



**PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

## **Mayor's Report**

As we come to the end of the 2017/18 civic year, I would like to take this opportunity to say that representing Preesall and Knott End as your Mayor and completing the duties required of the position has been both an honour and a privilege.

I and the Mayoress have attended, and enjoyed, a wide variety of functions both locally and further afield in adjacent council areas and have received many favourable comments relating to our area and the people who live here.

It would be very remiss of me to report on the year without highlighting the sad loss of Councillor Vivien Taylor, who passed away on Wednesday, 27 September 2017. Vivien was a totally dedicated Councillor which was reflected in the roles she undertook as a Lancashire County Councillor, a Wyre Borough Councillor and a Preesall Town Councillor. A genuine great loss to our community.

Disappointingly, I must report that a very significant amount of clerk and councillor time has been expended in defence of the Council from county court action instigated by a fellow Councillor.

I am pleased to say that despite the many calls upon our finances, the Council managed to reduce the precept by 9%. The Council has also continued with the practice of providing grants to assist local groups and voluntary organisations such as the Gala organisers and the Youth Centre.

It has been an incredibly busy year for the Council. As the local voice for the villages of Preesall & Knott End, the Town Council can, and does, make representations on behalf of the residents to secure improvements to our amenities and local landscape.

During the year we have continued to vigorously challenge and lobby those who have responsibility for the provision of different support and service areas. For example, the Council has been actively involved in local issues relating to: planning applications; policing; highways and footpaths; flooding; housing; gas storage; bus services; ferry service; youth services; recreation areas and, beach access to name but a few!

Clearly, there is much still to be done and all is not perfect.

Progress in some areas has been / is painfully slow but we will keep chipping away to ensure the best outcome for our residents and visitors. I would also respectfully ask residents to support our community by avoiding: dog fouling; litter dropping; speeding; inconsiderate parking; parking on grass verges and pavements.

I cannot report on the year without highlighting and praising the many volunteers who help regularly with the running and organisation of many activities within our community; you are the envy of many. Thank for your time and commitment for helping to make Preesall and Knott End such a great place to live.

Welcome to our newest councillor, Nicola Patrick who joined the team in February 2018.

Before I close, I would like to record my grateful thanks to Alison May our Town Clerk for ensuring that we are all kept on the straight and narrow and for her hard work and dedication. Also I would like to give well deserved thanks to Brian Hutchinson, our lengthsman, the unsung hero of our team.

Grateful thanks are also due to my deputy Cllr McCann - who attended a number of functions and chaired council meetings when I was unavailable owing to prior engagements or through other commitments. Also to the Deputy Mayoress, Yvonne McCann, who stood in for the Mayoress on several occasions.

Personal thanks go to my fellow councillors who freely give up their time to serve our community. Their commitment, thoroughness, diligence, professionalism and sheer hard work on behalf of our community is truly appreciated.

Councillor Tom Reilly

Mayor 2017/18

## Finance

The Town Council is responsible for proper accounting records, safeguarding the assets and taking steps to prevent fraud and other irregularities and a prudent level of reserves. There are accounting policies and procedures in place to mitigate exposure to major risk, which are reviewed annually. Councillors believe they make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. The accounts are a matter of public information and can be viewed at any time.

### Receipts and Payments Account for Preesall Town Council

Receipts	2017/2018		Payments
Balances brought forward (including reserves)	£49022	£40813	Staff Costs
Precept	£92588	£791	Mayor/Civic
Grants/donations	£3450	£13349	Community Expenditure
VAT Refund	£4990	£275	Training
Recharges	£7	£2884	Parish Maintenance
Other	£264	£1702	Office Costs
In Bloom	£1865	£6593	Governance
	-	£2241	In Bloom
	-	-	Contingency
	152186	£68648	

Balance to carry forward as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 - £83538

The Town Council accounts are due to be audited in June 2018.

### The Parish Precept

The Parish Precept is the amount of money which the Town Council receives from Wyre Council to pay for the services it provides. This amount is raised by Wyre Council as that part of your Council Tax relating directly to the Town Council area. In other words, Wyre Council collects this on our behalf.

The way we calculate the precept is as follows:

Each year, just before Christmas, the Town Council produces an estimate of its likely **expenditure** for the forthcoming year (eg. Staff costs, parish maintenance, community projects). This will also include an amount to cover the costs of any urgent projects that may be required in the area.

We also estimate our likely **income** for the same period (eg the VAT Refund, Festive Lighting Grant). The difference between the two figures forms the basis of our precept calculation, which we submit to Wyre Council. In 2017/2018 our Precept was £92,588.

**Alison May**

**Responsible Financial Officer**

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