

PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 8 October 2012 at 7.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall.

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

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Town Council and PCSOs Natalie Johnstone and Emma Brown (Item 4). There were 2 members of the public.

A G E N D A

112. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr V Taylor and the reason accepted.

113. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Drobny declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4 as a candidate for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.

114. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2012 be agreed as a true record.

115. 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. PCSO Johnstone reported that, in September 2012 there were 11 reported crimes with 3 detected. This compares with 13, 3 of which were detected, in the same period last year. There were 11 reports of anti-social behaviour last month, 4 of which were youth nuisance compared to the same period last year when there were 14 reports of anti-social behaviour with 6 relating to youth nuisance.

In response to a question PCSO Johnstone reported that a number of high value cars had been stolen in Wyre and that, while hare coursing remained an ongoing issue, air support from the Police helicopter was being used to help to apprehend those responsible. She advised that, if dropped kerbs were being blocked by irresponsible parking, a complaint should be made to the Police with time, location and registration number.

Following the last meeting the Clerk reported that she had contacted LCC's parking enforcement team and asked for Civilian Enforcement Officers to visit on a random basis to discourage irresponsible parking. As there were many requests for enforcement LCC could not provide a timescale.

A member of the public spoke on Item 13 of the agenda (Smithy Lane – Proposed Disabled Parking Bay) and hoped that councillors would support it.

A member of the public spoke about the recent flooding problems in Cartgate and praised the work of Wyre and LCC staff. He felt that many of the problems could have been prevented if the road had been closed quickly. Cllr Orme, as the Council's representative on the Wyre Flood Forum, confirmed that the flooding problems in Cartgate had been raised many times. Cllr McCann reported that, in his role as a Wyre councillor, he had recently attended a site meeting on flooding in Hambleton with representatives from Wyre, LCC, Environment Agency and United Utilities with a view to identifying what was required of the various agencies. He suggested that a similar meeting could be held in relation to Cartgate.

At the conclusion of the public participation and at the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting and **resolved** that the Clerk be asked to convene a site meeting as previously

discussed.

116. CASUAL VACANCY

Councillors noted that public notice of the vacancy resulting from Cllr Nuttall's resignation had been given on 5th October 2012 and that, for an election to be held to fill the vacancy, a request in writing must be made to the Chief Executive of Wyre Borough Council by 25 October). Such a request must be signed by ten local government electors for the parish. A form which can be used for this purpose has been displayed on the notice board and is available on the website. If no request is made, the Town Council will be required to fill the vacancy by co-option as soon as practicable.

117. PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL FURNITURE COLLECTION

The Mayor reported that he had spoken to the Housekeeper at Parrox Hall who had agreed, in principle, that the furniture could be located there subject to the agreement of the owner. Councillors **resolved** to consider the matter further at the next meeting.

118. DRAFT LIST OF PROJECTS FOR 2013/14

The Clerk reminded councillors that any projects required to be funded in the 2013/14 budget need to be identified by the end of October if possible or at the November meeting at the latest. Cllr Moon asked that provision be made for the second handrail for the war memorial if the grant application had not been agreed in time to erect it by the end of the financial year. Councillors agreed to let the Clerk have details of any projects for consideration at the November meeting.

119. PUBLICATION OF DRAFT MINUTES

Councillors noted that practice to date has been for the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved at the current meeting and only then made public by placing a copy in the library, sending them to the press and, more recently, uploading them onto the website. Councillors considered whether to publish draft minutes on the website but **resolved** that current practice continue in order that councillors approve the minutes before they are published.

120. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Councillors **resolved** that the switch on take place at 6pm on Sunday 2 December and Cllr Orme agreed to work alongside the Clerk on the local elements of the switch on.

121. AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

The external audit has now been completed and councillors **resolved** to accept and approve both the Annual Return and the Issues Arising report, noting that no action was required. Councillors noted that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit will be displayed on the notice boards and on the website.

122. WYRE COUNCIL – REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2012

Councillors noted that the Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 11 November this year. The procession will assemble in the PYCC Car Park at 1.45pm followed by a service at St Oswald's at 2.30pm. The Mayor of Wyre and the Chief Executive will attend. The Royal British Legion will also hold a short service on the sea front at 11am that day.

123. USE OF CAR PARK

St Aidan's Association is holding a firework display on 5th November and has asked for permission to advise anyone attending that the PYCC car park is available for parking in order to minimise disruption to local residents. Councillors **resolved** to agree to the request.

124. SMITHY LANE – PROPOSED DISABLED PARKING BAY

Councillors **resolved** to support the proposal by LCC to introduce a Disabled Parking Bay on Smithy Lane as shown on the plan circulated to councillors.

125. PLANNING APPLICATION

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Proposal: Proposed New Dwelling

Location: Boothfield Caravan Park, Pilling Lane, Preesall

By a majority (one councillor abstained) it was agreed that the Town Council has no objections to the proposal.

126. FINANCE

a) Receipts:

Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council (printing) £8.40

b) Accounts for payment:

Staff costs	£1545.33
Clerk's expenditure on behalf of the Council	£46.84
HMRC	£110.27
Wyre Building Supplies	£125.85
Armistead Barnett (valuation)	£60.00
Mike's Sportsworld (pitch lining)	£402.00
Fylde Mowercare	£45.60

c) Statement of Accounts – September 2012

Councillors noted the statement of accounts as at 30 September 2012 which shows

Current account	£21,164.74
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Reserve account	£6,138.77
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Mayor's Charity account	Nil
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d) Quarterly Budget Monitoring

Councillors noted the second quarter budget monitoring and asked the Clerk to reprofile the budget next year to more accurately reflect spend.

