

PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 11 March 2019
at 7.00pm at Presall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Presall**

Present: Cllrs L Woodhouse (Mayor), R Black, B Burn, R Drobny, R Lawson, J Mutch, P Orme, N Pattrick.

In attendance: Alison May, clerk to the town council; 13 members of the public.

243a(1) Apologies for absence

Cllr Reilly, Cllr McCann

243b(1) Absent without apology

244(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr Orme, Cllr Burn, Cllr Pattrick – planning application 19/00156/FULMAJ

245(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019.

246(4) Public participation

*At the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting at 7.04pm to allow non-councillors to speak.*

- Members of the public raised concerns regarding the resubmission of the planning application for housing at the bottom of Rosslyn Avenue (19/00122/FUL) and asked why this was being allowed to happen given all the problems that had been highlighted regarding the plot of land and access to it. Increased flooding was of major concern, as was access to the site with the road having collapsed again. It was also asked who would have the final say.

In response: Residents were advised to submit their views to Wyre planning and were told that who made the final decision would depend on whether the application went to appeal.

- A member of the public highlighted problems with planning application 19/00122/FUL, stating that residents were concerned that this would only exacerbate the parking problems were it to go ahead. It was also suggested that a request would be made for permit parking.

In response: Any request for permit parking would have to be looked at by Lancashire County Council highways department; residents were advised to raise this with the County Councillor, Matthew Salter. They were also informed that a similar request for permit parking on Presall Hill had not been successful.

*At the conclusion of the public participation (7.16pm) and at the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.*

247(5) Planning applications

Application Number: 19/00093/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Location: West Holme, 14 Beach Road, Preesall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire

Resolved: the council was unanimous in having no objections to the application.

Application Number: 19/00121/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side, front and rear extensions and garage extension

Location: 13 Meadow Avenue, Preesall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire

Resolved: the council was unanimous in having no objections to the application.

Application Number: 19/00122/FUL

Proposal: Sub-division of dwelling into two self-contained flats

Location: 19 Clarence Avenue Knott End-On-Sea Lancashire FY6 0AH

Resolved: that the council had no objections to the application (4 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention).

Application Number: 19/00156/FULMAJ

Proposal: Erection of 39 affordable residential dwellings with associated infrastructure including new pedestrian and vehicular access off Rosslyn Avenue (resubmission of 18/00734/FULMAJ)

Location: Land south of Rosslyn Avenue, Preesall

Resolved: to object to the proposal on the same grounds as the previous application for this site; specific points of concern being the unsuitability of the land, risk of increased flooding, unsuitable access arrangements (6 against, two abstentions).

248(6) Reports from committees and working groups

i) Finance

The finance working group met prior to the main monthly meeting and recommended that the council sign off the finances.

Councillors **resolved:**

a) To note receipts at the meeting
Current account 0
Reserve account 4.71
In Bloom account 0

b) To approve the following payments:	Cheque	
Zurich (36037172) yr 2	379	Cancelled following revised amount
Payroll	380,382,384	2841.65
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)	381	22.80
Lengthsman's expenses (on behalf of council)	383	40.00
SLCC membership (18/02/19 invoice)	385	98.00
Wyre Council (inv.1111092442)	386	1572.57
Wyre Building Supplies Ltd (inv.0194347; 0196780)	387	53.14
Zurich (36037172) yr 2(inv. 36037172 & 828117805)	388	415.93
Mr J Rigby (Xmas lights)	389	20.00
Julie Jenkinson (Xmas lights)	390	15.00
Mr S Ahmed (Xmas lights)	391	20.00
KE&P Y&CA (Xmas lights)	392	40.00
RNLI (Xmas lights)	393	45.00
Thornton Facilities Management (inv. 28604)	394	11.05
Preesall Auto Discount (inv.887)	395	36.96
Mrs Y McCann (INV 18 Jan)	034	41.41

c) To note the following payments by direct debit	
Easy Web Sites (hosting fee, 8 x councillor email, SSL certificate)	46.80
O2 (mobile phone contract)	14.35
LCC (contributions)	815.10
LCC (deficit)	8.33

d) To note the statement of accounts for February
Current account £66,567.98
Reserve account £30,718.19
In Bloom account £4,216.34

ii) Civic events committee

The civic events committee was not quorate therefore a new date will be arranged.

249(7) Household waste recycling consultation

Resolved: to take part in Lancashire County Council's survey on household waste recycling centre opening times. Councillors worked through the questions and agreed the answers they wished the clerk to submit to LCC.

250(8) Annual governance review

Having considered a number of internal control documents, councillors:

Resolved:

- a) that the Financial Regulations be approved without change
- b) that the Schedule of Assets as at March 2019 be approved, with all assets having been checked and accounted for.
- c) that no changes be made to the Risk Management Plan, Risk Register and Annual Town Meeting Standing Orders.

251(9) SLCC

Resolved: to approve the clerk's membership of SLCC for a further 12 months with the costs shared 50/50 with Stalmine Parish Council (£98 each).

