

# PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 14 May 2018 at 7.30pm at Knott End Library, Lancaster Road, Knott End

**Present:** Cllrs T Reilly (Mayor), R Black, B Burn, R Drobny, D Hudson, R Lawson, G McCann, J Mutch, N Patrick, L Woodhouse.

**In attendance:** Alison May, clerk to the town council, 54 members of the public.

### **01(01) Mayor's welcome and address**

The Mayor, Cllr T Reilly, welcomed guests to the meeting and reflected on his year in office, saying that it had been both interesting and challenging and at times peculiar and bizarre. He emphasised how enjoyable it had been going out and meeting everyone and thanked all the volunteers, the emergency services, church members, Pilling Band, the Co-op members, the clerk, the lengthsman and councillors for helping make Preesall and Knott End a great community in which to live.

He thanked the Mayoress for her support and kind words of wisdom and passed on her best wishes to the Mayor-elect. He then thanked the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress for their support during the year.

The Mayor wished the Mayor-elect all the very best for her year in office.

### **02(02) Election of Mayor for 2018/19**

The outgoing Mayor invited nominations for Mayor.

Cllr McCann gave a short speech ending with the proposal:-

That Cllr Lynda Woodhouse be elected to the office of Mayor of Preesall Town Council for the municipal year 2018/19. Cllr Drobny seconded the proposal and councillors **resolved** that Cllr Woodhouse be elected to the office of Mayor of Preesall Town Council for the municipal year 2018/19.

### **03(03) Investiture of Mayor**

Cllr Reilly invested Cllr Woodhouse with the chain of office and Cllr Woodhouse signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr Reilly then presented the Mayoress, Ms Emelye Woodhouse, with the Mayoress chain.

### **04(04) The Mayor's address**

Cllr Woodhouse took the chair and gave a short speech in which she expressed her honour and delight in being able to serve as Mayor for the coming year. She spoke of the special sense of community within Preesall and Knott End, enhanced by the many voluntary and social groups. She said it was her hope to support and work with those groups in the coming year; she also spoke of the importance of the church in her life and how her faith inspires her everyday life and voluntary work. She recalled past challenges such as the fights to retain the bus, library and ferry services and how much can be achieved by working together. She informed everyone that her charities for the coming year will be the local branches of the RNLI, the RSPCA and the Boys' Brigade.

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress and Deputy Mayor and Mayoress and presented the Mayor with his past Mayor's badge.

**005(5) Apologies for absence**

Cllr Orme, Cllr Lawson

**005(5) Absent without apology**

Cllr Greenhough

**006(6) Declarations of interests and dispensations**

None

**007(7) Election of Deputy Mayor for 2018/19**

Cllr Woodhouse gave a short speech ending with the proposal:-

That Cllr Bill Burn be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor of Preesall Town Council for the municipal year 2018/19. Cllr Black seconded the proposal and councillors **resolved** that Cllr Burn be elected as the Deputy Mayor of Preesall Town Council for the 2018/19 municipal year. The Mayor invested Cllr Burn with the chain of office and Cllr Burn signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Mayoress handed over the Deputy Mayoress chain to Mrs Jackie Burn. Cllr Burn expressed his thanks at being asked to be Deputy Mayor for the coming year.

**008(8) Short break**

*At the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow the Mayor to pause the meeting and invite guests to take refreshments. Councillors then **resolved** to open the meeting to finish the business on the agenda.*

**009(9) Review of delegation arrangements to the clerk**

**Resolved:** to approve the clerk's delegations document (without amendment).

**010(10) Review of the terms of reference for committees and delegation arrangements**

**Resolved:** to approve the terms of reference for the Battle's Over Committee and the Finance Committee for the 2018/19 civic year.

**011(11) Appointment of members to existing committees**

**Resolved:** to approve the members of the Battle's Over Committee as: Cllr McCann, Cllr Orme, Cllr Woodhouse and Cllr Burn. **Resolved:** to approve the members of the Finance Committee as: Cllr Orme, Cllr McCann, Cllr Mutch, and Cllr Woodhouse.

**012(12) Calendar of Town Council meetings for the 2018/19 civic year**

**Resolved:** to approve the dates of the meetings for the 2018/19 civic year

11 June 2018  
9 July 2018  
13 August 2018  
10 September 2018  
8 October 2018  
12 November 2018  
10 December 2018  
14 January 2019  
11 February 2019  
11 March 2019  
8 April 2019  
13 May 2018

**13(13)** There being no other business the Mayor closed the meeting at 7.55pm.