

## P R E E S A L L T O W N C O U N C I L .

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at St. Aidan's Technology College, Cartgate, Preesall.

PRESENT:- The Mayor, Councillor Miss Vivien Taylor, in the chair, Councillors Carter, Drobny, Lamb, Mrs Lawson, McCann, Moon, Mrs Mutch, Mrs Nicholls, Nuttall and Orme.

The Mayor welcomed Mrs Kath Nicholls to her first meeting and hoped she would enjoy her time on the council.

PRAYERS:- Reverend Dawn Banks asked councillors to observe a minutes silence in memory of County Councillor Bob Mutch who died last Saturday, she then gave a reading and said prayers.

POLICE MATTERS:- None present but the Clerk gave the crime figures for the month of July, 7, 1 detected, last year 15 crimes. The anti social figures were 23 (11 youth related) in 2010 the figure was 24. Road traffic accidents were 2 serious, 1 minor and 9 damaged only.

LENGHTMAN'S REPORT:- Away last week therefore there was more litter about on his return. The flag pole is now up and he thanked Cllr Moon for his help. It was proposed by Cllr Drobny and seconded by Cllr Carter and agreed that an Union Jack and a St. George flag be bought. Cllr Orme and Cllr Lamb proposed that a plaque be obtained for the flag pole dedicating it to the 70 years of the Battle of Britain, it was agreed.

OPEN QUESTION TIME:- Mr David Rimmer of Eskdale Road Knott End drew councillors attention to a letter that had been circulated by WBC on the restructuring of the local forums. The Mayor explained the reasons behind this exercise. Mr Rimmer then went onto complain about the refuse lorry dropping hydraulic oil on the road outside his house and the length of time it took WBC to respond. He gave Cllr Moon copies of his correspondence who said he would take up the matter with the department at WBC. Cllr Moon asked if LCC could be notified of the state of the road between the railway bridge and the outskirts of Knott End. Cllr Orme drew to Councillors attention the leaflet about the proposed 20mph limit. The Clerk stated he had written to LCC with our comments following the last meeting. It was suggested that Jackie Brindle and Caroline Holden from LCC could come and make a presentation to the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:- It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011 be approved and adopted as Council Policy.

16) MATTERS ARISING:- Cllr Orme reported that Cllr Black had not attended any of the meetings organised by Mr Mulroy on the Hailite project, Cllrs Orme and Lamb had attended and in fact Mr Mulroy had deleted Cllr Black's name of his panel and had substituted Cllrs Orme and Lamb.

17) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:- It was unanimously agreed that the accounts as listed on the order papers and dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011 be approved and authorised for payment. The remittances were duly signed by the authorised signatures. Cllr Orme queried the reclaiming of VAT and asked if any had been claimed since 2001. The clerk explained that only large projects could be claimed for and as the Council had only had two main projects in the last two years he would be contacting the Customs and revenue to start reclaiming the VAT. Cllr Nuttall asked if finances could be put on next month's agenda, this was agreed.

18) CLERK'S UPDATE:- a) The Clerk read a letter from WBC re Polling District, Polling Places and Polling Stations Review 2011, PTC are happy with the present arrangements. b) WBC have sent a letter re street cleaning from April 2012 with a questionnaire. The Clerk to liaise with the lengthsman and respond. c) The Clerk gave details of the LCC Parish & Town Council Conference on 12<sup>th</sup>

November 2011 at County Hall. It was agreed that Cllr Orme would attend. d) A consultation draft was received from LCC and was available for Cllrs to see. e) The Clerk read a letter from Chief Inspector Ian Dawson following PTCs letter to the Chief Constable re the accident on Park Lane in June. f) The Clerk reported that the War Memorial Trust had offered £199-00 towards the cost of the hand rail at the War Memorial, it was agreed to accept and the Clerk to take the project forward. g) The Clerk read a press statement from Dr John Roberts Chairman of Hailite Energy, and stated there was a meeting of the Hailite Community Liaison Panel on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August in Fleetwood. h) The Clerk gave the responses from the Parish Councils on the proposed training program. He will be contacting them to arrange the program.

19) PLAYING FIELD:- Cllr Orme stated that Mark Billington of WBC was not willing to apply for the Status of Queen Elizabeth Playing Field for the field on Sandy Lane. He said he would investigate further. The question of leases for the various users was put to WBC and they will not alter them to run together, they will leave it to PTC to discuss in future. The Council require a letter from the Preesall Park Users Group asking for permission to develop the playing field and to set out what they want to do with the field. Cllr Orme asked if the group could hold a car boot sale on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August, it was proposed and seconded that this was agreeable, there was one abstention. Cllrs Orme, McCann and Miss Taylor declared a personnel interest. Cllr Lamb thanked Cllr Orme for his work on the playing field.

20) STANDARDS BOARD:- Cllr Orme reported that proposed legislation from the Government was that the Standards Board will be abolished and it would be up to Local Authorities to come up with a new Code of Conduct, the local executive of LALC are taking this matter up. The question of whether the Standards Board at WBC should continue on similar lines as of now, discussion took place and it was agreed that some sort of code be required.

21) REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES:- Cllr McCann reported that £98k had been obtained to replace the sea defences in Knott End and Preesall. Cllr Drobný reported there had been a meeting at WBC re the gypsies. Cllr Orme expressed concern over the press release from Hailite on 1<sup>st</sup> August. Cllr Mrs Mutch stated the Wyre in Bloom were no longer handing out shields and certificates would be handed out in the near future.

22) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:- on the basis of information received from WBC the list as published and dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011 were fully discussed by way of representation/observation and the following recommendations were made:-

11/00494/FUL 36 Westbourne Road Knott End on Sea  
Voting For 10 Against Nil Abstain 1

11/00496/FUL Village Farm 194-198 Park Lane Preesall  
Voting For 10 Against Nil Abstain 1

11/00482/FUL National Westminster Bank The Esplanade Knott End on Sea  
Voting For 10 Against Nil Abstain 1

11/00540/FUL Ranch House and Meadowdale Head Dyke Lane Pilling  
Voting For 7 Against 1 Abstain 3

11/00561/FUL 5 Beech Grove Knott End on Sea  
Voting For 9 Against 1 Abstain 1

As there was no other business the Mayor closed the meeting.