



**PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held  
on Monday 8 July 2019  
at 7.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community  
Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall**

**Present:** Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), A Cropper, J Cropper, T Johnson, K Nicholls, N Patrick, A Tarpey-Black, D Williams.

**In attendance:** Alison May, clerk to the town council; 24 members of the public.

**56a(1) Apologies for absence**

Cllrs B Burn; R Drobny; L Woodhouse; K Woods

**56b(1) Absent without apology**

None

**57(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations**

None

**58(3) Minutes of the last meeting**

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2019.

**59(4) Public participation**

*At the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting at 7.05pm to allow non-councillors to speak.*

Planning application 19/00565/FUL -

Members of the public raised concerns regarding the unsuitability of access arrangements to the proposed storage site and concerns that this would add to the number of accidents that had already occurred in the vicinity. A list of proposed conditions that would be sent to Wyre planning, should the application be approved, was read out and the clerk was provided with a copy.

Planning application 19/00540/COUQ –

Members of the public voiced objections to the proposed conversion of the barns to residential accommodation. They were concerned that the development was incursion into the countryside, particularly the metal barn and was out of keeping with the area. They were also worried that there could be an increase in flood risk to an area that already suffers from flooding, and that access onto the main road was not suitable and posed a danger. A list of the concerns was passed to the clerk.

Health matters –

A member of the public reported that they had attended a recent CCG meeting and raised concerns that the level of care for cancer patients in the area had been reduced. They also stated that staff shortages at the medical centre meant that patients who required wound dressings to be changed were having to travel to Fleetwood.

House of multiple occupation –

A member of the public expressed concern that the Government's changes to rules reducing the number of residents in houses of multiple occupation would lead to a need for more of this type of housing. This could expose more larger local properties to a risk of being converted.

KE Light Railway –

A joint venture with Wyre's tree officer had identified works that needed to be carried out. It was hoped that rubbish removal would take place in October and that members of the Territorial Army Royal Engineers would assist with site development. *At the conclusion of the public participation and at the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting at 7.25pm.*

### **60(5) Planning applications**

#### **Application Number: 19/00218/REM**

**Proposal:** Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 4 detached dwellings (following outline application 16/01049/OUT).

**Location:** Fairways 35 Sandy Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire.

**Resolved:** The council raised no objections to this application (6 in favour, 2 abstention).

#### **Application Number: 19/00540/COUQ**

**Proposal:** Prior notification for proposed change of use of two agricultural buildings to create three dwelling houses under Class Q of the GDPO.

**Location:** Thornton House Farm, 227 Pilling Lane, Preesall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire.

**Resolved:** The council objects to the application in its current format on the grounds of unsuitable access, incursion into the countryside, flood risk, impact on surrounding area and neighbouring properties. It could see some merit in the conversion of the front barn to two dwellings subject to improved access arrangements.

#### **Application Number: 19/00546/FUL**

**Proposal:** One and a half storey side extension, front and rear dormer and single storey rear extension.

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

**Resolved:** The council raised no objections to this application (7 in favour, 1 abstention).

#### **Application Number: 19/00565/FUL**

**Proposal:** Change of use from agricultural land to caravan storage, provision of landscaping and installation of electronic security gate.

**Location:** Willow Trees, Cart Gate, Preesall, Lancashire FY6 0NP.

**Resolved:** The council objects to the application on the grounds of unsuitability of access and concerns re flood risk. It asked that if the application was approved then it would like to see a number of conditions, namely: permeable standings for the

vans; no overnight stays or use of cooking equipment on site; maximum number of caravans stored 24; a layby on the access track (preferably close to the junction with Cart Gate); no entry to or exit from the site between 8pm and 8.00am; during term time, Monday to Friday, no entry or exit to the site between 8am and 9.15am or between 2.15pm and 3.45pm; access to the site from Lancaster Road/Sandy Lane only; exit from the site in the direction of Park Lane only; no parking of caravans on the highway during the restricted hours of entry to the site.

**Application Number: 19/00597/FUL**

**Proposal:** Proposed raised decking to rear of existing dwelling.

**Location:** Vanellus, Lancaster Road, Knott End-On-Sea, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire.

**Resolved:** The council raised no objections to this application (7 in favour, 1 abstention), with the proviso that it should not overlook neighbouring properties.

**Application Number: 19/00637/FUL**

**Proposal:** Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension with ancillary granny annexe.

**Location:** Edale, 48 Rosslyn Avenue, Preesall, Lancashire FY6 0HE.

**Resolved:** The council raised no objections to this application (7 in favour, 1 abstention).

**61(6) Ladder signs**

Having looked at the options presented by the three companies that quoted for the ladder signs, councillors believed a more cost-effective solution would be to have one or two signs made that could be fixed to the existing posts.

