch and Rosina Lawson.

### **Mobile phone contract**

This has now been renewed on a business rate sim-only basis with O2 at a gross cost of £10.20 per month for 24 months. The new phone will be purchased once new deals become available towards Christmas.

### **Festive light grant application**

The grant application forms, for assistance with the cost of this year's festive lights, have been issued to Wyre Council. A decision on whether the council will be awarded the funds is expected by the end of November.

### **North West coastal access**

The issue of the report for the Silverdale to Cleveleys stretch of coastal access - scheduled for this autumn - has been postponed until January following the announcement of a general election.



### **Dementia Friends**

At the October meeting the council resolved to become a dementia-friendly organisation with the health leads tasked with looking at how this would work in practice. At the recent Local Events Organisers' Network meeting at Wyre, attended by the clerk and Cllr Woods, the topic was raised for LEON members with an offer of training. This chairman of LEON – Chris Wyatt – is a fully qualified trainer for becoming a dementia friend and has indicated that a training session for all Preesall councillors could be carried out through Wyre.

Councillors indicated they would be interested in attending and asked the clerk to investigate further.

Cllr Johnson raised the issue of an incident in the village where someone had tied their dog to a metal chair. The dog had become frightened and had injured someone when by dragging the chair when it tried to escape. Cllr Orme said he would speak with those concerned.

Cllr Johnson said he had been approached by residents wishing to do something with the alley between Lune View and Clarence Avenue. The clerk was asked to make enquiries regarding which is highway and which is alley.

### **164(21) Mayor's report**

The Mayor informed councillors that he had attended St. Aidan's senior awards ceremony and that he would be attending the sports hall AGM on 20 November.

### **165(22) Questions to councillors**

Cllr Burn thanked those who had been involved with Remembrance Sunday and asked that if anyone had ideas for improvement, they should pass them to him.

Cllr Nicholls asked what had happened to the money donated by Cllr Williams. She was informed that it had been cashed in when a visit had been made to Morrisons in Cleveleys and that there would be an item on the December agenda to decide what should happen to it.

### **166(23) Items for next agenda**

The next meeting will be held on 9 December 2019 at 6.00pm - councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda and provide updates from working groups by notifying the clerk **in writing by Thursday 28 November** at the latest. Items to 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 either what the proposal is and that a decision is required or whether the item is for information only.

Councillors were reminded that there would be a tree planting ceremony at the Jubilee Garden at 2.00pm on Saturday 30 November.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 10.30pm.