

# PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 14 October 2013 at 7.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall.

**Present:** Councillors R Drobny (Mayor), R Black, G Carter, R Lawson, G McCann, P Moon, J Mutch, K Nicholls and P Orme. Cllr P Greenhough joined the meeting after her co-option.

**In Attendance:** Jan Finch, Clerk to the Town Council, PCSO Terry Molloy and one member of the public.

### **(13-14)100 Apologies for Absence**

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

**(13-14)101 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations** Cllr McCann declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 21 (verbal report from Wyre in Bloom representative) as his wife is heavily involved in the group. Cllrs Drobny, Black, Carter, Lawson, McCann, Moon, Mutch and Nicholls declared other interests in planning application 13/00670/FUL as they are all registered at the Over Wyre Medical Centre.

### **(13-14)102 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2013 be agreed as a true record.

### **(13-14)103 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 Molloy reported that, in September 2013 there were 18 reported crimes with 7 detected. This compares with 12 (6 detected) in the same period last year. There were 14 reports of anti-social behaviour last month, 8 of which were youth nuisance, compared to the same period last year when there were 13 reports of anti-social behaviour, 7 of which were youth nuisance.

PCSO Molloy confirmed that a group of young people were the cause of many of the incidents. He reported that the police will be undertaking a wildlife operation and were conducting special operations in relation to Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night. Councillors raised a number of issues with him.

The member of the public spoke about the plans for the development of the Over Wyre Medical Centre in the context of a growing number of services being devolved to local level.

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

### **(13-14)104 Co-option to Casual Vacancy**

Councillors **resolved** to co-opt Pat Greenhough to the casual vacancy. Cllr Greenhough signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

### **(13-14)105 Budget Provision for Projects**

Councillors considered a cost estimate to install an access path to the Jubilee Garden and **resolved** to go ahead with the project. Councillors further **resolved** to purchase two welcome signs at the entrances to the parish, provision for which had been made in this year's budget. Councillors noted that the cost of this project would be offset by the receipt of a grant from the LCC Parish Champion on £300.

Cllr Mutch reported that the In Bloom group had not yet met and ideas for improving the library garden using the remaining budget provision would be brought to the next meeting.

### **(13-14)106 Projects for 2014/15**

Councillors identified a number of potential projects for 2014/15 and **resolved** that the Clerk price the work to be considered as part of the budget discussions.

### **(13-14)107 Town Council Mobile Phone**

Councillors considered a business mobile phone package provided by Carphone Warehouse Business through the O2 service provider and noted that offer over the 24 month contract would cost the equivalent of £10 per month. Councillors noted that entering into the contract would mean changing the Town Council's mobile phone number but **resolved** to enter into the contract on the basis of that it represents good value for money. Councillors further **resolved** that two authorised signatories sign a letter giving permission to the Clerk to set up the required direct debit.

### **(13-14)108 Furniture**

Councillors noted the valuation for the former Council furniture provided by James Thompson Auctioneers and **resolved** to consign the furniture to auction and to delegate responsibility for finalising the details and selling the furniture to the Clerk.

### **(13-14)109 Millennium Tiles**

Cllr Nicholls reported that 75 tiles had been sold to pre-school children, those in reception class and those in more senior primary classes and the proceeds paid to Pilling Pottery. She confirmed that all the damaged tiles would be relaid without requiring replacement and Pilling Pottery expected to lay the councillor tiles in October.

### **(13-14)110 Condition of the Football Pitches**

Councillors considered an estimate for reinstating the junior pitch as this significantly exceeded the budget delegated to the Clerk. Cllr Orme reported that both soil and turf would need to be removed for the installation of the Multi Use Games Area and offered this for use. Councillors **resolved** to accept the offer.

### **(13-14)111 Woodland Trust Tree Application**

Councillors noted that the Council's application for a pack of 420 trees (large hedge/wildlife mix) had been successful and that the saplings will be delivered between 4 and 8 November. Councillors **resolved** to ask the Lengthsman to plant the hedge and to ask the Community Payback team to assist him. Councillors further **resolved** not to include a stile over the hedge.

### **(13-14)112 Resurfacing of Park Lane**

As Cllr Hudson had asked for this item to be included on the agenda and in his absence councillors **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting.

### **(13-14)113 Fracking**

As Cllr Hudson had asked for this item to be included on the agenda and in his absence councillors **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting.

### **(13-14)114 Report back from Promotion of Knott End and Preesall Working Group**

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### **(13-14)115 Parking**

Cllr Drobny reported on the damaging effect the one hour parking restriction in front of the shops opposite the library was having on those businesses and councillors **resolved** to ask the Clerk to write to LCC to find out whether the restriction had been changed as part of the recent "lines and signs" work and, if so, to both ask for an explanation and for the former restriction to be reinstated.

