



PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on
Monday 22 June 2022 at 7.00pm at Preesall and
Knott End Youth and Community Centre**

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

Also present Alison Tarpey-Black for Cat Smith MP and approx., Cty Cllr M Salter, Wyre Cllr P Moon and 80 members of the public.

39(1) Apologies for absence

Cllrs R Drobny, S Rossall.

40(2) Declarations of Interest and dispensations

None.

41(3) Public participation

The mayor explained that LCC had sent the scoping document on June 15 that Preesall Town Council had called this meeting on June 16 for today, the earliest we could. That we were non-political, and all comments should remain non-political and the only residents of Preesall were allowed to comment.

- Resident of Bourbles Lane – inappropriate development, significantly long period of disturbance, was aware of a similar scheme in Preston, dust, noise and mud on road.
- A member of the public from Lancaster Road – owns land that the haul road might be developed on, gave apologies for being a major player in this issue but explained how she felt the land had allegedly been fraudulently acquired. Commented that there was no mention of damages to hedges. Trees and habitats, that she had concerns for our roads infrastructure which would be damaged, plus the issue of road width re passing vehicles and safety of pedestrians, serious concerns for the environment.
- 4 Paws kennels - spoke of existing issues re land around her premises and the dust and noise etc that she currently endures and how the new scheme would be feet away from her boundary and would affect her and her business for years. It was explained that this had been reported to Wyre Council, yet no action had been taken.
- Resident of Bourbles Lane said he would be looking out on a 3m high bund. He was concerned that the existing drainage and flooding issues of the area would be aggravated. Could the developer guarantee there would be no worsening of issues, concern re the possible noise and of issues relating to

the road network.

- Son of a 90-year-old woman off Lancaster Road had to fend off approaches by the applicant for her land. Had concerns re dykes, dust and the noise.
- Preesall FLAG rep spoke of routes of dykes and fear of disruption and effect on Sunnyside Terrace. Also questioned possible contamination of dykes and road rumble and effect on old properties.
- Resident of Bourbles Lane – concern for danger to children and the environment.
- Resident of Willow Gove Park – a former traffic expert spoke of concerns re number of vehicle movements. The width and weight of the lorries involved and concern for school time and school buses.
- A transport consultant from Knott End gave thoughts on the transport issues, his report is attached to these minutes.
- Resident of Willow Grove Park- questioned restrictions on operating times of the site and concerns for dust and noise.
- Rep from Bourbles fishing lakes – concern over health of fish etc, effect on nature, also what is inert waste and was there a conflict of interest re the applicant and his role as a councillor on the Wyre planning committee.
- Preesall resident and rep for British Horse society – rights of way. Questions legality of the development, so close to residential properties, also stressed the need to keep bridleways open and need for supervision of any crossing points of bridleway and site traffic routes, also queried the new rules for passing horses and the width of roads in relation to the size of lorry traffic.
- Willows cattery off Lancaster Road - promises made by the developers could not be trusted considering the way the councillor who had acquired the haul road land had acted.
- A member of the public spoke of concern for dust, noise and wildlife.
- A long-term user of 4 Paws Kennels – concern for effect on the business with this development so close to it.
- Rep from Preesall shooting range on Tongues Lane had done a lot of improvement to their site and had concerns re wildlife, noise and dust, basically the idea was pants.
- A member of the public mentioned our two primary schools and had concern for our children's health re the dust and asthma, also safety re lorry movements.
- Leanne Murray spoke of the Facebook page she has set up and that there were already six hundred members. Also spoke of the likely legal action that a member of the public may take regarding misinformation when asked to sell their land and that barristers were on board.
- Resident of Beach Road who had conducted an ornithological study and held records and data suggesting that north-east of the site was a location for geese and swans and that one of the possible fight actions may be re its connection to Morecambe Bay SPA.
- The Mayor read out portions of a letter the clerk had received and thanked everyone for attending.

Cllr A Tarpey-Black proposed and Cllr N Patrick seconded that the meeting should

be reconvened.

42(4) The Mayor read out the proposal.

Cllr T Johnson thanked the public for its input and declared that he was against this proposal.

Cllr A Tarpey-Black mentioned the highways issues and stated she was against the proposal.

Cllr K Woods was against this proposal.

Cllr J Lewin was 100% against this proposal.

Cllr B Renwick had concerns re the highways and the environment and was against this proposal.

Cllr N Pattrick said we had to be clever in how we fight this, confirmed there were badgers on site and was against the proposal.

Cllr S Jepson was against this proposal and stressed the need for the public to let us have any data or information that could help with the fight.

Cllr P Orme tried to explain the planning process and how the ultimate decision makers would be the county council's development control committee. He also tried to explain that if this plan were to go through we should in our submissions think of what conditions we could insist upon during its term and what we want out of this as a compensation for enduring it. He was against the proposal.

Cllr K Shepherd mentioned St Aidans High school highways issues, inert waste and transport links and was against the proposal.

The meeting ended at 8.05pm

See transport attachment on next page.

Meeting ended @8.05 pm.

Proposal = Sand and Gravel extraction in Preesall

Need – ‘dictated by the existing demand for aggregates within the local construction market’

The applicant, Baxter Construction Ltd, requiring much of the material for their own building and construction over the coming years.

Page 7 para. 3.4.5.-The potential workable mineral resource is about 460,000 tonnes. This tonnage will create a potential void of some 300,000 cubic meters.

Page 7 para. 3.4.6. – Timeline of 5-6 years to complete.

Page 14. Para 5.4.2. – The site access road used for minerals scheme will be retained for the proposed leisure operator.?

Page 18 – An assessment of vehicle movements will be made.

Taking the figures given in this submission the following is the most likely transport vehicle impact-

Removal of Minerals- 460-000 tonnes at a rate of 25 tonnes payload/vehicle equates to 18,400 outbound loaded together with the same 18,400 inbound

Total 36,000 movements.

Backfill voids with inert waste – 300,000 cu.m at 1 tonne /cu.m at 25 tonne payload equates to 12,000 inbound loaded and a further 12,000 outbound empty.

Total 24,000 movements.

Installation of access road, Delivery and removal of equipment Say – 200 movements

Total 61.000.

Average – (5 days x 48 weeks) equates to 240 days each year for 5 years is 1200 days.

Therefore 61,000 movements divide 1200days is 51 movements each day divide 8 hours (working day) represents one vehicle every 10 minutes.

Other matters

1. Raising levels on the site by one meter— potential flooding of surrounding areas?
2. Outline road design on Drg. BFS 22-2 does not contain dimensions and is of no standing in its present form.

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