



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Alison May, clerk to the town council. Nine members of the public.

39a(1) Apologies for absence – Cllrs Patrick, A Tarpey-Black, K Woods.

39b(1) Absent without apology – Cllr D Williams.

40(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations
None.

41(3) Minutes of the last meetings

Resolved: to approve as a correct record the minutes, as presented of the full council held on 13 June and the extraordinary meeting held on 29 June 2022. The clerk was asked to update the minutes taken in her absence on 22 June to include a number of observations made by councillors present at that meeting.

42(4) Public participation

Resolved: to adjourn the meeting to allow non-councillors to speak.

- A member of the public raised the problem of speeding vehicles on Beechfield Avenue which exit on to Cedar Avenue and asked whether lines could be marked on the road. In response it was stated that the police have asked for speeding concerns to be raised with them.
- The council was informed of young children (approx. 5 to six years old) knocking on doors on Beechfield Avenue asking for drinks, whether anyone lives there or to use the toilet.
- It was asked when memorial benches could be purchased for Preesall Park as a friend was awaiting a response. Cllr Orme replied that benches would be permitted at a cost of £500+ and that applications need to be made on a Wyre Memorial application form.
- A member of the public thanked the Mayor on behalf of the community for the professional manner in which the extraordinary council meetings had been handled. They expressed their approval to the 'fabulous' response the council had made regarding the scoping study.
- Councillors were told of the 'disgraceful' manner in which 4 Paws had been treated regarding the the creation of 8ft embankments surrounding the

kennels by a neighbouring landowner with the accompanying noise and dust. It was hoped that Wyre Council would investigate this matter fully.

- Concern was expressed regarding Wyre councillors, particularly the planning chair, posting conflicting dates and information regarding the scoping study for sand and gravel responses and Preesall Town Council's meetings. It was believed that this had stopped people from attending meetings resulting in members of the public becoming angry and upset. It was hoped that someone would look in to the problem of mis-information.
- Councillors were made aware of an offer by a member of the public to donate land for the creation of a pavement between Cemetery Lane and the boundary with Stalmine. They were also informed that numerous phone calls and messages had been sent by the individual to LCC without any success in getting it to consider the donation. Preesall Town Council was asked if it could help in taking this forward.
- A member of the public passed on thanks from the community for the festivities, gala etc as a great success.
- The issue of chicaines on the footpath exiting Preesall Park was raised and it was asked why this had been handed to LCC. It was explained that if they are on a pavement then they are the responsibility of highways. If LCC do not supply them it may be possible to place them within the Park. Wyre Cllr Orme to take forward. A chicaine at the Beechfield/ Rosslyn Avenue footpath link was also requested.
- The council was asked why it hadn't pursued the purchase of an electronic sandwich board style speed device for use on Beechfield Avenue. In response it was explained that as this would be placed on a pavement it would not be something LCC would approve for lone freestanding use.
- The member of public wishing to donate land for use as a pavement explained the sequence of events in him purchasing the appropriate pieces of land to enable an end to end footpath to be created.
- It was reported that LCC is cracking down on speeding and is working in partnership with the police. Cllr Orme explained that he is collating a list of offenders within the township and asked the public to pass on any information they may have re types of vehicle/ registration numbers etc.
- The issue of policing at the gala was raised as there was no police presence after 6.00pm. Cllr Orme said he would pass this information back to the police.

Resolved: At the conclusion of the public session to reconvene the meeting.

43(5) Planning

Application Number: 22/00499/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension (following demolition of the existing conservatory)

Location: Fernholme, Hackensall Road, Knott End-on-Sea, Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire.

Resolved: the council raised no objections to this application. (9 in favour).

Application Number: 22/00474/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of existing outbuilding to ancillary living accommodation for use in association with the dwelling at Homestead

Location: Homestead 304 Pilling Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Resolved: the council was unanimous in objecting to this application on the grounds that the accommodation is not ancillary to the existing dwelling and is a separate unit in its own right. The proposed accommodation is outside of the development boundary. (9 against).

