

PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10 April 2017
at 7.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall**

Present: Councillors T Reilly (Mayor), R Black, B Burn, R Drobny, P Greenhough, D Hudson, G McCann, J Mutch, P Orme, V Taylor and L Woodhouse.

In attendance: Alison May, Clerk to the Town Council, and 6 members of the public.

1(16-17)292a Apologies for absence

Cllr R Lawson

1(16-17)292b Absent without apology

None

2(16-17)293 Declarations of interests and dispensations

None

3(16-17)294 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED: 1) That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2017 be agreed as a true record subject to the insertion of wording re Cllr Hudson's intention to speak with the press (penultimate paragraph of clerk's report).

4(16-17)295 Public participation

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

Members of the public raised the following items:

- The lack of a police report and their non-attendance at the monthly Town Meeting.
In response: The Mayor stated that he had already had a conversation with the clerk regarding this topic and that it was one of the top five issues he wished to address in the coming year.

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

5(16-17)296 Grant application

A grant application had been submitted by the gala committee to help with the costs of bunting.

RESOLVED: That the council would make up the difference between the cost of the bunting and the amount raised by the gala committee via other fundraising/grants, to a maximum of £5,000.

6(16-17)297 Playing field – terminated lease

Cllr Orme informed councillors that the playing field committee had not convened its meeting on 7 April as it was not quorate. However, a walk round the playing field with one representative from Wyre, Jane Ferguson, had taken place with Cllr Orme, Cllr Drobny and the clerk in attendance. No outstanding issues were noted for Preesall Town Council and a formal summary of the meeting with documentation to hand back the lease is awaited from Wyre council.

It was also reported that the gala committee was seeking permission to use the field in July. Cllr Taylor asked the clerk to forward the request to her and stated she would liaise with Wyre on the matter.

To avoid the potential problem of not being quorate at a future meeting of the committee, additional councillors were appointed.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Woodhouse and Cllr Burn would become members of the committee.

7(16-17)298 Festive lights

At the March meeting councillors were made aware that the festive light grant application process would take place in May/June this year and that decisions would need to be made regarding this year's festive display.

RESOLVED: That the clerk be given delegated authority to progress the festive lights for 2017/18 and complete the grant application.

8(16-17)299 Appointments to Outside Bodies and Subject Leads

RESOLVED: That all councillors would continue their membership and role as subject lead to their respective outside bodies:

Housing – Cllr Hudson

Health – Cllr Greenhough

Tourism – Cllrs Black and Woodhouse

Youth – Cllrs Taylor and Orme

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee) – Cllrs Orme and McCann

Wyre Flood Forum – Cllrs Orme and Reilly

Friends of Preesall Park – Cllr Orme

Wyre Festive Lights Committee – Cllr Reilly

Wyre in Bloom – Cllr Mutch

Preesall Youth and Community Association – Cllr Reilly

Planning Ambassador – Cllr McCann

Christmas Fair – Cllr Orme

Gala – Cllr Hudson

9(16-17)300 Purchase of Armed Forces Day flag

The Mayor, Cllr Reilly, kindly donated an original tri-forces flag to the council for use on Armed Forces Day. At the request of Cllr Drobny he agreed to try to secure a second, smaller flag, for use at the RAF memorial on the sea front.

10(16-17)301 Permit Parking on Preesall Hill

Cllr Hudson reported that pre-purdah he had discussed the problem of parking for residents with Cllr Taylor. It was also made clear that a similar problem was being experienced elsewhere in Wyre. He made the council aware of statistics within a recent educational assessment report showing the proposed increase in children attending the local schools over the next five years – as high as 20%. The impact on infrastructure in terms of journeys made and parking at peak times would be significant, not only for junior schools, but senior as well. He expressed a growing concern for the safety of residents and road users in the area.

RESOLVED: To support Cllr Hudson's proposal to write to Jo Turton detailing the current and future problems of access and parking on Preesall Hill, requesting something be done urgently before matters escalate further.

