



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on
Monday 11 April 2022 at 7.00pm at Preesall and
Knott End Youth and Community Centre**

Present: Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), R Drobny, T Johnson, S Jepson, J Lewin, N Patrick, B Renwick, S Rossall, K Shepherd, K Woods.

In attendance: Alison May, clerk to the town council.

173a(1) Apologies for absence – Cllr A Tarpey-Black, Cllr D Williams.

173b(1) Absent without apology – none.

The council held a two-minute silence in memory of the late Rosina Lawson who had previously served as a town councillor for 34 years.

174(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr Johnson re agenda item 16 as his wife had made a nomination. Cllr Renwick and Cllr Shepherd re planning application 22/00256/COUQ as live within the locality. Cllr Jepson re agenda item 8.

175(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2022.

176(4) Public participation

As no members of the public were present it was resolved to move to agenda item 5.

177(5) Planning applications

Application Number: 21/01100/FUL

Proposal: Formation of rear balcony over existing flat roof (resubmission of 21/00120/FUL)

Location: 21 Kingston Close Knott End-On-Sea Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0DJ.

Resolved: the council was unanimous in raising no objections to the proposed development.

Application Number: 21/01494/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one Archery canopy & one Air Rifle canopy (retrospective) and the siting of two containers to be used as shower & toilet blocks for the users of the Archery & Air Rifle facilities

Location: Selbys Pig Farm Little Tongues Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire.

Resolved: the council was unanimous in raising no objections to the proposed development.

Application Number: 22/00136/COUQ

Proposal: Prior approval for proposed change of use of four existing agricultural buildings to five dwellinghouses under Class Q of the GDPO

Location: Park Cottage Farm Cemetery Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire.

Resolved: the council raised no objections to the proposed development on condition that a suitable flood risk assessment be provided showing the mitigations to be put in place relevant to each of the proposed dwellinghouses (4 in favour, 2 against, 4 abstentions).

Application Number: 22/00157/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory

Location: 59 Coniston Avenue Knott End-On-Sea Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0DR.

Resolved: the council raised no objections to the proposed development (9 in favour, 1 abstention).

Application Number: 22/00165/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one dwellinghouse and creation of new vehicular access on to Back Lane

Location: Land south-west of Green Scar Cottage Back Lane Preesall.

Resolved: the council raised no objections to the proposed development (8 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention).

Application Number: 22/00203/FUL

Proposal: Front dormer and creation of a rear balcony

Location: 35 Hawkshead Road Knott End-On-Sea Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0QE.

Resolved: the council was unanimous in raising no objections to the proposed development.

Application Number: 22/00256/COUQ

Proposal: Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to two dwelling houses (C3) with building operations under Class Q of the GDPO

Location: Thornton House Farm 227 Pilling Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde.

Resolved: the council raised no objections to the proposed development (8 in favour, 2 abstention).

Application Number: 22/00264/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a front dormer, 'hip to gable' extension and rendering of external walls

Location: 6 Eskdale Grove Knott End-On-Sea Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0DH Lancashire.

Resolved: the council raised no objections to the proposed development (9 in favour, 1 abstention)

178(6) Reports from committees and working groups

i) Finance committee

Councillors noted that the committee had met at 5.45pm in advance of the main council meeting and had authorised the April payments.

179(7) Adoption of benches

Resolved: for the clerk to write to Wyre Council and Lancashire County Council regarding the possibility of Preesall Town Council adopting benches within the township that belong to either of the two principal councils.

180(8) Letter to Jigsaw Homes

Resolved: for the clerk to write to Jigsaw Homes to remind the company of its obligations when advertising a property for a mutual exchange on Willows Close that it still has to go to residents local to Preesall and Knott End in the first instance and it is not open to anyone to bid from out of the area.

181(9) Concerns raised by public re medical appointments

Resolved: for the clerk to liaise with Cllr Lewin and write a letter to the Over Wyre Health Centre regarding the council's concerns in respect of the number of queries/complaints that it is being made aware of by members of the public. In particular, their ability to see a doctor, the recent message on the answerphone and the number of people seeking to avail themselves of the testing offered in March via the mobile unit.

182(10) Year end

Councillors noted that the finance committee will meet prior to the May monthly meeting to:

- i) conduct the quarter 4 review of budget expenditure for 2021/22.
- ii) consider section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability return and make recommendations to council regarding the audit paperwork.
- iii) The internal audit to be carried out from April and the auditor's report to be brought back to the May or June meeting.

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183(11) Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

No written reports had been received. Cllr Woods raised concerns as to the state of the road and the possibility that the gala may have to be cancelled if the potholes aren't filled in time for the procession.

Cllr Orme reported that he had asked for an amnesty re putting notices on lampposts in the run-up to the Jubilee celebrations but had not receive a response.

184(12) Verbal reports from Wyre councillors

The lack of summer events in Preesall and Knott End was raised. It was asked whether Wyre would be prepared to provide transport to activities in other parts of Wyre.

185(13) Clerk's report

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

Walking and cycling survey

Everyone is invited to take part in a survey to help shape future plans for cycling and walking in Lancashire.

Lancashire County Council wants to join up the gaps in our existing network of footpaths and cycle routes and provide safer, direct and more convenient routes.

Working in partnership with [Blackpool Council](#), they are developing Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans, providing long term solutions for our future cycling and walking networks throughout Lancashire.