Application Number: 22/00594/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey side extension to form ancillary space/golf shop

Location: Knott End Golf Club Wyre Side Knott End-on-Sea Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Resolved: the council raised no objections to this application (1 abstention, 8 in favour).

Application Number: 22/00559/FUL

Proposal: Proposed single-storey rear extension with living accommodation within the pitched roof space, dormers and erection of detached domestic garage

Location: Littledale 17 Little Tongues Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Resolved: the council raised no objections to this application (9 in favour).

Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Hearings Procedure) (England) Rules 2000 (as amended)

Location: Blueberry Stables Lancaster Road Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

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)

Application Number: 20/01171/FUL

Appeal Reference: APP/U2370/W/21/3278791

Appellant's Name: Mrs Kathleen McGinley

Appeal Starting Date: 16.06.2022

Inspectorate Contact: north1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

The hearing will take place at the Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-Le-Fylde, where there is disabled access points from both front and side entrances, together with designated disabled parking spaces. The hearing will commence at **10 a.m. on Tuesday 30th August 2022** and is scheduled to last for **two** days.

Resolved: to note the appeal and to confirm that the council's comments remain the same.

44(6) Reports from committees and working groups

i) Finance committee

Resolved: to note that the committee met at 6.45pm, prior to full council and that the expenditure for July had been approved. The next meeting of the committee will be on 15 August.

ii) Civic Events committee

Resolved: to note that insufficient work had been completed in order for the council to consider continuing with this event. It was also noted that alternative dates were being proposed – 1 October or 15 October. The matter to be referred back to the Civic Events committee.

45(7) Blue plaques

Resolved: that more information was needed in order for a decision to be made on the wording of each plaque and the costings. Cllr Drobny to produce evidence of other quotations having been sought with exact pricing for the different sizes of plaque and the inclusion of both schools. This information to be included on the September agenda.

46(8) Footpath from Cemetery Lane

Resolved: that given there is a possibility of land being granted free of charge by a member of the public, the council should lobby Lancashire County Council to create a footpath from the corner of Cemetery Lane and Burned House Lane to Shirley's Pies. The clerk to write in the strongest terms to Lancashire County Council.

47(9) Lengthskeeper's workshop and council storage

Resolved: to establish a working group – Cllrs Drobny, Jepson, Johnson and Lewin – to put forward any ideas for premises that may be suitable for storage of council property and a suitable building from which the lengthskeeper can work. The group to report back to the September meeting.

48(10) Disposal of green waste

Resolved: for the clerk to apply to Wyre Council for two green bins to be used as a stop-gap until a more permanent solution can be found.

49(11) Consultations

i) Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022

Resolved: that councillors should consider the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) and provide comments individually.

ii) Youth anti-social behaviour task group survey

Resolved: to work through the questions and for the clerk to submit the council's response to Wyre Council. It was also suggested that a representative from the Wyre Community Safety Partnership attend a council meeting and provide details of how the partnership operates.

50(12) Training

Resolved: not to undertake any of the training currently being offered by NALC.

51(13) Purchase of Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration

Resolved: to replace the clerk's copy of the 'Yellow Book' which is now six years old with the latest version – 13th edition – scheduled for release in November at a cost of £137.00 plus £4.00 postage.

52(14) Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme 2022-23

Resolved: for the clerk to complete the necessary paperwork with Lancashire County Council to obtain the £500 grant being offered for the public rights of way scheme and the £300 biodiversity grant.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

53(15) Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

No written reports had been received.

54(16) Verbal reports from Wyre councillors

None.

55(17) Clerk's report

Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Trust - wellbeing and mental health helpline listening and text service

The council has been contacted regarding the service being provided to communities across Lancashire and south Cumbria with a request to work together to improve access to the service for those suffering from wellbeing and mental health issues in the community within the township.

