



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held
on Monday 20 March 2023 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, K.Woods.

258.1. Apologies for absence received from D.Irvine and S.Rossall.

259.2. Declarations of interests and dispensations, TJ union matters PO 22/01306/FUL as on Wyre planning committee.

260.4 Minutes of the last meetings

Resolved to approve as a correct record the minutes as presented of the meetings held on 8,13 and 27 February unanimous and the meeting on 4 March 2023 with one abstention.

261.5 Public participation, no members of the public present.

262.6 Planning applications

Resolved unanimous that there were no objections to the following applications 23/00076/Ful, 23/00094/Ful 23/00097/COUQ, 23/00185/FUL and 23/00247/FUL and with a vote of 4 For and 3 Abstentions 22/01306/FUL.

263.7 Reports from committees and working groups

i) Finance committee: councillors noted that the finance committee met on the 8 March to agree the months transactions as listed on the finance committee minutes. It was resolved to co-opt Cllr T Johnson to the committee for the meeting to be held on 17 April which will be the 4th quarter budget monitoring meeting prior to audit. It was further resolved That the finance chair and the mayor be allowed to take whatever action was required to mitigate for the lack of a RFO in order to prepare for audit and the meeting of the 17/4/23 and that pending the appointment of a new RFO that payments will be made by cheque from the Virgin account rather than from Unity due to lack of an inputter.

ii) **Civic events committee** councillors noted that the committee met on the 8 March the latest re preparations of the Mayday event, issues to be resolved KW the fair and RD the teddy stickers. TJ noted that preparations for his teddy hunt was underway. KS asked that all councillors be available to help on the day.

iii) **Personnel committee** councillors noted that the committee still had not met

The need to touch base with the lengthskeeper was noted (due to not having a line manager / clerk) TJ to arrange a meeting with him.

264.8 Bus/ferry shelters

Councillors agreed to defer this item due to the non-communication from the preferred supplier and that SJ should pursue this problem and that alternatives as presented to the meeting being wood were not to be pursued.

265.9 Housing allocation

The mayor presented the communications received and it was resolved that we were not happy and that the issue should be pursued whenever perceived breaches were identified.

266.10 Coronation coins

Councillors resolved that TJ continue with this project and identify a coin and the numbers required and not to exclude any young person or worthy person and to purchase the agreed plaques for the schools and YCC. PO reported he had sought a quote for coronation plaques for location around the village PO and TJ to report back to next meeting. PO also identified that we had commissioned a Queens jubilee tree plaque but had not pursued the purchase of the tree and he suggested a location near to the Fordstone seating feature due to unsuitability of the library gardens. P' RD S' SJ that PO purchase a flowering cherry for planting at the Fordstone feature. Vote was unanimous.

267.11 Mayoral Chain repair

PO explained local jeweller was not willing to take on the repair. On advice from Wyre's mayors attendant an artisan had been identified who was considerably cheaper than the normal mayoral chain repairer and that the mayor had made contact and the work required agreed and likely cost considered. P'JL S'RD and resolved unanimously that the mayor should proceed with the repair.

268.12 Past Minutes

P'TJ S'KS Unanimously resolved that our past minutes be bound and then offered to the county archive for storage with budget of £500 max.

269.13 Insurance. KS reported on her negotiations and the small reduction obtained P'JL S'RD resolved unanimously that the Zurich quote be accepted and that PO arrange payment.

270.14 Annual governance review councillors noted the summary of the Annual Governance Review prepared by the former clerk and further resolved that the Financial Regulations be revisited once the new Procurement bill came into play. P'RD S'TJ unanimous vote to accept the **Standing Orders** as presented. P'TJ S'SJ vote unanimous to accept the current **schedule of assets**. P'PO S'RD vote unanimous to accept the **Risk management plan and register**. The **overarching risk document** created due to lack of a clerk / RFO was noted and that once insurance was in place that risk would be mitigated for. P'RD S'KS that the whole council accept that document and further that the whole council would indemnify PO in his unofficial capacity as stand in clerk if his actions had been approved by the full council. Vote unanimous. KS wanted it recorded the councils thanks to PO for all the work being done on their behalf. **Annual Town Meeting Standing Orders** were accepted P'PO S'KS. vote unanimous.

271.15 Reports from SLs and outside bodies PO and JS had been to the BKVC intro meeting and would prepare our entry soon. PO reminded that WA LALC is 25/4 when the new CEO of Wyre will be present.

272.16 Verbal report from Wyre Councillors nothing to report other than to indicate there was a Travellers survey linked to the New Local Plan. A copy will be circulated.

273.17 Clerks Report the report was noted. Councillors requested PO to chase PROW Payment. The Telephone box was discussed. PO suggested getting local man to take on the production of the Library garden finger post and further suggested using the jubilee finial on it P'PO S'KS that PO investigate and get quote and bring back to the next meeting and P' RD S'JL that the finial idea be pursued both received unanimous support.

274.18 Mayors report nothing to report.

275.19 Questions to councillors Civic Sundays at Wyre and PTC were discussed. PO was asked to chase LCC re 20mph road signs on Pilling Lane.

The state of pothole repair on park lane prior to the junction was raised as was the white lines prior to Preesall park jct on the Stalmine side PO to raise it with LCC.

PO raised that there were three planning applications received after agenda publication which needed comment prior to the next meeting. They are

23/00280/FUL, 23/00179/FUL and 23/00066/FUL councillors were asked to forward and comments to PO for reporting to Wyre.

276.20. Reminder of the following days sifting exercise for a new clerk and RFO

277.21 Items for next agenda. The next full council will be held on 17th April 2023 councillors were asked to raise agenda items with the mayor and PO in writing by Thursday 6 April 2023 at the latest.