**Resolved:** that the clerk and chairman be given delegated authority to procure suitable signs with the clerk being allocated a budget of up to £500 to purchase the signs, with proofs circulated to all councillors.

**62(7) Memorial to the late Cllr McCann**

Councillors were informed that the proposed memorial is now a bench and planting arrangement at the Jubilee garden behind the library in Knott End.

**Resolved:** to approve £250 being earmarked for this memorial.

**63(8) Parking issues – Knott End**

Councillors were made aware that parking issues on Lune View/Clarence Avenue have escalated recently and will increase with the development of the nursing home. One possible solution would be to reduce the width of the pavement to provide a line of parking on Lune View. Residents had been consulted and were happy with the proposal. A further possible solution to create additional parking would be to take away the parking restrictions on the south side of Lancaster Road, Knott End (opposite Carlitos).

**Resolved:** that the clerk write to Lancashire County Council (LCC) highways requesting investigation of the parking problem on Lune View/Clarence Avenue, citing the proposed solutions.

**64(9) Signage Issues – Park Lane**

Several concerns had been raised by a member of the public regarding perceived inappropriate/illegal signs and advertisements at a trading site on Park Lane.

**Resolved:** that the clerk write to Wyre Council planning enforcement asking for the matter to be investigated.

**65(10) Historic County Flags Day**

**Resolved:** to give approval to the flying of the Lancashire flag on 23 July, when the population of Great Britain celebrates the nation's historic counties by flying flags.

**66(11) Finance**

i) Councillors **were asked to give approval** for the clerk to be allowed to sign cheques when two councillor signatories are not available at a meeting.

**Resolved:** that the clerk be given authority to sign cheques when only one councillor signatory is available on the proviso that two councillors (in addition to the councillor signatory) check the invoices against the cheques, one verifies the amount to be paid and one certifies that the payments are in order prior to the clerk signing each cheque.

ii) **Resolved:** that the clerk be given authority to open two additional accounts one with Unity Bank (a bank which specialises in local council banking) and a savings account with Hampshire Trust Bank (nine-month bond).

**iii) Councillors resolved:**

<b>a) To note</b> the following receipts:	
Current Account	759.09
In Bloom	915.00

<b>b) To approve</b> the following payments:	Cheque	
Payroll	431,433,435	2956.16
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)	432	37.55
Lengthsman's expenses (on behalf of council)	434	40.00
Wyre Building Supplies (Inv. 0209462)	436	18.00
Glasdon (Order 3017152)	437	91.00
Glasdon (Order 3017410)	438	513.35
Preesall Auto Discount Ltd (Statement March to July)	439	112.13
FH & M Davies & son (In Bloom Inv.05313)	040	877.74
S Dickinson (In Bloom):	041	180.00
Inv. 18 June – for cutting in May      £90.00	-	
Inv. 29 June – for cutting in June      £90.00	-	
J Wilson (In Bloom re Inv. 2887)	042	45.00
Y McCann (In Bloom re payment request 8.07.19)	043	43.68

<b>c) To approve</b> the following payments by direct debit	
Easy Web Sites (hosting fee, SSL certificate)	46.80
O2 (mobile phone contract)	14.70
LCC (contributions)	847.10
LCC (deficit)	8.33
ICO (annual fee)	35.00

<b>d) To note</b> the statement of accounts for June 2019	
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**67(12) Reports from committees and working groups**

None

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY****68(13) Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives**

Co-op – Cllr J Cropper, the local manager, had now moved to another branch.

Councillors were reminded that the funeral home is collecting items for a memory box for people with dementia.

Best Kept Village – Cllr Orme, the village had looked neat and tidy on judging day but had unfortunately suffered from littering afterwards. Wardens have visited the village 95 times in the last 12 months and several offenders have been fined. If the village gets through to the next round judging will be between 9 and 21 August.

Gala – Cllr Woods, all was progressing as planned.

Halite/Brine watch - Cllr Johnson, the website is still down, surveys have not been completed, the haul road development has not commenced. Brine watch is still active in opposing discharge into the sea. The area has now been classed as a blue belt protection zone, one of 41 marine conservation zones to help protect wildlife including birds, basking sharks, lobsters and seahorses.

Health (all aspects) – Cllr Tarpey-Black attended meeting of core group of patient participants, practice manager reported that they are within the required limits for appointment times. Problems with wound dressing as a member of staff is absent – they are trying to arrange alternative cover. Ongoing issues with Lloyds pharmacy – problems should be reported to the local MP as several issues including prescription availability and single use plastics. Possibility of future grant request to help install tea and coffee making facilities in the ‘front room’. Cllr Johnson, two local health related groups visited – SEND (lack of services in the area) and Lyrics and lunch (faith-based group helping those with dementia, any funding collected to go to church). Courses to familiarise teachers/school staff on autism, now being taken up by LCC and meeting arranged to discuss courses.