127. VERBAL REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES (INFORMATION ONLY)

Wyre Flood Forum

Cllr Orme reported that Wyre Council is hoping to engage town and parish councils in Emergency Planning in order to identify vulnerabilities and mitigate risk. The big issue is riparian ownership ie the responsibility of landowners for keeping dykes clear and monitoring developers to ensure they deliver on their commitments.

Over Wyre Seniors' Forum

Cllr Carter reported that he had attended the meeting on 4 October where there had been an interesting talk on wills, trusts and inheritance tax.

Wyre in Bloom

Cllr Mutch reported that she and Mrs McCann would attend the presentation at Southport on 25 October to collect the awards.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Cllr Orme reported that he had been asked to stand for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Drobny reported that, as Deputy Mayor, he had attended the Police Memorial Day Service and the Independent Living Community Roadshow on behalf of the Council.

128. VERBAL REPORTS FROM WYRE AND LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS

No reports were given.

129. CLERK'S REPORT) FOR INFORMATION

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Projects

Work continues on the process of registering the land behind the library. Dawn Lamb has asked for further information on the Council's role in erecting and maintaining the fence on the northerly side (adjacent to the library) which has now fallen into disrepair and in planting the trees on the westerly boundary. Councillors asked that the cost of replacing the fencing be included in next year's budget.

The traffic team are concerned at the siting of the planters and the Public Realm Manager has suggested that a low wooden bed in a triangular shape be erected instead and this is being priced for inclusion in next year's budget. The two urns are now ready for collection and a location for them is required.

Adrian Cross of Pilling Pottery has indicated that the broken tiles will be able to be relaid as most have straight cracks and it will not therefore be necessary to remake the tiles which are broken. Adrian will make the tiles for each councillor, the Clerk and the Lengthsman and the cost will be notified in due course. Once the remaining space has been calculated the possibility of offering any spare places for sale will be brought back to the Council.

Gambling Act 2005

Wyre Council is conducting a 3 yearly review of the Gambling Act Licensing Policy. The draft policy can be seen on Wyre Council's website www.wyre.gov.uk. All responses must be received by 5pm on 23 November 2012.

Precept and Grant Notification

Wyre Council has indicated that it should be notified of the Precept for 2013/14 in advance of Friday 18 January 2013. The Corporate Director of Resources has also stated that Wyre Council will now pay a Rural Parishes Grant, irrespective of the value councils decide to pay the Clerk. The grant is calculated on the latest Register of Electors data multiplied by £1.94 which is unchanged from last year.

Winter Services Conference

The Lancashire and Merseyside County Training Partnership in association with LCC is holding a Winter Services Conference at the Leyland Hotel on Saturday 20 October 10am to 3pm.

Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Submission of Major Modifications to the Site Allocation and Development Management Policies and Proposals Map

Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Borough Council and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council have prepared the Site Allocation and Development Management Policies document as part of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan. This document is the mechanism to deliver the Core Strategy and it contains policies that set out the criteria against which planning applications will be considered. It also allocates sites for the treatment of waste or extraction of minerals. The examination into the Site Allocation and Development Management Policies was submitted to the Secretary of State in May 2011. The examination commenced in August 2011 and was adjourned in October 2012 to allow for consultation on proposed major modifications arising from the examination, and consultation on the affect of the National Planning Policy Framework on the document. Following these consultations the Proposed Major Modifications to the Local Plan, and associated supporting documents, were submitted to the Secretary of State on Thursday 20th September 2012. These additional submission documents are:

- Proposed Major Modifications to the Local Plan
- Major Modifications Sustainability Appraisal Report
- Major Modifications Habitat Regulations Screening Report
- Major Modifications Health and Equalities Impact Assessment
- Consultation Statement – Major Modifications Consultations
- Summary of Comments – Major Modifications Consultations
- All Representations received

Copies of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies, Proposals Map and background papers are available on the LCC website www.lancashire.gov.uk/mwdf.

Following submission the examination will recommence. If the Inspector finds the Site Allocation and Development Management Policies sound, it is expected that it will be adopted by the Joint Authorities in July 2013. The Public Hearing into the Site Allocation document is expected to begin on 6 November 2012.

Lengthsman's Report

The pitch lining machine has now been obtained and is being used by the Lengthsman, in his private capacity, to mark out the football pitches. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with the football clubs, the Lengthsman and any interested councillors to ensure a common understanding of roles and responsibilities. The Lengthsman assisted LCC staff to replace the fence on the railway bridge and took the opportunity to cut back the hedges and trees in order to improve public safety on the footpath.

Training

The County Training Partnership is holding a Finance Workshop on 12 December and a Chairmanship workshop on 21 November at a cost of £25 per workshop.

Carter's Charity Primary School – 20mph Limit

LCC has notified the Council that it intends to introduce a part time advisory 20mph speed limit outside the school.

130. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS

Cllr Drobny asked Cllrs Moon and McCann whether the bin near Sea Dyke cottages would be replaced and reported significant amounts of litter and dog fouling on the Esplanade. The Clerk will report this to Wyre Council.

Cllr Nicholls asked Cllrs Moon and McCann whether Wyre Council had any powers in respect of the tenancies of affordable housing as she was aware of a number of instances where either houses were left empty or were occupied by tenants who did not require the number of bedrooms they had. Cllrs Moon and McCann agreed to pass details to Wyre Council. Cllr Orme confirmed that he had raised the issue of better monitoring at the recent affordable housing forum at Wyre Council.

Cllr Drobny asked if any councillor knew who was responsible for the steps leading from the Esplanade to the shore near the first shelter as it was not safe to use the steps to access the beach. The Clerk agreed to raise it with both LCC and Wyre in the first instance to establish ownership.

131. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Town Council either at this meeting or by notifying the Clerk at least 10 days prior to the next meeting. A summary of the reason for raising the matter should be provided.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 9pm.