

PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 13 February 2012 at 6.30 pm at St Aidan's C of E Technology College, Cartgate, Presall

Present: Councillors; V Taylor (Mayor) C Lamb (Deputy Mayor), R Black, R Drobny, G McCann, J Mutch, D Nuttall, K Nicholls, P Orme,

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Town Council, Father Shaun Baldwin and Reverend Dawn Banks (Agenda Item 1), PC S Thompson (Agenda Item 5) and County Councillor T Ashton (Agenda Item 7)

Four members of the public

67. PRAYERS

Reverend Dawn Banks, accompanied by Fr Shaun Baldwin, gave a short reading and said prayers. In light of the High Court ruling in the case brought against Bideford Town Council by the National Secular Society, councillors

Resolved: that prayers would be said prior to future meetings and that those councillors who wished to participate were welcome to do so.

68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were given by Cllrs G Carter, R Lawson and P Moon and the reasons accepted.

69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest as a member of Lancashire County Council in Agenda Item 7 (20mph Speed Limit) as she intended to speak on the issue. Cllrs Taylor and McCann registered a personal interest as Wyre Borough Councillors in Agenda Item 12 (Wyre Council Leisure Review) as they intended to speak on the issue.

70. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 January 2012 having been circulated to members were agreed and signed by the Mayor as a true record.

71. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (INCLUDING A VERBAL POLICE REPORT)

In January 2011 8 crimes had been reported and 3 detected. In contrast 4 crimes had been reported in January 2012 and 2 detected. There had been 3 incidents of anti-social behaviour in the month compared with 16 incidents in the same period last year. The incidents in January 2012 were all related to young people playing football.

Councillors asked that issues relating to young people playing football by the ferry dock and noise problems relating to the Working Men's Club be investigated.

72. MAYOR FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2012/13

It was proposed by Cllr G McCann and seconded by Cllr Drobny that Cllr C Lamb be the next Mayor of the Town Council. There being no other nominations and with unanimous agreement it was

Resolved: that Cllr C Lamb be the Mayor of Preesall Town Council for the Civic Year 2012/13.

73. 20mph SPEED LIMIT

County Cllr Tim Ashton, Portfolio Holder at Lancashire County Council, had been invited to hear the concerns of councillors in respect of the new 20mph speed limits in Preesall and Knott End. Members of the public had provided the Mayor with a number of points they wished the Council to raise with County Cllr Ashton and these were read out. In her role as County Councillor, the Mayor had toured the area with Paul Binks, an officer of the County Council, in advance of the meeting and pointed out the problem areas. Mr Binks is to provide a report with recommendations for improving the situation to County Cllr Ashton.

County Cllr Ashton explained the background to the 20mph speed limits being introduced and acknowledged the problems reported by councillors with both the consultation and the public notice arrangements in addition to the views of councillors that a number of the areas designated as 20mph zones were inappropriate.

He would have to wait for the report but believed that it would contain recommendations for improvement that would both satisfy councillors and still enable to the County Council to comply with its policy. He confirmed that further consultation would take place on any recommendations for change.

74. LANCASHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE COUNTY TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

The workshop programme for 2012 was noted. Councillors acknowledged that the workshop on Quality Status would be useful if the Council were to pursue that status and the possibility of holding a workshop locally for members of the Town Council and possibly members of other local parish councils was raised.

Cllr Lamb and the Clerk had attended the recent Finance training which had concentrated on the requirements for a robust system of internal control and an additional meeting will be held in March to undertake the required governance review.

75. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application had been received:

11/00820/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one dwellinghouse
Location: Land at GP Concrete Produces, Gaulters Lane, Preesall

The Town Council has no objections to the proposal but noted that there is limited access.

12/00001/FUL

Proposal: Installation of two 20kw wind turbines with a height of 20.58m to centre of hub and overall height 27.13m to top of blades (13.1m diameter blades)
Location: Muffys Platt Farm, Pilling Lane, Preesall

Cllr Nicholls declared a personal interest as the applicants are relatives. She did not take part in the discussion or in the vote.

The Town Council objects to the proposal on the grounds of noise pollution and the negative impact on the countryside.

12/00017/FUL

Proposal: Circular 14/90 application for 3kv overhead lines replacement

Location: Preesall Electricity Substation, Park Lane, Preesall

The Town Council has no objections to the proposal.

12/00052/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension

Location: Knowsley, Lancaster Road, Knott End on Sea

The Town Council has no objections to the proposal.

12/00062/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of attached garage into living accommodation and single-storey extensions to rear of this

Location: 9 Lyme Grove, Knott End on Sea

The Town Council has no objections to the proposal.

The following planning application is for information only as it has been decided by officers on agricultural regulations.

12/00011/AGR

Proposal: Prior notification for barn store

Location: Willow Trees, Cart Gate, Preesall

76. FINANCE

a) Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment;

1. Staff costs and travel expenses	£1,320.50
2. Expenditure by Clerk for PTC	£58.40
3. Wyre Building Supplies Ltd	£93.30
4. Computer Craft Centre	£467.00
5. Lancashire County Training Partnership	£25.00

b) Income

Income received this month

1. Mr L Marr (laptop)	£30
2. Wyre Building Supplies Ltd (credit)	£0.40

c) Statement of Accounts

Members noted the Statement of Accounts as at 31 January 2012 which shows

Current Account	£12,687.76
Reserve Account	£6,091.06
Capital Reserve	£45.42
Mayor's Charity Account	£85.10

77. CONSULTATION OF LANCASHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Councillors noted receipt of proposed modifications to the Site Allocation and Development Management Policies DPD and Proposals following the Independent Modification. The proposals are now the subject of consultation with responses required by 1 March 2012.

Resolved: that Cllr Lamb consider the documents and respond on behalf of the Town Council.

78. WYRE COUNCIL LEISURE REVIEW

Councillors noted a meeting called by Wyre Council on 29 February 2012 to seek the views of Town and Parish Councils as part of its review of leisure provision.

Resolved: that Cllrs Orme and Nicholls attend on behalf of the Town Council.

79. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Councillors noted that St Oswald's is proposing to hold a Garden Party on the Sunday of the Jubilee weekend.

Councillors discussed a proposal by Cllr Orme that a small wood be planted on the land behind the library in honour of the Diamond Jubilee. The possibility of adding one or two bench seats was also discussed although perhaps at a later date. It was

Resolved: that the costs associated with purchasing and planting the trees be identified and that the authority required to plant them be investigated.

80. BROWN TOURISM SIGNS

Cllr Drobny raised the issue of promoting the area's amenities in order to help local businesses and the provision of brown tourism signs will be explored. Cllr McCann, in his role of Economy Portfolio Holder for Wyre Council will raise the issue with that Council to identify any opportunities there might be to promote the area.

81. FIRST AIDER

Cllr Droby questioned whether the Town Council was responsible for providing a qualified first aider when meetings are held. Cllr Lamb explained that there was no requirement for a qualified first aider and that there only need be a nominated person to call an ambulance in the case of a medical emergency.

82. VERBAL REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Friends of the Park

There is a fundraising meeting on 15 February 2012. The application for LANPAC grant funding was not successful.

Wyre Flood Forum

Stalmine and Pilling Parish Councils will have their own representatives and Cllr Orme will represent the remaining rural Wyre parishes.

Protect Wyre Group (PWG)

Work has been allocated in respect of the forthcoming Public Enquiries.

Over Wyre Seniors' Forum

The second meeting was held recently. In response to an annual competition to bridge the generational gap St Aiden's sent a number of Year 7 students with cakes to make and serve tea.

Wyre in Bloom

Planning for this summer's display is underway with a theme of purple and gold to reflect the Jubilee and red, white and blue by the Battle of Britain memorial.

83. CLERKS REPORT

Members noted the information in the Clerk's report in respect of:

Flying Lanterns – a briefing on the dangers posed and impact on property and the environment

PACT Panel – attendance by the Clerk in respect of policing priorities

Fence (Park Lane) – is owned by the County Council will consider replacement in the new financial year

Purchase of benches – two benches have been ordered and delivery awaited

Infrastructure Planning Commission – registration by the Town Council as an interested party

Support by the Clerk to Catterall, Pilling and Kirkland and Catterall Parish Councils – the Clerk reported on the valuable help and support she had received from the Clerk, Gillian Benson, and councillors asked the Clerk to write to Mrs Benson expressing their sincere thanks.

Lengthsman's Report – litter picking following recent windy weather; cutting back bushes alongside the playing field to provide better access; reinstatement of a dip in the goalmouth; monitoring of fly-tipping by the bottle bank in conjunction with Streetscene Officers. SPiD signs to be serviced and recalibrated and the notice board in Barton Square to be renovated; old notice board to be delivered to the Lengthsman for storage by John Bettles, Streetscene Officer.

84. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Town Council by notifying the Clerk at least 10 days prior to the next meeting. A summary of the reason for raising the matter should be provided.

Youth Shelters (Cllr Orme)

Emptying of Public Waste Bins (Cllr Carter)

85. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr McCann and seconded by Cllr Orme that the press and public be excluded in order to discuss two items relating to the employment of staff.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.50pm.