A brief description of the service has been provided:-

“Our wellbeing helpline and texting service is a freephone out of hours, person-centred listening environment for people requiring emotional support in relation to their own mental health or that of someone they know. The helpline aims to empower callers through active listening and information to make their own choices about how their health care needs may be met. Fully trained volunteers operate the helpline, they offer their time to listen and support callers”.

Link to service information : [Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust | wellbeing helpline and texting service \(lscft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/wellbeing-helpline-and-texting-service)

Confidentiality: The helpline strives to maintain a safe and confidential space for callers to discuss any issues in relation to their own mental health, however some exceptions to confidentiality may apply under certain circumstances.

[Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust | Confidentiality Policy \(lscft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/confidentiality-policy)

“The service is an out of hours service, which operates 365 days a year, Monday to Friday 7pm-11pm, Saturday and Sunday 12pm-12am.”

An information leaflet, which can be printed off and placed on the council’s notice boards, has been provided.

Pre-school parenting support survey

Lancashire County Council is writing to request your assistance in obtaining information relating to the provision of parenting support to Lancashire families. The information you provide will inform some of the work of the Best Start in Life board. The information you provide will contribute to an overall aim of promoting school readiness.

There is a short survey for parents/carers at:

<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=165297009839>

The closing date for responses is 22 July 2022.

Slow down - save lives resource pack

The resource pack containing one large banner, tape, instructions and two hi-vis jackets has now been delivered. The clerk will liaise with the highways lead re placement of the banner.

Defibrillators

Anyone with a defibrillator is being encouraged to register it with The Circuit - <https://www.thecircuit.uk/>. The national defibrillator network connects defibrillators to NHS ambulance services across the UK so that in those crucial moments after a cardiac arrest, they can be accessed quickly to help save lives.

Zurich Insurance

Zurich insurance is proposing a change to its organisation by transferring parts of Zurich’s UK general insurance business, from Zurich Insurance plc (ZIP) to Zurich Insurance Company Ltd (ZIC). This is an internal reorganisation between two companies within the Zurich Group and is in response to the UK’s exit from the European Union on 31 January 2020 (Brexit).

The transfer will be carried out using an insurance business transfer scheme under Part VII of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, subject to approval by the High Court in the UK. If the proposal is approved, it will transfer this business to the UK branch of ZIC. It is expected this transfer will take place on 1 January 2023. Policy terms will not be affected.

The council is entitled to object if it believes that it will be negatively impacted.

Councillors worked through the outstanding actions and agreed to remove 193(10) and 99(13). Both to be resurrected should a future need arise.

Cllr Drobny to work with Cllr Orme on the heritage pathway project.

The defibrillators message to be posted on the council's website.

56(18) Mayor's report

It was reported that the council's response on the Quarry scoping study had been sent to LCC and that a number of positive comments had been received from members of the public.

Thanks were expressed to the gala committee and the volunteers for making this year's event such a success. The clerk was asked to put a message on the council's website and in the Green book.

57(19) Questions to councillors

It was asked what had happened to the zebra crossing project in Knott End. Cllr Orme stated that it had been budgeted for, plans had been drawn up and there had been one objection that could have been dealt with easily. LCC decided that it would re-work the scheme and it is now back with it.

A member of the public was permitted to speak briefly regarding a flooding issue on Westbourne Road which councillors on the flood forum agreed to discuss further outside the meeting.

20 Exclusion of the press and public

Resolved: Pursuant to Section 1(2) and 1(3) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude the press and public to discuss a legal matter. Councillors discussed the financial information provided and agreed to work-up improvement proposals from the ferry to Barton Square bus stop. Cllr Jepson was to research the cost of heritage bus shelters.

At the conclusion of this item of business it was **resolved** to return to public session.

21 Items for next agenda

The next meeting will be held on **12 September 2022** - 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 1 September** 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 at 9.45pm.