



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held
on Monday 9 December 2019
at 6.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community
Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall**

Present: Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), A Cropper, J Cropper, R Drobny,
T Johnson, K Nicholls, N Patrick, D Williams, L Woodhouse, K Woods.

In attendance: Alison May, clerk to the town council; 1 member of the public.

167a(1) Apologies for absence

Cllr B Burn, A Tarpey-Black.

167b(1) Absent without apology

None

168(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

None

169(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2019.

170(4) Public participation

*At the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting at 7.02pm to allow non-councillors to speak.*

County councillor Salter reported that he had met the head of Lancashire County Council highways on 30 October. Some work had already been completed on making the A588 safer such as LED cats' eyes but other works were behind schedule. This is due to a number of projects being done together to make the work more economically viable - he will continue to put pressure on LCC to complete the work.

In response councillors raised other areas of concern – Burned House corner and the speed limit consultation; whether there was any plan to resurface the road at Burned House corner (not that Cllr Salter was aware of but he could raise it on safety grounds); more signage at Shard Bridge to direct traffic away from A588 (LCC) doesn't impose weight limits for road surface, the road should be of a standard to accept traffic as per its classification. As this is an 'A' road it should be suitable for all vehicles and it is LCC's responsibility to keep it as such; new proposals prevent a right turn from Burned House Lane to Park Lane – traffic lights required at the junction or change priority (not possible to give a 'B' road priority over an 'A' road); zebra crossing in Knott End (Cllr Salter to chase).

Councillors were informed of an issue with parking on Plantation Avenue where an on-call fireman was unable to gain access to his vehicle as a result of inconsiderate

parking. *In response* – There is a problem with parking here and attempts have been made in the past to look at placing bollards to restrict parking. Cllr Salter will liaise with LCC regarding whether any part of the road is adopted.

A member of the public congratulated the council on declaring a climate emergency and asked what the council was planning to do. *In response* - the council will consider its responses to planning applications, it has bought a wheeled cart for the lengthsman's litter pick and has signed up to the tree charter and planted two trees. Cllr Cropper is on the climate change working group at Wyre and Cllr Drobny will be putting an item on the January agenda to consider the planting of wildflowers. The member of public offered to help.

*At the conclusion of the public participation and at the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting at 7.20pm.*

171(5) Planning applications

Application Number: 19/01104/FUL

Proposal: Erection of building to form ancillary accommodation to existing dwelling (re-submission of 19/00344/FUL)

Location: Wiston Back Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire.

Resolved: to object to the application on the grounds that the proposed annexe is a separate dwelling sited some distance away from the existing property, therefore negating the argument that it is ancillary. Councillors believe the development would be incursion into the countryside (8 against, 1 abstention).

Application Number: 19/01105/FUL

Proposal: Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

Location: 71 Hawkshead Road Knott End-On-Sea Lancashire FY6 0QE.

Resolved: the council was unanimous in having no objections to the proposed development.

Application Number: 19/01142/FUL

Proposal: Roof lift and single-storey extension

Location: Green Briar 19 Beach Road Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire.

Resolved: the council had no objections to the proposed development (7 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention).

Application Number: 19/01151/FUL

Proposal: One and a half storey side extension, front and rear dormers and single-storey rear extension (resubmission of 19/00546/FUL)

Location: Westdene 134 Pilling Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire.

Resolved: the council was unanimous in having no objections to the proposed development.

172(6) FinanceThe council **resolved**:

a) To note receipts in September Current account RBS	3,200
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b) To approve the following payments:	Payment type	
Payroll	BACS	3455.13
Clerk's expenses on behalf of council	BACS	152.20
Blachere Illumination Ltd (S151935)	BACS	52.20
848 Services Ltd (Inv. 8836)	BACS	9.48
Piggotts (Inv.191123pfb10027)	BACS	495.59
LCC signage	BACS	616.80
Wyre Building Supplies Ltd (Inv.0229077)	Chq 300013	7.78
Mr P Orme (Xmas cards) see 25/11 doc	Chq 300014	29.70
Mr P Orme (Xmas Fair Insurance) see 29/11doc	Chq 300015	78.40
Mr S Dickinson (2 nd Dec invoice)	Chq 300016	150.00
F H & M Davies & Son (Inv. 5373)	Chq 300017	420.00
Mrs Y McCann (In Bloom) Inv. 3946	Chq 049	72.60

c) To note the following payments by direct debit	
Easy Web Sites (hosting fee, SSL certificate)	46.80
O2 (mobile phone contract)	6.06
LCC (contributions)	981.07
LCC (deficit)	8.33

d) To note the statement of accounts for month ending 30 November 2019	
RBS current account	£60948.24
HTB savings account	£35000.00
Unity current account	£51062.42
In Bloom account	£ 3170.47

173(7) Draft budget for 2020/2021

Resolved: that an additional £3000 be added to the budget for supporting tourism and an additional £1000 be added to the container budget.

