



## PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on  
Monday 14 March 2022 at 7.00pm at Preesall and  
Knott End Youth and Community Centre**

**Present:** Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), T Johnson, J Lewin, K Shepherd (previously Nicholls), N Patrick, B Renwick, A Tarpey-Black, D Williams, K Woods.

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

**157a(1) Apologies for absence** – Cllr Drobny, Cllr Jepson, Cllr Rossall.

**157b(1) Absent without apology** – none.

### **158(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations**

Cllr Orme re planning application 22/00077/FUL as involved with planning appeal.

### **159(3) Minutes of the last meeting**

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

### **160(4) Public participation**

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

- How will the Orange Button scheme be advertised? *In response:* It won't be advertised as its purpose is to enable trained individuals to correctly signpost those in need to the correct place in order to receive help.
- Is the council planning any special events for the Jubilee weekend? *In response:* the council asked the public a year ago and then more recently for ideas and volunteers for an event. No response was received. The council has published a list of items it is supporting/undertaking to mark the occasion. Cllr Orme to enquire if an amnesty may be possible re putting small flags/notices on lampposts.
- Had any progress been made on a freestanding SPID. *In response:* This would still need to be licensed by LCC as it would be adjacent to the highway. It could not be left unattended. Details of the community speed watch initiative were given and to be followed up with Cllr Patrick.
- Issues with dog fouling, riding of petrol-driven motorcycles and anti-social behaviour on the playing field. *In response:* This should be reported to the police at the time it is happening. A new regime is in place and needs to be given the opportunity to respond to problems. A public space order is in place re no dogs in play areas and the number of dogs being walked by one person. Anything petrol-driven isn't allowed in a public space.

- Anti-social behaviour in general – as above, this should be reported to the police.

**Resolved:** at the conclusion of the public session to reconvene the meeting.

### **161(5) Planning applications**

**Application Number:** 22/00091/FUL

**Proposal:** Proposed front dormer

**Location:** 97 Coniston Avenue Knott End-On-Sea Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0DR

**Resolved:** unanimous in having no objection.

**Application Number:** 22/00077/FUL

**Proposal:** Single-storey side and rear extension (resubmission of 21/00609/FUL)

**Location:** 54 Pilling Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0HB

**Resolved:** unanimous in having no objection.

Application Number: 21/00981/FULMAJ

**Appeal Reference:** APP/U2370/W/22/3293408

**Resolved:** to note the appeal.

### **162(6) Reports from committees and working groups**

#### **i) Finance committee**

**Resolved:** to note the the third quarter review of documentation undertaken on 14 February by the finance committee.

### **163(7) Annual governance review**

When completing the Annual Return councillors were asked to confirm that the various internal control documents have been reviewed in the past 12 months.

#### **Resolved to approve and readopt:**

i) Standing Orders – minor amendments.

Lobby NALC to make all templates gender neutral.

ii) Financial Regulations – minor amendments.

iii) Schedule of Assets – updated to reflect all assets held as at 14 March 2022 (a full survey of the assets had been conducted by the clerk and lengthskeeper).

An agenda item for April 22 proposing that the council adopts all the benches owned by Wyre and LCC.

Strimmer and blower costings to be added to asset costings.

iv) Risk Management Plan – updated to reflect insurance uprating.

iv) Risk Register – updated to clarify mitigations and controls.

vi) Annual Town Meeting Standing Orders – to be updated to reflect the word ‘chair’ and not ‘chairman’

The changes had been detailed in the annual governance review document

#### **164(8) Beach Access**

**Resolved:** Lancashire County Council engineers to be asked to chain off unsafe access and to repaint the railings. Cllr Orme to enquire at the flood forum re ownership of the slipway at Clarence Avenue. The clerk to contact LCC public rights of way re Sandy Bay and Clarence Avenue access.

#### **165(9) Ukraine**

**Resolved:** to support Cllr Johnson's motion calling on the council to offer its support to the people of Ukraine and call on Vladimir Putin to end the unlawful invasion of a sovereign state by Russian troops and also call on the Russian state to end the imprisonment of its own people peacefully demonstrating against an illegal war.

#### **166(10) Flying of Ukrainian flag**

**Resolved:** for the council to fly the Ukrainian flag for as long as the unlawful invasion of Ukraine by Russia continues. Individual councillors also stated they would be prepared to purchase subsequent flags. The Ukrainian flag to be flown at the top of the flagpole unless a UK National flag is being flown.

### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

#### **167(11) Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives**

Cllr Johnson reported that he had received correspondence from NPL and no further works were being planned at present.

Cllr Patrick reported that correspondence had been sent to the county councillor re the surfacing of Willows Close and a response was awaited.

#### **168(12) Verbal reports from Wyre councillors**

Cllr Orme that there would be lighting on Preesall Park's planned new pathway.

#### **169(13) Clerk's report**

##### **Star Award**

The closing date for nominations is 31 March 2022. Councillors are asked to agree on a date for considering any nominations received.

#### **Non-disclosure of councillor address details**

At the February meeting a number of councillors requested that their personal address be removed from the council website. It is within the council's remit to do this. However, councillors still need to include their address (whether it be an owned or rented property) on their declaration of pecuniary interests form as this form is held by the council's principal authority (in the case of Preesall councillors this is Wyre Council). Should a councillor wish to have their details redacted on that form

they would need to seek permission from the monitoring officer and be able to show that they meet the criteria for not disclosing their address.

### **Railings on Esplanade**

The Lengthskeeper has reported that he has been approached by members of the public asking if it would be possible for them to repaint the railings on a voluntary basis. The Lengthskeeper has asked whether an approach could be made to Lancashire County Council asking for Preesall Council to be given permission to paint the railings, with LCC providing the paint.

### **Pay award for 2021/22**

A settlement has finally been reached of a 1.75% increase for the current year's pay award for council staff and this will be due for payment as part of the March payroll run.

### **170(14) Mayor's report**

Cllr Johnson and Cllr Shepherd were thanked for their attendance at the Commonwealth flag raising.

### **171(15) Questions to councillors**

None.

### **172(16) Items for next agenda**

The next meeting will be held on 11 April 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 31 March** 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 8.11pm.