252(10) Health lead

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Drobny as lead councillor for health information.

253(11) Verbal reports from subject leads and outside body representatives (information only)

Best Kept Village – Cllr Orme reported the application was now ready to be sent off.

Gala – Cllr Burn reported that the new queen is Emily, the gala will have a beer trailer this year and that there would be a prize bingo event on 29 March to raise funds and a further event on 12 April at the Working Men's Club in Knott End with tickets priced at £12.

G & KE light railway – Cllr Drobny reported the possibility of a Santa Special outing to the East Lancs railway later in the year and Cllr Woodhouse said she was standing back from the organisation as an injury prevented her from being actively involved.

Highways – Cllr Pattrick said that she and County Councillor Salter had been out measuring potholes and had reported the major ones on Sunnyside Terrace, some of which had now been filled. The drain outside Pilling Lane school had collapsed and that sinkage on Pilling Lane was worse than two weeks ago and had now been marked with white paint.

Planning Ambassador – Cllr Orme reported that the new local plan was now live.

Wyre Flood Forum – Cllr Orme and Cllr Pattrick had attended the latest flood forum and Sunnyside resident participation was now getting results, but there was still a lot to do. Cllr Pattrick and two members of the flood action group would be attending the forum in Lancaster. Wyre has produced a booklet on what to do before, during and after a flooding event and this was available on the Flood Hub website. A pump plan for Sunnyside Terrace had been produced, giving access to the two new pumps purchased last year by Wyre.

Wyre In Bloom – Cllr Mutch said the In Bloomers were working as and when the weather allowed.

Xmas Fair – Cllr Orme announced the date for this year as 30 November,

Youth – Cllr Pattrick stated that they had made pancakes last week and that she was looking at ideas for the older children – with a trip to the pleasure beach being considered.

254(12) Verbal report from Wyre Councillor (information only)

The Wyre Councillor reported that the local plan is now live and all planning applications will be judged against it. Wyre Council had approved its budget last Thursday.

255(13) Clerk's report (information only)

Lengthsman's report

In February the lengthsman has removed a decaying boat and planters in Knott End, which will now allow the In Bloomers to create a new display. He has also cleared the gulley along the sea wall of debris and litter to allow water to drain more freely. He has also removed two sheep carcasses from the beach at Fluke Hall.

RBS switching

The nearest RBS branch at which the clerk can conduct banking on behalf of the council is Preston. RBS has now provided a list of other banks offering business accounts that it is recommending the council transfers its business to. Details of the offers and the banks involved are being investigated by the finance committee. Councillors will be provided with an update once a shortlist has been agreed.

Container storage for council

Wyre Council has now agreed in principle for the council to place a container on the playing field subject to it being dark green. Work is now underway to secure the official licence and the positioning of the container.

Road resurfacing works

Notice has been given that the following roads will be closed from 0800 on Friday 5th April 2019 until 1700 on Tuesday 9th April 2019 or until completion of the works within this period: Fordstone Avenue, Unsworth Avenue, Hampson Grove, Jubilee Avenue, Hillside Avenue, Elmwood Avenue and The Crescent, Preesall, from the junction with Park Lane to the junction of Sandy Lane.

New police sergeant at Garstang

Guy Hamlett has now taken over from Greg Laidlow as sergeant of the local policing team at Garstang. He has spent the vast majority of his career as a uniformed officer and has previously been a neighbourhood sergeant. His contact details are 01995 607820 | guy.hamlett@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

North West Coastal Forum survey

The North West Coastal Forum is working with the Marine Management Organisation to try to increase the input from local communities into the shaping of the North West Marine Plan which is currently being drafted. Marine planning will affect the future use of the coast as well as marine waters for a very wide range of activities and developments, so it is important that people get involved. Further details can be found at www.nwcoastalforum.gov.uk/ or visit the MMO'S marine planning portal: www.gov.uk/topic/planning-development/marine-planning and follow the links for the North West Marine Plan. The closing date for the survey is 29 March 2019.

256(14) Mayor's report (information only)

The Mayor reported that this had been a quiet month.

257(15) Questions to councillors

Cllr Drobny said he wished to raise a point of order in respect of agenda item 4 of the meeting on Monday 4 March being opened to the public and suggested that members of the public may have stayed away as they believed that they would not be able to stay for the business. It was pointed out that the inclusion of the word 'may' allowed the council to decide whether the matter would be discussed in open or closed session with each item being judged individually and that agenda item 3 had provided an opportunity for the public to speak. On 4 March it was decided that as the matter being discussed was already in multiple newspapers it was already in the public domain and, therefore, it did not have to be discussed without the press and public present. Cllr Orme read out the relevant section of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960:

'(2)A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies.'

The decision to exclude or not lies with the council at the meeting the item is to be discussed.

258(16) Items for next agenda

The next meeting will be held on 8 April 2019. Councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda by notifying the clerk **in writing by Thursday 28 March** at the latest and to include a summary of the reason for raising the matter.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.11pm.