11(16-17)302 Disclosure of Information to press

Cllr Hudson raised concerns regarding confidential 'green paper' information being released to the press and the clerk having queried part of an article in the Evening Gazette, the content of which quoted statements made by Cllr Hudson.

The clerk responded that the article had appeared under the by-line of a reporter who had attended council meetings and who knew that the council's standing orders require all requests for information to be made via the clerk or Mayor. When a check was made it was clear that the statements had not been made to this particular reporter, but bolted on by another reporter to whom the statement had been made. It was suggested that this be used as a learning exercise; although the comment was made that this had happened in the past, with a previous clerk having brought up a similar problem.

The point was also made that this specifically referred to quotes in respect of Preesall Town Council business and that Wyre and County Councillors were bound by additional rules.

The issue of an article appearing on Facebook was handed over to the Mayor, Cllr Reilly, for investigation and he agreed to report back to the next meeting of the council.

12(16-17)303 Planning Applications

17/00202/FUL

Proposal: Erection of an indoor archery range with associated parking (use class D2)
Location: Selby's pig farm, Little Tongues Lane, Preesall, Poulton le Fylde

It was agreed that the council has no objections to the proposal (10 in favour, 1 against)

17/00236/FUL

Proposal: Erection of detached dwelling with garage and creation of new access
Location: Land adj to Brandlehow, Nickson's Lane, Preesall, Lancashire FY6 0NY

It was agreed that the council has no objections to the proposal (9 in favour, 2 against)

17/00262/FUL

Proposal: Replacement boundary wall
Location: Whinfield House, 102 Pilling Lane, Preesall, Poulton le Fylde FY6 0HG

It was unanimously agreed that the council has no objections to the proposal.

17/00267/OUTMAJ

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 10 dwellings with access from Little Tongues Lane/Bourbles Lane and layout applied for (all other matters reserved)
Location: Selby's pig farm, Little Tongues Lane, Preesall, Poulton le Fylde

The council unanimously objected to the proposal on the grounds that the development is an incursion into the countryside as it is outside the settlement boundary. The access is poor with no footpaths, un-adopted roads and is generally unsustainable.

13(16-17)304 Finance

a) It was resolved to note the following receipts:

Current account interest	£ 4.96
Reserve account interest	£ 0.20
In Bloom sponsorship	£ 280.00

b) It was resolved to pay the following:

161,162,163 Payroll	£ 2741.99
161 Clerk's expenses on behalf of council	£ 35.14
162 Lengthsman's expenses	£ 40.00
155 Preesall Auto Discount Centre Ltd (inv.685)	£ 16.89
156 Wyre Building Supplies (inv. S10117256)	£ 2.78
157 Blachere Illumination (inv. 34498 and 3168)	£ 274.20
158 Cartridge Save Ltd (inv.24195)	£ 71.86
159 Viking (inv. 78703)	£ 56.86
160 Wyre council (inv.1111088123)	£ 5463.69

It was resolved **to note** the following payments:

Payments by Direct Debit

Easy Websites (hosting fee)	£	24.00
O2 (mobile phone contract)	£	13.97

Payments to be noted from last month:

153 HMRC Tax in March (paid outside meeting, previous incorrect total)	£	427.00
154 Zurich Municipal Insurance (paid outside the meeting Resolution)	£	598.02

c) It was **resolved to accept** the Statement of Accounts for March 2017 showing balances of:

Cash book	£21409.44
Reserve	£23677.41
In Bloom	£3635.29

Qtr 4 budget totals providing:

Total receipts for 2016/2017	£98823.39
Total expenditure for 2016/2017	£79499.90
Balance c/f to 2017/2018	£49022.14 (includes £25066.72 compulsory reserve)

d) It was **resolved to** transfer the following amounts:

Donation of £500 to the In Bloom
VAT refund monies in respect of In Bloom items £360.39

e) It was **resolved to pay** the following direct debits in 2017/18

Easy Websites (hosting fee)	£	24.00
O2 (mobile phone contract)	£	13.97
LCC	£	581.14

14(16-17)305 Verbal Reports from Subject Leads and Outside Body Representatives (information only)

Housing – Cllr Hudson reported that difficulties were being experienced with more than one housing association and he had been involved in finding accommodation for a person who had been made homeless. The ongoing property maintenance issue was progressing at a reasonable rate. He also asked that the clerk write a letter of thanks to the practice manager at the medical centre for the increase in the number of disabled parking spaces from 4 to 6.

