

PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10 June 2013 at 7.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall.

Present: Councillors R Drobny (Mayor), R Black, G McCann, R Lawson, P Moon, J Mutch, K Nicholls, and P Orme

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Town Council, PC Gary Cross and PCSO Terry Molloy (Item 4)

(13-14)006 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Carter, Hudson and Taylor and the reasons accepted.

(13-14)007 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr McCann declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 16 (Finance relating to Wyre in Bloom) and Item 17 (verbal report from Wyre in Bloom representative) as his wife is heavily involved in the group. Cllr Mutch declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 16 (Finance relating to Wyre in Bloom) as she is a member of the group.

(13-14)008 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the ordinary and annual meetings held on 13 May 2013 be agreed as a true record.

(13-14)009 Public Participation (Including a Verbal Police Report)

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

PC Gary Cross introduced himself as this was the first occasion he had been able to attend a meeting since his appointment. PCSO Terry Molloy reported that, in May 2013 there were 13 reported crimes with 3 detected. This compares with 17 (5 detected) in the same period last year. There were 21 reports of anti-social behaviour last month, 7 of which were youth nuisance, compared to the same period last year when there were 21 reports of anti-social behaviour, 11 of which were youth nuisance. He reported that the complaints of anti-social behaviour were about two issues – problems with the language and behaviour of those using the Carter's Charity School football field without permission and skateboarders skating in inappropriate locations. There had been a spate of car crime and burglaries recently.

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

(13-14)010 Resignation of Cllr Chris Lamb

Councillors noted the resignation of Cllr Lamb with effect from 14 May 2013 and **resolved** to notify Wyre Council of the resulting casual vacancy.

(13-14)011 S106 agreement – Response from Wyre

Cllr Moon reported that he had spoken to the appropriate officer at Wyre and invited him and a representative of the housing provider to attend a meeting. However, the officer's line manager had a different view and would feel that the issues raised by the Council should be dealt with by Plum Life, the housing provider. Councillors **resolved** to invite Plum Life to a future meeting.

(13-14)012 Parking Enforcement

Cllr Nicholls reported that she had not received an update on progress from LCC in time for the meeting.

(13-14)013 Internal Audit Report and Response

Councillors noted the internal audit report and the many positive comments about the Council's practices and **resolved** to agree the response.

(13-14)014 Gala – Playing Field Inspection and Bond Conditions

Councillors **resolved** to inspect the playing field with representatives of the Gala Committee at 6.30pm prior to the next meeting on 8 July. Councillors further **resolved** to leave the bond conditions in place as agreed at the February meeting.

(13-14)015 WW1 – 100 Years Commemoration

Councillors considered whether the Council should mark the beginning of WW1 and **resolved** to look into refurbishing the war memorial and for the Clerk to find out from the Royal British Legion what plans they were making.

(13-14)016 Furniture Collection

Councillors noted that there had been no response from Parrox Hall in response to the Council's query as to whether there would be room to display a small selection of the furniture. Councillors also noted an enquiry from a local resident about purchasing a small piece of the furniture. As councillors had previously resolved to seek to sell the collection they **resolved** to seek a valuation for the furniture as a collection.

(13-14)017 Marker Stone – Jubilee Garden

Councillors noted that Brent Stevenson Memorials has offered to donate a York stone marker approximately 3' high by 2' 6" wide with black painted letters to commemorate the Jubilee Garden. Councillors **resolved** to accept the donation with the wording "Preesall Town Council, Diamond Jubilee 2012 EIRR" and to place the marker in the Jubilee Garden.

(13-14)018 Developing the Parish Plan

Councillors reconsidered the process for developing the parish plan in light of the experience of others and **resolved** to follow a simplified process that would enable the Council to develop an action plan that it could deliver either itself or in partnership with others.

(13-14)019 Playing Field Tidy Up

Councillors considered a complaint about anti-social behaviour in a scrub area in one corner of the playing field and **resolved** to ask the Lengthsman to give it a general tidy up. Cllr Orme reported that the area will be addressed in the longer term as part of the playing field redevelopment.

(13-14)020 Planning Applications

13/00370/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from one dwelling to three self-contained flats

Location: 13 Esplanade, Knott End

By a majority (2 councillors voted against and one abstained) it was agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

13/00354/FUL

Proposal: Front porch

Location: Cockers Dyke Barn, Pilling Lane, Preesall

It was unanimously agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

13/00339/FUL

Proposal: Installation of a 5kw micro-scale wind turbine 17.77m high (14.97m to hub, 5.6m diameter blades)

Location: Lane Ends Farm, Sandy Lane, Preesall

It was unanimously agreed that the Council objects to the proposal on the grounds of visual impact, noise and the impact on other residents.

13/00375/FUL

Proposal: Roof lift, front and side dormers, two-storey side extension, creation of a vehicle crossing and driveway and other minor external alterations

Location: 1 Sandicroft Place, Preesall

It was unanimously agreed that the Council objects to the proposal on the grounds of it being over-intensive for the character of the area and the roof lift was likely to be intrusive to neighbours.