A plan will be produced for each of the following seven geographical areas of the county; Central Lancashire, Ribble Valley, Hyndburn and Rossendale, Burnley and Pendle, West Lancashire, Fylde Coast and Lancaster. The Fylde coast plan will include Blackpool alongside Fylde and Wyre.

To help the council, they are asking for feedback from across the county on current cycling and walking provision in their area. They want to know what the gaps are in the network and what facilities would enable people to walk and cycle more.

[The survey will be available on the council's website until 5 May 2022.](#)

Additional design and feasibility work will be needed to take any of the proposed schemes forward.

You can find out more about the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans, and take part in the survey at www.lancashire.gov.uk/activetravel

Free community road safety resource pack

Lancashire County Council speed management has made resource packs available to all parish/town councils in Lancashire districts on completion of an order form.

The pack contains:

- 250 x bin stickers
- 1 x banner (with guidance on installation)
- 2 x adult high-vis waistcoats

A pack has been ordered on behalf of Preesall Town Council and is scheduled for delivery towards the end of April.

Questionnaire re SPIDS

Lancashire County Council is completing a survey on existing SPIDS and is hoping to use the information to determine a preferred supplier. Confirmation has been sent that Preesall Town Council currently has none, therefore no further information was requested.

Councillor invitation to gala

The gala committee has invited the Mayor-elect and councillors to the Preesall and Knott End Gala on 9 July.

Usually the Mayor attends with their consort and they are asked to help with the judging.

Council members, including the Mayor and their consort, are also invited to a light brunch at the Knott End Cafe at around 10.30 or 11am on the morning of the 9th. Councillors are welcome to join the procession and take part in the on-field activities. There is a sandwich tea offered in the sports hall after the procession.

More information will be made available nearer the time, however, the secretary would like to know how many councillors are interested in attending and if any have particular dietary requirements.

Councillors stated that anyone attending should pay for themselves and not expect the gala to cover the costs.

Councillor library sessions

Cllr Patrick reminded councillors that the existing timetable is coming to an end. Councillors signed up to a new list for the next six months, visible on the council's website under 'What's On'.

Positioning of CCTV camera

The date for members of the public to comment on the proposed positioning of the CCTV camera in Barton Square has now passed. No negative comments have been received. The view is that there should be CCTV along Lancaster Road and Barton Square. Concern was expressed at the increase in speeding motor vehicles and bikes.

Litter picking

Wyre Council has queried whether Preesall Town Council would be able to provide eight litter picking sticks for the community to use. It has been informed that the council holds 12 sticks that it makes available to community groups.

Legacy query

The solicitor dealing with the bequest to the council has requested an update regarding progress in obtaining land for a car park and a possible supplier for the bus shelter, along with the costs involved. A response has been sent advising that land for the car park has not been obtained but further discussions are being held and that a decision on the bus shelter will be made after 9 May when the new Mayor has been elected.

Cllr Woods stated that funding for this year's gala agreed back in November had yet to be paid by the trust. It was explained that the trustees were not prepared to pay out until the provision of additional car parking facilities had been investigated again. The clerk was asked to send a letter to the trustees asking for details of the costs being charged per letter, details of the exact sum of money in the bequest and a breakdown of how this has been spent so far. Also to get confirmation that the funds have been invested. Write to the solicitor and copy the trustee in.

Additional comments:

Cllr Shepherd asked when the climate change group was looking to meet and was informed that this should be taking place shortly.

Cllr Orme and Cllr Johnson informed councillors that the lack of volunteers and the unsuitability of the slope on to the beach (more than two degrees) meant that the beach buggies would not be a viable project. They were to investigate the possible creation of a 'tramper trail' and bring this back to council.

186(14) Mayor's report

None.

187(15) Questions to councillors

What is happening re the garage in Knott End? It is now being enforced by legals at Wyre.

There are still vacancies on the road closure training course. The clerk volunteered for the next course.

Certificates from the previous training course are now available for collection from Wyre.

Cllr Orme is to chase BT re hedge cutting on Lancaster Road.

Complaints have been received re the overgrown hedges on Unsworth and Fordstone Avenues.

A councillor had been asked whether it would be possible to extend the length of time for parking in the village from one hour to two hours.

The possibility of public toilets being provided in Preesall was raised. This was seen as a good idea to be discussed at the next budget setting. Cllr Orme to investigate costings for an extension to the youth centre to accommodate external toilets and bring the costings back to a later meeting.

Progress the signage on the Riverside Walk.

The pathway around the park has commenced.

Cllr Drobny suggested the council place a plaque on one of its benches in remembrance of Rosina Lawson. Cllr Orme to make enquires of Rosina Lawson's

family and ask whether they are placing a bench in her memory or whether the council could provide a plaque to one of its existing benches.

188(16) Star award nominations

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 - Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, the council resolved to exclude the press and public to discuss the following items:

i) – Star Award nominations – The council had received two nominations.

Resolved: to make this year's award to Jane Mary Wilcox for the multiple people she has helped throughout the last twelve months.

Future agenda item (June) re holding a 'Young Star Award'.

At the end of the session the council **resolved** to readmit the press and public.

189(17) Items for next agenda

The next meeting will be held on **9 May 2022** - 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 28 April** 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 either 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 9.11pm.