174(8) Payphone adoption

Resolved: that the council would purchase the kiosk at the junction of Park Lane and Sandy Lane for £1. The clerk to notify Wyre Council planning by 20 December 2019.

175(9) Funds donated by Cllr Williams

Resolved: Once the loose change donated by Cllr Williams has been presented by cheque, the council will put the donated funds towards the maintenance of the telephone kiosk.

176(10) Leaflet created by Cllr Pattrick

Resolved: to adopt the information leaflet and for the Wyre councillors to ask Wyre Council if it would print multiple copies for circulation.

177(11) In Bloom independence

Resolved: that the clerk be given authority to transfer the balance of funds in the In Bloom account, managed by the council (consisting of donations and funds raised by the In Bloom team) to the new bank account once confirmation is provided that it is open.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

178(12) Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

URGENT ITEMS ONLY

Co-op – the manager of the funeral directors has retired, and a new incumbent has been appointed.

Best Kept Village – new judging system in place, the chairman has stood down. Some villages provide a route map for the judges, could possibly be done here in conjunction with the In Bloomers.

Gala – band concert raised £1,000 (£600 for band, £400 for gala). Next meeting is 13 January.

Halite/Brine watch - several FOI requests have been sent to Halite.

Health (all aspects) – event on 19 December from 12-4pm

Highways – meeting with resident on Smithy Lane re parking issues, possible solution being discussed with Cllr Salter. Issues with parking in bus bay on Park Lane – councillors asked to photograph any transgressions. Possible planning application for new sports hall at St. Aidan’s – any development would be requested to include parking bays for the buses.

Housing – Any issues with rodents need to be formally reported to Wyre Council.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee) – Cllr Cropper had attended the AGM.

Preesall Youth and Community Association – AGM is on Monday 20 January.

Tourism – Possible motorbike event towards end of July, six/seven groups have expressed an interest. Clarified that the council can support, but not run the event.

Possible farmers’ market on Saturday/Sunday if a suitable indoor venue. Lancashire is looking to be a County of Culture in 2025, bids will be in December 2020.

Wyre Flood Forum - next meeting is 9 January. Preesall Flood action group met last week and is looking at ‘upland planting’ on Preesall Hill.

Christmas Fair – This year’s event was very busy. Thanks were expressed to all those who helped with this year’s road closure.

Youth – problems with vandalism of bus shelter, adults now stay outside with children until bus arrives. Possibility of fencing from Bethel Church to back of shelter.

179(13) Verbal reports from Wyre councillors

URGENT ITEMS ONLY

None.

180(14) Clerk's report
Lengthsman's report
No report available

Banking

RBS has again failed to amend the bank mandate despite a promise that it would be done by the end of November. A letter of complaint has been sent to the business banking team.

Christmas lights

Additional mini Christmas trees have been put up in Knott End at the working men's club. The flagpole at the Battle of Britain memorial has been illuminated in the shape of a Christmas tree and the trees at the war memorial have also been lit up.

Festive light grant application

The council has been awarded £3,200 towards the cost of this year's Christmas lights by Wyre Council.

Flying the Red Ensign

This year's 'Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day' campaign was a great success.

Grateful thanks have been passed to the council on behalf of Seafarers UK for its support of this important initiative to raise public awareness of our island nation's dependence on past, present and future Merchant Navy seafarers.

The council has been provided with a 'certificate of commemoration'.

Next year Merchant Navy Day, 3 September, falls on a Thursday. There are no restrictions on when a Red Ensign can be flown ashore in the UK. Seafarers UK hopes that the council will be able to organise a flag-hoisting ceremony on the Tuesday - and have it flying all week.

Flag flying and planning permission

The Town and Country Planning Act permits certain flags to be flown without consent, for example, a flag of any island, county, district, borough, burgh, parish, city, town or village within the United Kingdom. However, the regulations are not intended to permit the flying of armorial flags or flags bearing coats of arms; for these the Officer in Waiting at the College of Arms must be contacted for advice. It is also unlawful to fly or use a flag of the arms of any local authority save on sites or premises occupied by that authority.

Inconsiderate parking on Mill Street and Smithy Lane

Complaints have been received from a member of the public regarding vehicles belonging to non-disabled drivers being parked in the disabled parking bays, thereby making access to the homes of those disabled residents extremely difficult. The county councillor has been made aware of the problem.

181(15) Mayor's report URGENT ITEMS ONLY

The mayor reported that he had attended the Christmas Community Choir concert.

182(16) Questions to councillors URGENT ITEMS ONLY

Cllr Drobny quoted a recent case of age discrimination based on IT literacy.
Cllr Williams said that the council could expect a letter prior to the next meeting from shopkeepers regarding the traffic warden

183(17) Items for next agenda

The next meeting will be held on 13 January 2020 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 2 January** at the latest. Items to 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 7.45pm and welcomed the invited volunteers to the Christmas buffet.