

P R E E S A L L T O W N C O U N C I L .

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th September 2011 at St. Aidan's Technology College, Cartgate, Preesall.

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

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

APOLOGY:- Councillor Paul Moon sent his apology, this was noted and accepted.

POLICE MATTERS:- PCSO Natalie Johnstone introduced PCSO Emma Brown as the replacement for PCSO Edwin Burford. Natalie gave the crime figures for the month of August, 9, 2 detected, last year 19, the anti social figures were 11, 5 youth related, last year 21, of which 10 were youth related. She also reported that a Mr Duckworth had complained about the litter problem in the alley way between Lancaster Road and Ambleside Road, the lengthsman will check on the area.

LENGTHSMAN REPORT:- Mr Hutchinson sent his apology. No report.

OPEN QUESTION TIME:- Cllr Orme stated that Thursday 15th September was Battle of Britain day, could he lend the Council the RAF flag to be flown from the new flag pole, this was agreed. Cllr Carter questioned about the parking problem in Knott End, the Clerk to ask LCC for an update on the yellow line situation. He also asked about ownership of the dyke near to Pilling Lane on who was responsible for clearing it, the answer is the owner of the property that backs onto it. Cllr Nuttall reminded councillors of the beach clean on the 24/25th September starting at 10-00am. He also stated he would order the Christmas trees for delivery on Friday 2nd December and the switch on would be on Sunday 4th December at 6-00pm. Cllr Lamb asked if the trees on Lancaster Road could be looked at by LCC as they ere overhanging onto the road, LCC to be asked. He also mentioned about a possible Farmers Market near to the lights switch on as a one off, in order to test the water for future markets.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:- It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th August 2011 be approved and adopted as Council Policy.

23) MATTERS ARISING:- Cllr Orme said that it was 90 years of the British Legion not 70 years of the Battle of Britain that was reported in the Lengthman's report. Cllr Lamb para 16, he didn't attend.

24) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:- The list of payments as listed and dated 12th September 2011 was agreed on the voting of 9 for, 2 against and no abstentions. The remittances were duly signed by the authorised signatories.

25) CLERK'S UPDATE:- a) the Clerk gave details of the WBC – Remembrance services 2011. The Preesall service will be at St. Oswald's Church at 2-30pm on Sunday 13th November, the Mayor & Mayoress of Wyre will be attending and laying a wreath. b) The clerk gave details of the extended closure of Pilling Lane until 17th October. c) The autumn conference of LALC will be on Saturday 29th October at the cost of £35-00 per delegate, LALC are holding Community Engagement with Case Studies workshop on 26th October, cost £25-00 per person, on 23rd November they are running a Chairmanship workshop, cost £25-00 per person. d) The Clerk gave details of an email he had received from Tony Ward of Wyre Senior Forum. This was to set up a forum for Over Wyre residents. It was agreed that this proposal should be supported and suggested that the youth & Community Centre could be a good meeting place. They could promote the idea in the green book. The clerk to let Mr Ward know of the Council's support. e) A letter requesting the use of the playing field car park and field for use by St. Aidan's Association as a car park for their forthcoming firework evening

on Friday 4th November. Councillors agreed to the use of the car park and not to the playing field. The Clerk will advise. f) The clerk stated he had received a copy of the feedback on Consultation by Halite. g) The Clerk stated that Jackie Brindle of LCC will attend the next Council meeting to talk on the proposed introduction of the 20mph speed limit. h) Following the accusation on the Clerk of him embezzling Council money by Cllr Orme, the clerk reminded him of the standing orders to which he was signed up to, and stated he would be referring the matter to the Standards Board.

26) PLAYING FIELD (FOOTBALL) The Mayor reported that Pilling F C play on the sports field and their team is made up of players that live in either Knott End or Preesall. She proposed that they had agreed to change their name so that they don't have to pay for the use of the pitch. It was agreed not to charge them this season. Discussion took place on the charges for the use of the pitches. Four teams regularly use the field and it was proposed by Cllr Lamb and seconded by Cllr Carter that a charge of £150-00 per club per season should be levied, this was agreed, the voting being For 8 Against nil and Abstain 3. The Clerk reminded members that he had not received a letter from PPUG requesting permission to develop the playing field.

27) CHRISTMAS BUFFET:- Cllr Lamb proposed and Cllr Drobny seconded that in future Councillors should pay for the Christmas buffet. Discussion took place and it was agreed to reject the proposal, the voting, For 3 Against 6 Abstain 2. The Mayor declared the proposal as lost.

28) FINANCES:- The Clerk reported that he had received the audit report from BDO LLP for the year ending 31st March 2011. They had found no matters which came to their attention which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report. The Clerk had posted on the notice boards the result of the audit. The Clerk gave the bank balances as requested at the last meeting for the 28th August 2011. Cllr Nuttall asked if this topic could be placed on the October meeting agenda and the Mayor asked for a spread sheet of payments in order to help with the future discussion.

29) CLERK'S RETIREMENT:- The Mayor read a letter from the Clerk offering his resignation as from 10th January 2012, as he will be 65 in November 2011, she read a reply in which she accepted his resignation and thanked him for the nearly 12 years of service to the Council. It was agreed to set up a working party to recruit a replacement. This was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Cllr McCann, all were in agreement.

30) REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES:- Cllr Mrs Mutch stated she would publish the results of Wyre in Bloom in the green book and give the clerk a copy so that he could notify Councillor. Cllr McCann reported that the results of the boundary commission would be published on the 13th October.

31) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:- On the basis of information received from WBC the list as published and dated 12th September 2011 were fully discussed by way of representation/observation and the following recommendations were made:-

11/00337/FUL The Hill Mill Street Preesall

Voting For 3 Against 5 Abstain 3 (possible commercial development)

11/00599/OUT Preesall Service Station Sandy Lane Preesall.

Voting For Nil Against 9 abstain 2 (over intensive)

11/00645/FUL 23 Parkway Knott End on Sea

Voting for 10 Against Nil Abstain 1

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