Health – Cllr Greenhough reported that lack of appointments at the medical centre was as a result of staff shortages arising from recruitment and long-term sickness absence problems.

Tourism – Cllr Woodhouse reported that she had met the railway enthusiasts re the purchase of the track bed. Discussions were ongoing re the project with support from Mr Elletson, the landowner and interest from the media. Fundraising had got off to a good start. Cllr Black reported that the ferry concessions for pensioners had gone and the signage from the ferry slip was on hold until more was known re the future of the ferry.

Youth – Cllr Orme reported that a team of volunteer workers had now been established and that the Youth Club would open its doors again on 11 April.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee) – Cllr Orme reported that the next meeting would be on 26 April and that at the last LALC executive meeting the proposed review on methodologies for raising subscriptions had been put on hold for the next 2 years.

Wyre Flood Forum – Cllr Orme reported that the next meeting would not be until June.

Friends of Preesall Park – Cllr Orme reported that a positive working relationship was being developed with Wyre.

Wyre Festive Lights Committee – Cllr Reilly reported that the next meeting will be in October.

Wyre in Bloom – Cllr Mutch reported that normal spring activities were being progressed.

Preesall Youth and Community Association – Cllr Orme reported that the AGM would be in June.

Planning Ambassador – Cllr McCann reported that he had been approached by Wyre for a list of all amenities (halls etc) to be included in the Local plan. He also reported that the Campaign for Rural England was trying to call in the development of 165 houses in Hambleton.

Christmas Fair – Cllr Orme reported this would be on 2 December 2017

15(16-17)306 Verbal Report from Wyre and Lancashire County Councillors (information only)

None

16(16-17)307 Clerk's Report (information only)

Lengthsman's report

In March the Lengthsman has continued to reclaim pathways where soil has encroached and clean gullies where the road sweeper is prevented from cleaning owing to parked cars to ensure the free flow of water. He has tidied overgrown areas of the playing field ready for the hand-back inspection and taken delivery of ten mini Christmas trees.

Insurance renewal

The council's Insurance with Zurich Municipal has been renewed from 1 April to 31 March at a cost of £598.02. Once the hand-back of the playing field lease is formalised the MUGA and Youth Shelter will be removed and a refund for the remaining months of the insurance will be provided.

Business purchase account

An account to purchase discount ink has now been set up with Cartridge Save Ltd as per resolution (16-17)283.

Draft school place provision strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20

The role of the county council, as strategic commissioning authority, is to ensure that there are the right numbers of school places, in the right areas, at the right time to meet demand.

In order to support schools in meeting this aim, the county council is seeking your views on its draft School Place Provision Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20.

The document sets out a framework for school place commissioning and contains a set of approaches to inform decision making in relation to individual proposals. On occasions where the authority is proposing to make changes to school provision, it will continue to do so in partnership with schools and other partners, with the aim being to reach consensus of those involved whilst adhering to the key driver of improving standards.

It should be noted that any figures included within the strategy, are taken at a set point in time and we acknowledge that figures included now are likely to change in the future as communities and populations change. Therefore, all schools should be assured that the figures will be updated prior to moving forward on any individual proposals.

To view or download the draft School Place Provision Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20, please visit: <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools> and click on 'School Organisation Reviews'.

The direct link is: <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/performance-inspections-reviews/children-education-and-families/school-organisation-reviews/draft-school-place-provision-strategy-201718-to-201920.aspx>

We welcome any comments that you would like to offer about the strategy. Please note that the closing date for comments is Friday 28th April and written comments should be returned to schoolplanning@lancashire.gov.uk.