Highways - Cllr Patrick, will be starting to look at problem pavements. Problems on Pinewood have been reported.

Housing – Development off Rosslyn Avenue to commence once legal work has been completed. Dilapidated house on Pilling Lane being investigated.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee) – Cllr Orme, next meeting is 31 July.

Preesall Youth and Community Association – AGM in near future.

Tourism - Cllr Johnson has spoken with CEO of Blackpool Transport who is interested in suggestion of running a heritage bus on route to tie in with 2c and ferry and wishes to meet and discuss.

Wyre Flood Forum - Cllr Orme, last meeting was 3 June. Completed a camera survey and done work on road gullies. 29 July full works to commence, main chamber and hope to have sump in verge for surface water.

Wyre In Bloom - Cllr J Cropper, judged on Monday, results in October.

Christmas Fair – Cllr Orme, was expecting attendance at the meeting to update councillors.

Youth – Cllr Pattrick, a number of difficulties with unruly, disrespectful children. Considering closing the centre for a month.

### **69(14) Verbal reports from Wyre Councillors**

Cllr A Cropper – met with Cllrs Johnson and Tarpey-Black re the visit from the Care Commission and issues with appointment times and mental health provision - will take to the overview and scrutiny committee on 3 July.

Cllr P Orme – Wyre is committed to recycling, 17 new bin waggons.

### **69(15) Clerk's report**

#### **Lengthsman's report**

In June the Lengthsman has cleared undergrowth and cut hedges on Park Lane and Lancaster Road. He has helped to install the hanging baskets and to water the baskets and planting in the beds.

#### **Audit**

The paperwork has now been issued to the external auditor and the period of public right to inspect the accounts runs until 26 July.

#### **Request for bench**

The clerk has received a request for a memorial bench from a member of the public in remembrance of her parents, who lived in the village for 40 years until moving into care in 2016. They have asked for a space near the Lowry statue; funding for the bench has been received.

#### **Coastal access – latest update on the Silverdale to Cleveleys stretch**

The team has finalised proposals for the trail and the coastal margin and has modified its approach to its reports in order to comply with the judgement of the Court of Justice of the European Union of 12 April 2018 in case C-323/17 People Over Wind. A report will be published by autumn 2019.

#### **Highways**

You can have your say on your roads and transport locally by completing a short survey. As part of a new campaign to promote the work of its highways service, Lancashire County Council is encouraging people to complete the National Highways and Transport (NHT) survey, which measures public satisfaction with services across different local authorities.

The campaign will also focus on the county's work fixing around 40,000 potholes a year and ask people to report potholes on the website. This year, the council will spend £24m to maintain Lancashire's 4,600 miles of highways and 5,300 miles of

footways. Continued investment has improved the condition of the county's roads and helped to reduce the number of potholes by 38% in the last two years. Find out more about how Lancashire's roads are improving and complete the survey at [lancashire.gov.uk/roads](http://lancashire.gov.uk/roads).

The clerk was asked why the lengthsman appeared to be doing so little and explained that items on the report were those over and above the normal litter picking and cleaning.

The clerk made councillors aware of a letter of thanks received from OWSAC in respect of the grant towards the Christmas party and agreed to forward it to Cllr Johnson.

The lengthsman had been clearing the roadside and pavement of overgrown trees from Parrox Hall prior to the gala in order to facilitate safe passage and standing room. It was confirmed that letters had been sent from LCC to the owner in respect of work needed to be done on the trees but no action had been taken yet. The council had resolved in 2018 to bill homeowners for works undertaken by the lengthsman. Given that the problem with these trees had been ongoing for a number of months, a formal request had been made by LCC for works to be done and the health and safety issues in respect of the increased numbers of people using this area, it was thought appropriate that a bill be sent to the landowner for the work carried out.

#### **70(16) Mayor's report**

The Mayor reported that he would be opening the RSPCA dog show in August and would be attending the gala.

#### **71(17) Questions to councillors**

The issue of councillors taking advantage of the hospitality offered by the gala team at the brunch meeting prior to the event was raised. It was suggested that councillors should pay for their own refreshments to enable more funds to be kept in the gala accounts.

Cllr Williams offered to check if the minibus would be free to enable those councillors who have a difficulty walking to travel the route.

Cllr Johnson asked whether it would be possible to put community events on the council calendar and was informed that this would need to be raised as an agenda item for a subsequent meeting.

#### **72(18) Items for next agenda**

The next meeting will be held on 12 August 2019 - 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 1 August at the latest. The item should 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 9.55pm.