



## PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 11 January 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom video conference**

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

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

**152a(1) Apologies for absence** – Cllr Williams, Cllr Pattrick, Cllr Johnson

**152b(1) Absent without apology** – none.

### **153(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations**

Cllr Orme, planning application 20/01171/FUL.

### **154(3) Minutes of the meetings of full council**

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2020.

### **155(4) Public participation**

Councillors resolved to adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to speak at 19.10.

A member of the public approached the council with the idea of establishing a 'Growing Well' group, with a community growing area that would possibly contain an orchard, seating and an outdoor kitchen. The council was asked to consider whether there was any suitable land available and the possibility of funding in addition to external grant funding for the initiative. It is believed this would be a place to help the community heal as it would provide an opportunity for groups to meet outdoors.

*In response*, it was mentioned that the initial plans for Preesall Park had contained provision for an orchard and this could possibly be resurrected, while other community growing schemes in other locations were mentioned. The consensus was that the council should give as much support as possible to the initiative, especially if it involved children, and two councillors stated they would be interested in becoming part of the group. Possible additional funding would also be investigated by Cllr Cropper in his Wyre role.

The possibility of the member of the public becoming involved with the climate change working group was also raised and it was agreed that an email address would be provided to the clerk.

Councillors resolved to reconvene the meeting at 19.13.

**156(5) Planning****Application Number: 20/01171/FUL****Proposal:** Change of use of land to mixed use for keeping of horses and residential caravan site for gypsy family with 5 caravans, including no more than 2 static caravans or mobile homes, together with conversion of part of stable building to ancillary dayroom (retrospective)**Location:** Blueberry Stables Lancaster Road Preesall Poulton-le-Fylde**Resolved:** that the council objects to this application on the following grounds: development outside the settlement boundary – incursion into the countryside; increasing flood risk to the adjacent area, unsuitable accommodation for a flood risk area; unclear as to the number of horses to be kept, unsuitability of the land for such a purpose; poor sightlines for entry to and exit from the site with slow-moving vehicles; lack of clarity regarding the impact on wildlife and protected species; potential land contamination from human and animal waste, hardcore and generators; existing breaches of planning and disregard of County Court injunction.**Application Number: 20/01239/FUL****Proposal:** Installation of air source heat pump**Location:** Shore View House, 100 Pilling Lane, Preesall, Poulton-Le-Fylde**Resolved:** the council was unanimous in raising no objections to this proposal.**157(6) Finance**Councillors **resolved:**

<b>a) To note</b>		<b>Amount</b>
receipts in December		
RBS current account		11.87
Unity		3,200.00
<b>b) To note</b>		
Yorkshire Bank transfer from RBS 22 December		86,642.92
<b>c) To approve</b>		
BACS payment 0060 for £480.00 made outside the meeting to PKF Littlejohn for the audit.		
<b>d) To approve</b>	<b>Payment type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
the following payments:		
Payroll	BACS0061)	
	BACS0062)	1751.09
Clerk's expenses on behalf of council	BACS0063	125.51
848 Services Ltd (Inv.10853)	BACS0064	9.48
Northern Flags (Inv.146371/01)	BACS0065	583.50
<b>e) To note</b>		
the following payments by direct debit		
Easy Web Sites (hosting fee, SSL certificate) YB		46.80
O2 (mobile phone contract) YB		10.46
LCC (contributions) YB		524.78
LCC (deficit) YB		50.00
Unity Bank 4 Sept to 3 Dec charges		18.00

<b>f) To note</b> the statement of accounts	
<b>CB1 Yorkshire Bank (previously) RBS</b>	£86,642.92
<b>CB2 HTB Bond issue 39</b>	£40,623.44
<b>CB3 IB</b>	Nil
<b>CB4 UNITY</b>	£31,818.23
<b>CB5 HTB easy access</b>	£10,001.00

#### **158(7) Insurance of additional items**

**Resolved:** to proceed with insuring the following items with the current insurer, Zurich, and to accept that there would be no cost increase in the current year and an increase of between £165 and £175 at renewal in April –

Lake District panorama in bronze £1,440  
 Battle of Britain commemorative stone £3,600  
 Lowry figures and information board £20,000  
 2x WW1 memorial benches £2,100  
 Fordstone seating area £2,080  
 Fordstone noticeboard £2,590.

#### **159(8) Finalisation of budget 2021/22**

**Resolved:** The clerk talked councillors through the latest version of the draft precept documentation. It was agreed to set the precept for 2021/22 at £98,916, an increase of £1.13p per year per band D property.

#### **160(9) Sea wall cycling**

**Resolved:** the council to take action to deter inappropriate use of the sea wall in the form of inconsiderate cyclists, including the rising number of electric bikes, horses and motorcycles. The council to erect up to four ‘polite’ notices at the main access points to the sea wall asking people to be considerate of other sea wall users, Cllr Tarpey-Black to draft suitable wording. In addition, Cllr A Cropper to supply wording for the clerk to write to local cycling clubs, riding groups and caravan sites asking for the message to be circulated that care and consideration be used to ensure appropriate use of the sea wall.

