

# PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 17 May 2017 at 7.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall**

**Present:** Cllrs T Reilly (Mayor), B Burn, R Drobny, P Greenhough, D Hudson, R Lawson, G McCann, J Mutch, P Orme, and L Woodhouse

**In Attendance:** Alison May - Clerk to the Town Council

**1(17-18)021a Apologies for absence**

Cllr V Taylor

**1(17-18)021b Absent without apology**

Cllr R Black

**2(17-18)022 Declarations of interests and dispensations**

None

**3(17-18)023 Public participation**

No members of the public were present. Cllr Orme reported that a drain had collapsed on the Lancaster Road playing fields and that Wyre Council would need to be informed.

**4(17-18)024 Planning application 17/00178/FUL**

Councillors discussed the revised planning application in detail and were of the opinion that the change of size and position of the house was not relevant at this stage. The fundamental problem is whether the land should be built upon at all. The objections raised in regard to the previous application remained in this respect and the council was of the majority opinion that the application should be rejected (9 in favour, 1 abstained).

The reasons cited for the rejection were that the land and adjacent land is prone to flooding; the proposed development is outside the settlement boundary; this would still be building in the countryside; this would be development of a business in the countryside; the sequential test is out of date; the land remains contaminated by hundreds of tonnes of contaminated hardcore which the owners have been instructed to remove yet have failed to do so; waste from a number of horses would result in run-off that would contaminate the local dykes bordering two of the four sides of the land; the presence of protected species – brown hare and water voles. The council was also of the opinion that the access is not suitable and that the highways response should be challenged in this respect and that there is no commercial need for another farrier.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 19.30.