### **(13-14)116 Sign for Village Centre**

Cllr Carter asked councillors to consider providing and installing a sign pointing visitors arriving on the ferry to the village centre. Cllr Moon and Cllr McCann, in their capacity as Wyre councillors, reported that there had been projects identified as part of the ferry task group and that there were revamp works planned for the ferry slip and that a sign might be included as part of those works. Councillors **resolved** to ask Wyre Council to involve the Town Council in the planning for the revamp and asked the Clerk to contact the appropriate officer to this effect.

### **(13-14)117 Remembrance Sunday/Armistice Day Service**

Councillors noted that the Remembrance Sunday service will be held on 10 November and the procession would assemble in the PYCC car park at 1.45pm followed by a service in St Oswald's at 2.30pm. They further noted that Wyre Council had issued an invitation to councillors to attend an Armistice Day Service on Monday 11 November at the Marine Hall, Fleetwood and councillors **resolved** to ask the Clerk to notify Wyre Council that this clashes with a local event organised by the Royal British Legion which councillors would attend.

### **(13-14)118 Planning Applications**

#### ***13/00665/FUL***

**Proposal:** Two storey side extension incorporating a garage

**Location:** Sunnydale, Sandy Lane, Preesall

By a majority (three councillors abstained) it was agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal as long as the development does not impact on neighbours.

#### ***13/00693/FUL***

**Proposal:** Creation of driveway

**Location:** 1 Thirlmere Close, Knott End

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

#### ***13/00670/FUL***

**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension and two single side extensions to medical centre

**Location:** Over Wyre Medical Centre, Wilkinson Way, Preesall

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

### **(13-14)119 Finance**

#### **a) Payments received:**

Lancashire County Council	£300.00
Wyre Juniors	£80.00

#### **b) Payments to be approved:**

Staff costs	£2325.49
Staff expenditure on behalf of the Council	£54.09
HMRC	£371.10
Rigby Taylor	£16.80
Viking	£78.55
LALC	£7.50
Wyre Building Supplies	£138.70
Preesall Auto Discount	£18.00
Wyre Council (In Bloom)	£100.00
F H & M Davies & Son (In Bloom)	£46.32

**Payments by Standing Order for Noting**

Easy Websites (hosting fee)

£ 36.00

**c) Statement of Accounts – September 2013**

Councillors noted the statement of accounts for September which shows:

Current account	£35,503.79
Reserve account	£20,142.70
Mayor's Charity Account	£240.00
In Bloom Account	£525.14

**d) Budget Monitoring – Quarter 2**

Councillors noted the Budget Monitoring statement for Quarter .

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

**(13-14)120 Verbal Reports from Outside Bodies (information only)**

**Wyre Flood Forum**

Cllr Orme reported that work at Sunnyside was continuing and that a flood resilience plan had been developed which identified actions to enable swift and effective action in case of a flood.

**LALC**

Cllr Orme reported that, at the recent meeting, there had been a presentation on the extension of superfast broadband across Lancashire and that Sgt Freaney had spoken about the reduction in police numbers across Lancashire and the fact that there would be no additional staff locally. She further explained that changes to operating procedures would mean that it may not be possible for an officer to attend each meeting but that she would provide both figures and a commentary on those figures.

**Christmas Community Group**

Cllr Orme reported that the programme was now published and had been included in the Town Council's autumn newsletter.

**Friends of Preesall Park**

Cllr Orme reported that the MUGA had arrived and was ready to be installed. He hoped it would be in later in October.

**Preesall Youth and Community Association**

Cllr Orme reported that there had still been no full response from the Young People's Service on youth worker provision and the Clerk agreed to chase it up.

**Wyre in Bloom**

Cllr Mutch reported that spring bulbs had been obtained and would be planted shortly and that the group would meet on 16 October. She reported that the group was awaiting the results.

**Wyre Road Safety Committee**

Cllr Orme reported that this was a useful committee as it gave direct access to Highways staff and that issues raised at the meeting appeared to be resolved. He reported that a member had raised the issue of Highways and Environment Agency comments on planning applications which did not always correspond to local knowledge.

## **Wyre Festive Lights Committee**

Cllr Drobny reported that the next meeting would be held on 15 October.

## **(13-14)121 Verbal Report from Wyre and Lancashire County Councillors (information only)**

Cllr McCann reported that there are to be major works at the ferry slip to beef up sea defences and to provide other enhancements. There had been an issue of vibration from vehicles at Quailholme which he had managed to resolve and he had attended a seminar of superfast broadband which will be rolled out across Wyre by the end of 2015.

Cllr Moon reported that the travellers at the Hardhorn site had lost the judicial review and that the recent planning application for the local site had been refused by Wyre's Planning Committee.

