

PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 13 June 2016 at 7.00pm at Presall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Presall

Present: Mayor Cllr T Reilly, Cllrs G McCann, B Campbell, R Drobny, D Hudson, R Lawson, J Mutch, P Orme, R Black and L Woodhouse.

4 members of the public

In Attendance: Marion Gelder (LALC).

(16-17)033 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr V Taylor.

(16-17)034 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr Hudson indicated that he might have an interest in item 5.

(16-17)035 Minutes of the Last Meeting

There was much discussion about the chronology of item (16-17)010. The content was agreed and amendments were made to items (16-17)011 and (16017) 031. In view of the extent of the amendments **it was resolved** to consider the amended version at the next meeting.

(16-17)036 Public Participation

A member of the public reported that motorists are parking beside dropped kerbs, preventing mobility scooters from crossing the road and asked if some action could be taken to prevent this. It was suggested that a report be sent to Lancashire County Council. The same member of the public asked about improvement of road surfaces. Lancashire County Council have indicated that re-surfacing is prioritised and that no action is imminent in this area. There is a parking problem underneath the clock where a vehicle regularly obscures the junction. The owner will be approached.

It was reported that a dog running loose has attacked dogs on leads. Details will be passed to Cllr Orme to take forward.

The meeting was re-convened

(16-17)037 Recruitment of New Clerk

Four applications have been received. It was not necessary for Cllr Hudson to declare an interest. It was proposed and seconded to hold interviews on the morning of Saturday 18th June. An amendment was proposed and seconded that the interviews should begin at 3.30pm. The amendment put to the vote failed and the substantive motion was voted upon. **It was resolved** to hold the interviews in the morning of the 18th. CV's will be circulated. **It was further resolved** to identify interview questions prior to the interviews.

(16-17)038 Santander Bank Account

A letter has been received from the bank indicating that there is no record of an account in the name of Presall Town Council, nor in the name of the previous clerk. A copy of the letter had been circulated to members.

(16-17)039 Internal Audit

The audit had been circulated to members. **It was resolved** to accept the report.

(16-17)040 Public Inspection of Accounts

The accounts must be available for inspection by 21st June. The notice for public inspection will be posted on the notice boards and on the website. **It was resolved** that Cllr Reilly will be available to attend the library for requests to inspect.

(16-17)041 Mayor's Communication of Intent

Cllr Hudson reported that he would have preferred to have the communication issued at a meeting rather than by e-mail.

(16-17)042 Intellectual Property Rights

Cllrs were reminded that care should be taken in using items downloaded from the internet.

(16-17)043 Knott End to Fleetwood Ferry

It was reported that the ferry is due to be cancelled. There is possibly funding available for two years from Walney Island. It is not clear what will happen if councils do not continue to contribute. It is recognised that there is a need for the ferry. Councils may be asked to contribute in order to maintain the facility. Further information is awaited and will be reported to the council in due course.

(16-17)044 Robbery at ATM

There was a proposal that CCTV would be installed at the former NatWest. Following the recent incident it was suggested that a letter should be written in support.

(16-17)045 Transparency

With reference to recent events, documents will be made available when ongoing enquiries have been completed.

(16017)46 Employment Working Group

There is a vacancy for a member as Cllr Reilly felt he should stand down. It was explained that the remit for the group is to update the clerk's contract. **It was resolved** that Cllr Reilly should remain as the third member for this purpose.

(16-17)047 Planning

16/00397/FUL

Proposal : Change of use from extended pub to 2 self contained C3 residential units.

Location: Ranch House Head Dyke Lane Preesall.

16/00403/FUL

Proposal : Installation of new shop front and door to rear.

Location: 14Lancaster Road Knott End on Sea

It was resolved not to object to either application

Two further applications had been received. They were considered on this occasion, after noting that in future additional items to the agenda must have 3 clear days' notice, giving cllrs the opportunity to research as necessary.

It was not necessary to make representation on either application.

(16-17)048 Finance

It was resolved to note the following receipt;

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It was resolved to pay the following;

Former Clerk's final salary payments and adjustments (inc back pay)	£660.59
Lengthsman's salary (inc back pay)	£1,053.49
HMRC	£143.56
Wyre Building Supplies (Inv s10087639)(invs10086727)	£51.00
Preesall Auto Discount (inv 553)	£25.97
Claughton on Brock Parish council l/ services of locum clerk	£307.40
Fordstone General Store (inv82)	£227.50
Mrs S Barlow (Bloom account)	£ 75.00

It was resolved to note the following payments;

Payments by Standing Order/Direct Debit

Easy Websites (hosting fee)	£24.00
O2 (mobile phone contract)	£14.22
LCC (employer contribution)	£398.48)
LCC (employee contributions)	£109.53) £508.01

It was resolved to accept the statement of accounts circulated at the meeting

(16-17)049 Reports from Outside Bodies

Housing – It was resolved to ask members of the public to leave the meeting for this item as there may be the disclosure of confidential information. The matter discussed was not within the scope of Town Council powers and it was resolved to invite back members of the public.

Health – There was no report

Tourism – Information about the ferry is awaited

Youth – There was no report. It was commented that the Youth Centre may well have to close, although it was thought that £5,000 would be the cost of running the facility

Lancashire Association Wyre Area Meeting – There has been no meeting

Wyre Flood Forum – Work on the dyke network has been continuing for some time. The Borough Council is sending out riparian notices

Protect Wyre Group – There was no report

Friends of Preesall Park – There is a vacancy for a representative

Wyre Festive Lights Committee – A check will be made with the Lengthsman about the whereabouts of the lights

Wyre in Bloom – There has been much planting. More help is needed with watering. The lengthsman may be able to help

Preesall Youth & Community Association – The AGM has been held but sadly there were no attendees

Planning Ambassador – A copy of the planning committee report had been circulated. Cllr McCann was thanked for his detailed report

Christmas Fair - There was no report

(16-17)050 Report from Wyre and LCC Councillors

There was no report

(16-17)051 Clerk's Report

The report had been circulated to members

(16-17)051 Mayor's Report

The Mayor attended an open day at the Coastguard Station

He has been introducing himself to residents

(16-17)052 Questions to Councillors

Reference was made to the lack of signs at the entrances to the beach stating that only authorised vehicles are allowed.

(16017)053 Items for Next Agenda

Signature of the previous meeting Minutes

An agenda item about access to the beach

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm