

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th November 2011 at St. Aidan's Technology College, Cartgate, Preesall.

PRESENT:- The Mayor, Councillor Vivien Taylor, in the chair, Councillors Black, Carter, Drobny, Lamb, Mrs Lawson, McCann, Mrs Mutch, Mrs Nichols, Nuttall, and Orme.

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

APOLOGIES:- Councillor Moon and Mr Hutchinson sent their apology, these were noted and accepted.

POLICE MATTERS:- PC Stuart Thompson gave the crime figures for the month of October, there being 12 last year 21, the anti social orders were 17, last year 16. He answered Councillor's questions on possible residents only parking in Unsworth Avenue, Police assistance on the service held on 11<sup>th</sup> November on the Esplanade, problems with car parking in the afternoons around Mill Street and Park Lane The Mayor thanked him for his attendance.

LENGHMAN'S REPORT:- No report.

OPEN QUESTION TIME:- The Mayor asked about celebrations for the Queen's jubilee next year. Cllr McCann said he would put a notice in the green book asking for ideas and it was agreed to put this item on the January agenda. Cllr lamb said he was having problems with his idea for a farmer's market. He also suggested that the playing field on Lancaster Road be named in memory of Robert (Bob) Mutch for all the work he had done for the local community. It was agreed in principle and should be put on the December agenda. Cllr Orme commented on the flag on the flag pole for the Remembrance weekend. Cllr McCann asked if the Unsworth Avenue resident's access could be put on the January agenda, this was agreed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:- It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 be approved and adopted as Council Policy.

38) MATTERS ARISING:- Para 36, Cllr Mrs Mutch stated she had passed on the results of the Wyre in Bloom to the editor of the green book, but unfortunately they were not published. Para 34 Cllr carter stated he had written to United Utilities re the work on Pilling Lane, the Clerk was asked to write to them to find out an update on the work and a finish date.

39) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:- It was unanimously agreed that the list of payments listed on the order papers and dated 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011, be approved and authorised for payment. The remittances were duly signed by the authorised signatories.

40) CLERK'S UPDATE:- a) The clerk stated the grant from WBC for the Christmas lights had been received £2235-00. b) A refund of VAT had been received of £ 2614-29, this being the amount claimed. c) The clerk gave details of the Mayor of Wyre Christmas coffee morning on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the Civic Centre. d) Details have received from LALC re a Finance workshop to be held at Penwortham on 7<sup>th</sup> December. e) A final reminder had been received re the Q E II playing fields. Cllr Orme stated that WBC are not willing to apply as they are the landlords of the playing field. f) The Clerk had received a request to put a notice on the notice boards advertising the UKIP MEP. This was agreed. g) The Clerk reported he had received a message from WBC re the state of the bus shelter outside the Black Bull in Preesall, they are going to replace it due to it's unsafe state. WBC will also replace the notice board, a request for the old one to be passed back to PTC.

41) BUDGET 2012/13. The Clerk went through the details of the draft budget stating that because of the refund of VAT and prudent spending in the current financial year the balance in hand at the end of the year is expected to be higher than forecast. As the Government, LCC and WBC had stated

there would be no increase in the Council Tax in 2012/13 the Clerk recommended that the precept be kept the same as 2011/12. He was able to put in the budget an extra £5000-00 for community funds. It was agreed that the budget for 2012/13 be £50946-00 of which the precept would be £22158.

42) VACANCY:- The Mayor stated that she had received 14 applications for the Clerk's vacancy. It was agreed to meet on Saturday 19th November at 9-30 at the Youth & Community Centre to short list the candidates for interview. Interviews will be held as soon as possible. The Clerk was asked to photo copy the applications and let every Councillor have a copy.

43) PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT:- The Clerk read a letter from Friends of Preesall Park requesting an extension in the lease to 30 years, so that they can apply for funding. It was agreed to write to WBC asking them to revoke the present lease and in its place issue a new one for 30 years. The Clerk read another letter from FOPP asking for support in the development of the playing field and its long term future. Discussion took place and it was agreed in principle to the development of the field and to accept the long term plan for its future. The voting was for 7 against nil abstain 3. Cllrs Miss Taylor and Orme declared an interest.

44) REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES:- Cllr Orme reported on the recent meeting of LALC. He also reported on the Halite meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October. He commented on the future of the Standards Board. He stated he would be attending the AGM of LALC and the LCC Parish & Town Council Conference on the 12<sup>th</sup> November.

45) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:- On the basis of information received from WBC the list as published and dated 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were fully discussed by way of representation/observation, and the following recommendations were made:-

11/00676/FUL Rydal House 281 Park Lane Preesall.

The Council was unable to make a decision due to lack of information.

11/00724/FUL Selbys Farm Little Tongues Lane Preesall.

Voting For 1 Against 7 Abstain 2 (Preservation order on Bats).

11/00744/FUL 30-36 Lancaster Road Knott End on Sea.

Voting For 10 Against Nil Abstain Nil (concern over possible noise). Cllrs Mrs Lawson, Orme, Lamb, Drobny Carter, Black declared an interest.

11/00757/FUL Knott End Working Men's Club Salisbury avenue Knott End on Sea.

Voting For 6 Against 4 Abstain Nil. Cllrs. Lamb, Drobny and Black declared an interest.

11/00783/FUL 41 Hawkeshead Road Knott End on Sea.

Voting For 10 Against Nil Abstain Nil.

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