

P R E 4 E S A L L T O W N C O U N C I L .

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th December 2011 at St. Aidan's C of E Technology College, Cartgate, Preesall.

PRAYERS:- Reverend Dawn Banks gave a reading and said prayers.

APOLOGIES:- Councillor Carter sent his apology, this was accepted and noted.

POLICE MATTERS:- None present, but the crimes figures had been passed on. Crime figures in November were 6 (last year 5) Anti Social behaviour in November 8 (last year 20) Cllr Moon remarked about problems with people shooting in the fields by Park Lane Preesall.

LENGTHMAN'S REPORT:- He has been busy clearing up after the gales, he has been having trouble with the waste sacks that are taken away by Fylde BC. Cllr Moon said he would take this matter up.

OPEN QUESTION TIME:- Three members of the public, Nigel Hind, Stephen Crompton & Derek Robson, attended to complain about the new 20mph speed limit. General discussion took place and it was agreed to send a strong letter to LCC asking for the speed limit to be looked at again as PTC didn't support the introduction and asked LCC to place the speed reduction around the three schools, in fact no speed limit was placed near Carters school on Pilling lane. Cllr Nuttall said he had received a request from a local resident asking if she could buy a bench to be placed in the village. He was advised to get the resident to write to the clerk asking for permission and to buy a bench on her behalf and she would repay the Council. Cllr Lamb said he had been contacted by a Mr Duckworth of Lancaster Road Knott End on various matters. Several Councillors said they had had numerous conversations with Mr Duckworth and he does not follow up on their advice. It was decided to take no further action.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:- It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th November 2011, be approved and adopted as Council Policy.

46) MATTERS ARISING:- Cllr Orme said in para. 44 it should read had attended not will attend.

47) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:- It was unanimously agreed that the list of payments listed on the order papers and dated 12th December 2011, be approved and authorised for payment. The remittances were duly signed by the authorised signatories.

48) CLERK'S UPDATE:- a) The Clerk gave details of three planning applications that were to be dealt with by WBC. b) The Clerk gave details of an email he had received from LCC re Parish & Town Council Charter. c) Details were given on workshops to be given by Lancashire & Merseyside County Training Partnership for 2012. d) Details of a DECC Local Energy Assessment Fund were given. e) The Clerk announced he had received a cheque for £150-00 from Preesall & Pilling AFC for the use of the playing field. f) Three estimates for the provision of Christmas lights in Preesall were presented, it was agreed to award the contract to PRS of Hambleton for the sum of £3070-00. This was within the budget. Cllr Nuttall will inform PRS.

49) BUDGET 2012/13. The Clerk went through the final budget, and it was unanimously agreed to set the precept at £22158-00 with the addition of £9048-00 for the grant in respect of the Clerk's salary. The total claimed being £31206-00. Cllr Moon raised the matter of the minimum basic pay as the lengthman's wage had been frozen for two years. It was agreed to look at this in the February meeting.

Cllr Lamb left the meeting.

50) VACANCY:- The Mayor thanked those who had been involved with the process of interviewing and selecting the new clerk. It was proposed by Cllr Orme and seconded by Cllr Nuttall that the job be offered to Miss Jan Finch and she would start on 9th January 2012 at that meeting. All were in favour. The Mayor read a letter from the Clerk asking if he could buy the lap top computer from the Council on his retirement. It was agreed that he should obtain a valuation from the local computer shop in Knott End, this was proposed by Cllr Drobny and seconded by Cllr Orme, all were in agreement. A new Contract of Service should be provided for the new clerk, it was agreed to set up a working party, Cllrs Orme, Drobny and the Mayor, who will report back at the next meeting.

51) NAMING OF THE PLAYING FIELD IN MEMORY OF ROBERT (BOB) MUTCH. Discussion took place and it was proposed by Cllr McCann and seconded by Cllr Drobny that the playing field on Lancaster Road be named after the late County Councillor Bob Mutch in recognition of all the years he had served the local community. Everybody was in full agreement and Cllr Mrs Jean Mutch said she was highly honoured for this gesture. Cllr Orme said, on behalf of Friends of Preesall Park, he would make enquiries for a name board.

52) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:- on the basis of information received from WBC the list as published and dated 12th December 2011 were fully discussed by way of representation/observation, and the following recommendations were made:-

11/00800/FUL 232 Pilling Lane Preesall.

Voting For 8 Against 1 Abstain Nil

11/00820/FUL Land at GP Concrete Products Ltd Gauters Lane Preesall.

Voting For 6 Against 2 Abstain 1 (Cllr Moon declared an interest)

11/00822/FUL Knott End Golf Club Wyre Side Knott End on Sea.

Voting For 5 Against 3 Abstain 1 (Cllr Moon declared an interest)

11/00832/FUL Cumberland View Acres Lane Preesall.

Voting For 9 Against Nil Abstain Nil

11/00845/FUL Coppins 59 Sandy Lane Preesall

Voting For 9 Against Nil Abstain Nil

11/00855/FUL 101 Pilling Lane Preesall

Voting For 8 Against 1 Abstain Nil (Cllr Miss Taylor declared an interest)

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