## **(13-14)122 Clerk's Report (information only)**

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

### **Lengthsman's Report**

The Lengthsman has installed a concrete base in the library garden in preparation for the installation of the Jubilee marker stone. At the request of the In Bloom team, and with the agreement of LCC staff, he has removed the two dead trees to the right hand side of the library. As always the bulk of his time has been spent picking up litter and dog fouling. He has taken a few well deserved days leave during September. We have received a second piece of work under the Public Rights of Way Scheme (Rosslyn Crescent) and he will be inspecting the work to identify whether he can do it and how long it will take for recharge purposes.

### **Lancashire Boys and Girls Clubs**

Lancashire Boys and Girls Clubs has a number of activities available to groups/communities that work with young people aged 11 - 18 in the Lancaster, Fylde and Wyre Districts. Activities range from fun and sporting activities and a mobile youth club that can come to your venue to a day of outdoor adventure, mountain biking or Quad biking. They have a limited number of activity sessions and, owing to Lancashire County Council's Local Initiative fund, are all available for just a £10 booking fee per activity (not per person). For more information contact Becky Hedgcock on 01524 65106.

### **Dog Fouling and Stray Dogs**

John Bettle, Wyre's Operations Area Officer for the Over Wyre area, has taken action in relation to these issues. He is working on a "double" dog foul incident on the ferry car park and a statement has been taken from the witness and enforcement steps are being taken to trace the owners of a vehicle in connection with this incident. He hopes to issue fixed penalty notices as part of a zero tolerance approach. New dog foul signs have gone up along The Esplanade and he has recently renewed and improved the on street litter bin capacity in that area. He has become aware of two terrier dogs repeatedly straying in Park Lane and these dogs have also entered the school. He has approached the owners who were "reluctant" and unapproachable to take suitable advice but a subsequent visit with the police has resulted in an assurance that the issue will not arise again. Following the repeated escape of a dog he has traced the owner and issued a first stage verbal warning. He believes that this dog may have contributed to a series of calls to Wyre Council about its "temper" and its possible link to fouling. If he receives further calls to report the dog is straying he will take enforcement action.

### **New Code of Practice on Use of Surveillance Cameras**

This new code sets out guidelines for CCTV and Automated Number Plate Recognition systems to ensure their use is open and proportionate and that they are able to capture quality images that give police a better chance to catch criminals and cut crime. The Surveillance Camera Code of Practice is available on GOV.UK.

### **Heritage Help Advice Portal**

This free service provides information on saving and caring for historic assets. Visit [www.heritagehelp.org.uk](http://www.heritagehelp.org.uk).

### **Festive Lights Grant**

Wyre Council has confirmed that the festive lights grant will be £2371.18, an increase of 3% on last year's amount of £2302.12.

### **Path Around War Memorial**

An pre-application enquiry has been made to the War Memorials Trust in relation to the possibility of grant funding towards a replacement path. An estimated cost for the work together with photos have been included as required.

### **Adoption of Lancashire's Minerals and Waste Site Allocation and Development Management Policies Local Plan**

The Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Site Allocation and Development Management Policies Local Plan was adopted by Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council on 26 September 2013. The adopted Plan includes the main modifications recommended by the Inspector and additional modifications made by the Joint Authorities. The Local Plan, adoption statement, statement regarding the sustainability of the plan, sustainability appraisal report and Inspector's report are available for inspection during normal office hours at the principal office of the County Council, and District and Borough councils in Lancashire (including Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council); main libraries across Lancashire and the County Council's website at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/mwdf](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/mwdf). Any person who is aggrieved by the Local Plan may apply to the High Court, under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, on the grounds that the document is not within the appropriate power or a procedural requirement has not been complied with. Any such application must be made not later than six weeks from the date of adoption, that is by 7 November 2013.

### **Northern Festival of Remembrance**

The Mayor and Mayoress of Wyre will host this event at the Marine Hall, Fleetwood, on Friday 8 November at 7.30. Tickets cost £8.50 and are available from Andrea Mullin at Wyre Council (telephone 01253 887257).

### **Meeting with Plumlife and Great Places**

A number of councillors met with representatives of Plumlife and Great Places housing in respect of the s106 conditions relating to the Pinewood development. A further meeting has been offered by Great Places should any further issues arise.

### **(13-14)123 Mayor's Report (information only)**

The Mayor reported that he had attended a service to install a new associate vicar at Pilling and he had also attended the Green Partnership Award ceremony at Brockholes Nature Reserve to collect the Town Council's award for the planting of the trees in the library garden.

### **(13-14)124 Questions to Councillors**

Cllr Moon asked councillors for an update on the meeting with Plumlife and councillors gave short update. Cllr Mutch asked Cllr Orme whether he needed any help from councillors at the Christmas community festival and Cllr Orme replied that things were in hand but he would welcome the attendance of councillors and a Father Christmas was still needed.

There being no other business the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.55pm.