NWAA

I have recently been appointed as the community fundraiser and ambassador for North West Air Ambulance Charity covering West Lancashire.

I am currently approaching all parish and town councils in my local area to ask if they would consider giving a donation to support North West Air Ambulance Charity.

For nearly 18 years, we have provided the pre-hospital care needed to make a life-changing difference. We operate three air ambulance helicopters, flying 365 days a year, with doctors and paramedics on board providing advanced medical treatment within the vital minutes after an injury or severe illness. Just as many critically injured patients would not survive without the service, your North West Air Ambulance Charity would not be here without you. The service is funded by the generosity of the public through donations, fundraising activity, lottery membership and through our network of retail outlets. We receive no central Government or NHS funding.

In the period April 2015/ March 2016 we attended 699 incidents in the Lancashire area including road traffic accidents, sporting injuries, medical trauma, hospital transfers, falls and industrial accidents. The cost of providing our service across the North West amounted to £7,313,104.

With supporters like you on board we will achieve our mission to raise the funds to keep our 3 helicopters in the air.

We hope that when you are planning how you can fulfil your objectives, of improving community well-being and providing better services at a local level, you will be able to include a donation to this vital lifesaving service in your budget.

If you require any further information about the work of North West Air Ambulance Charity or would be able to assist in our fundraising efforts then please contact me on 07802 324376

lynne.whittaker@nwaa.net

Growth Programme grants

The Lancashire Enterprise Partnership has published live calls for projects under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

You could be eligible for a Growth Programme grant if your business is carrying out a project to create jobs or bring more money into the rural economy.

There are 2 types of grant:

- Food processing
- Rural tourism infrastructure

The grants are funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), which is part of the European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF)

You can find out further information and access the live calls documents in the handbooks by clicking on this [link](#)

Please note that this fund is not managed by Lancashire County Council and if you wish to make an enquiry you should contact the Defra rural services helpline on 03000 200 300 or email GPEnquiries@rpa.qsi.gov.uk

Friends Against Scams awareness

This is a rolling call for projects so there is no need to wait until the deadline to submit the application; the earlier you submit the application the sooner it can be accessed.

Lancashire Trading Standards, in conjunction with The National Trading Standards Scams Team, would like to invite you, your colleagues, and partner organisations to a "Friends Against Scams" awareness and training event on Wednesday April 26th at The Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston.

The event is designed for anyone who may want advice on how to spot scams, how to identify and help potential scam victims and gives you an opportunity to become a "Scam Champion" with the knowledge and skills to further promote awareness throughout your organisation or community.

The event is free of charge and you can attend either a morning or afternoon session.

The clerk also updated councillors on various types of fire baskets for the 'Battle's Over' celebrations in Nov 2018 and stated she would now be pursuing prices for each option.

17(16-17)308 Mayor's Report (information only)

Cllr Reilly reported that he had attended an excellent and very enjoyable production of Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat put on by a group of children at St Oswald's church.

18(16-17)309 Questions to Councillors

Cllr Burn asked what progress had been made regarding the pre-2012 assets and was informed that Cllr Orme had provided a list which was being researched by the clerk and the findings would be brought back to council.

Cllr Burn asked why Preesall and Knott End walks weren't include in the Wyre walks leaflet, it was thought that the ones in the leaflet are part of the ranger escorted set of walks from Garstang.

Cllr Hudson notified councillors of a 'jamboree' to be held on 6 and 7 May at Fleetwood Rugby club. There would be celebrity cricket and football matches and all proceeds raised from the event would go to the Prince's Trust.

19(16-17)310 Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting will be held on 8 May 2017. Councillors are asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda by notifying the Clerk **in writing** by Thursday 27 April at the latest. A summary of the reason for raising the matter should be provided.

There being no other business the Mayor closed the meeting at 21.18.