#### **161(10) Flag flying**

**Resolved:** to approve the diary for 2021 and to give permission for the mayor and clerk to agree the flying of a flag to mark an occasion/event not considered/expected /planned by full council at the start of the year (politically neutral) eg. last year the mayor purchased and flew ‘thanks to NHS and key workers’ during lockdown.

#### **162(11) Policies and procedures**

##### **i) Review of Community Engagement Strategy**

**Resolved:** to re-adopt the Community Engagement Strategy, unamended from last year.

##### **ii) Revised disciplinary and grievance policies**

**Resolved:** that the council would adopt both the disciplinary policy and the grievance policy as presented.

**163(12) Refurbishment of Barton Square clock**

**Resolved:** for the clerk to book the refurbishment of Barton Square clock with Smith of Derby, based on the quotation received in March 2020 (which still stands) of £7,852. Councillors had already indicated that funding will be taken from the local services budget head.

**164(13) Affordable housing allocation**

**Resolved:** the council was concerned that the housing allocation procedure for the Rosslyn Avenue development, as specified when the application was granted, was not being followed. This was not the first time this had happened with affordable housing provision locally and councillors believed the conditions for which the application was granted should be enforced. Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Orme to provide the clerk with a form of words to be used by the clerk in letters from the council to the four housing providers and to Wyre Council questioning their allocation procedure, challenging the very tenuous local links being used and the non-involvement of the town and parish councils in the allocation procedure. The Wyre councillors at the meeting also agreed to pursue this with the responsible officer at Wyre.

**ITEMS 14 to 18 ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**165(14) Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives**

Best Kept Village – currently proceeding in the hope there will be a competition this year.

Health (all aspects) – it was emphasised that people need to follow current guidance and take the appropriate precautions.

Housing – action is being taken to help a family in need receive appropriate help and support.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee) – Zoom meeting next week.

Preesall Youth and Community Association – currently closed. One ad hoc user following full health and safety procedures.

Planning Ambassador – concerns raised regarding top soil infill of ditches and potential breaches of planning at the Rosslyn development; Cllr Orme in his Wyre capacity to liaise with Cllr Burn.

Wyre Flood Forum – culvert in Green Lane to be looked at. Rivers Trust still working on tree planting plans for the hill.

**166(15) Verbal reports from Wyre councillors**

None.

### **167(16) Clerk's report**

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

#### **Banking**

The transfer of the council's bank account from RBS to Yorkshire Bank took place on 22 December.

#### **Damage to boundary sign**

The Preesall boundary sign and flower bed on Hall Gate Lane was demolished by an unknown vehicle in the week before Christmas. The same vehicle also damaged the northbound bus shelter situated close by in Stalmine. The damage has been reported to the police and to Lancashire County Council. It appears that the sign had to be dragged out from under the vehicle; the posts will need to be replaced. The green signs are undamaged and held by the clerk. Stalmine's lengthsman kindly removed the damaged flower bed.

#### **Reduction in speed limits**

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, VARIOUS LOCATIONS, CHORLEY, PENDLE, PRESTON, SOUTH RIBBLE, WEST LANCASHIRE AND WYRE) (REVOCATIONS, 20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH AND 50MPH SPEED LIMITS, FEBRUARY 2020 (NO1)) ORDER 202\*

The County Council is considering the above proposal, the effect of which will be to introduce the measures as set out in the Public Notice and plans in the link below.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent/proposed-speed-limit-orders/slos/>

The nearest roads to Preesall that are affected are Moss Side Lane, Brickhouse Lane and Back Lane at Stalmine.

### **168(17) Mayor's report**

None.

### **169(18) Questions to councillors**

- i) what action is being taken to address the issues caused by the garage on St Bernard's Road? – the problem is being investigated with involvement from Wyre planning enforcement and other appropriate bodies.
- ii) what is happening re the Spid signs? – Cllr Woods to follow up on this.
- iii) what is happening re the legacy? – the clerk sent information on prospective projects after the December meeting and has chased an update. No response yet.
- iv) what is happening regarding the container storage? – the clerk has spoken with the football club representative as they are also looking to replace their container. It is hoped that joint action can be taken to site the containers as to place them will require the use of a crane.
- v) it was asked whether a member of the public can comment on something they heard at a council meeting that hasn't been agreed by council – the public is free to comment.

vi) what action can be taken regarding an uninsured vehicle parked on a car park – the matter can be reported to the police and possibly Wyre Council if it is in an unsound condition. It also depends on who owns the land. Cllr Orme to make enquiries re who owns the land.

vii) have any applications for the post of lengthsman been received – no.

viii) a comment was made regarding how lovely the Fordstone seating area looks.

ix) concerns were raised regarding information placed on Facebook, by a member of the public, implying the council had made a formal decision to undertake a piece of work when this isn't the case – members of the public are free to post items as they see fit.

x) it was asked whether the overgrown land adjacent to Pilling Lane roundabout is privately owned – previous enquiries have shown two owners of parts of the land and one part that is still unregistered. It was also stated that this wouldn't be suitable land for a community garden.

### **170(19) Items for next agenda**

The next meeting will be held on 8 February 2021 at 7.00pm – 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 January 2021** 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 8.45pm.