(13-14)021 Finance**a) Payments received:**

Garstang Town Council	£25.00
Wyre Juniors	£130.00
Fleetwood Town Council	£25.00
Stalmine Parish Council	£98.71
Lancashire County Council (PROW)	£200.00

b) Payments to be approved:

Staff costs	£1853.39
Clerk's expenditure on behalf of Council	£46.51
HMRC	£236.93
Mrs Y McCann (In Bloom expenses)	£290.26
Viking Direct	£44.95
The Flower Shop	£30.00
Chris Lamb (Health and Safety training materials)	£95.30
Wyre Building Supplies	£114.95
F H & M Davies	£96.28

c) Transfers to be approved

From Current Account to In Bloom Account	£310.00
From Current Account to In Bloom Account	£915.00

d) Payments by Standing Order for Noting

Easy Websites (hosting fee)	£ 36.00
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e) Statement of Accounts – May 2013

Councillors noted the statement of accounts for May which shows:

Current account	£46966.64
Reserve account	£20,141.06
Mayor's Charity Account	Nil
In Bloom Account	£660.18

Councillors **resolved** to note the receipts, the payments by standing order and the statement of accounts and to approve the accounts for payment and the transfers of funds.

(13-14)022 Verbal Reports from Outside Bodies (information only)

Wyre Flood Forum

Cllr Orme reported that there was a meeting of the Sunnyside Terrace residents on 12 June and the Wyre Flood Forum on 13 June.

Protect Wyre Group

Cllr Orme reported that the outcome of Halite's appeal was awaited.

LALC

Cllr Orme reported that the next meeting of the Wyre Area Committee was 9 July and there is a meeting of the Executive Committee on 15 June. There is a proposal by a county association to change the structure of NALC but this was likely to be defeated.

Christmas Community Group

Cllrs Nicholls and Orme reported that plans are progressing.

Friends of Preesall Park

Cllr Nicholls reported that the AGM had been held. Cllr Orme reported that the Council was still awaiting the agreement and the cheque from Wyre.

Wyre in Bloom

Cllr Mutch reported that volunteers had been out planting and asked councillors to volunteer to join in the work of deadheading and weeding. The garden judging will take place between 15-19 July and the village judging is on 22 July.

Wyre Road Safety Committee

Cllr McCann reported that he had raised the issue of posts or a fence on the corner near the bank to stop parking and had also raised the state of Park Lane.

(13-14)023 Verbal Report from Wyre and Lancashire County Councillors (information only)

None.

(13-14)024 Clerk's Report (information only)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Lengthsman's Report

The new raised bed is now ready for planting by the Bloom Team. Litter clearance, dog fouling and grass cutting and strimming are taking up the majority of the Lengthsman's time. The first job under the Public Rights of Way agreement with LCC has been received and we have to respond by the end of June to let them know whether we are willing to undertake the work.

Banking Problems

NatWest Bank' complaints team has upheld the Council's complaints relating to loss of documentation and has provided a written apology and compensation of £77.60 for additional work, postage and journeys to the bank.

Dog Fouling and Fly Tipping

John Bettle has tackled three "persistent offenders" on the Esplanade, Hackensall Road and Rosslyn Avenue. He has ensured that the dog walkers understand what is required and the enforcement action that will be taken in future. He has also served an enforcement notice on a resident of Lancaster Road for fly tipping.

On Street Bins

A new larger bin has been installed between the Golf Club and Sea Dyke Cottage and another bin installed under the Coastguard Office observation window. Three bins have been moved from the ferry car park sea wall to the Esplanade to replace the older broken bins and dog bins. These have been replaced with one larger than normal bin which will prevent these problems from reoccurring.

Tourist Information Point

The racking for the new Tourist Information Point at Knott End Café has now been installed and a launch is being planned.

Wyre Together 1/2 Yearly Conference

This will take place on Wednesday 19th June, from 9.30am until 12 at Thornton Methodist Church. This is a great opportunity to find out what Wyre Together has been doing and our future plans as well as finding out a bit more about University for the 3rd Age (U3A), Care and Repair (Wyre and Fylde) and Ur Potential (supporting 14—25 year olds). To book a place contact Jane Williams on 01253 887437 or 07932 335268

(13-14)025 Mayor's Report (information only)

The Mayor reported that he had attended Garstang's Mayor Making and the Mayor of Wyre's Civic Sunday and he felt that the Town Council's Civic Sunday had gone well. He had organised a bag pack at Asda on 8 June and raised £240 for lifeboats.

(13-14)026 Questions to Councillors

Cllr Orme asked councillors whether it would be appropriate to reconsider the Civic Sunday church service next year as he felt that the inclusion of the Eucharist may put some people off from attending. The Mayor will discuss with Rev Baldwin.

There being no other business the Mayor closed the meeting at 9.00pm.