

PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10 September 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, P Orme and V Taylor

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

A G E N D A

088. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

089. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 as a Friend of Preesall Park and a pecuniary interest as a Wyre Borough Councillor; a pecuniary interest in item 15 and 16 as a Lancashire County Councillor and a non-pecuniary interest in item 22 as a relative of the owners of Knott End Cafe. Cllrs Moon and McCann declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 as Friends of Preesall Park and a pecuniary interest as Wyre Borough Councillors. Cllr Lawson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 as a Friend of Preesall Park. Cllr Orme declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 as Chairman of the Friends of Preesall Park. Cllr Drobny declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4 as a member of a Lancashire Police Authority Panel.

090. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2012 be agreed as a true record.

091. 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 August 2012 there were 11 reported crimes with 1 deemed to be a no-crime. 4 had already been detected. This compares with 9, 2 of which were detected, in the same period last year. There were 11 reports of anti-social behaviour last month, 7 of which were youth nuisance compared to the same period last year when there were 11 reports of anti-social behaviour with 8 relating to youth nuisance.

Cllr Nicholls raised the issue of parking in Knott End and councillors agreed that, whilst there is only limited parking available, some drivers do park irresponsibly. PCSO Johnstone explained that PCSOs have no powers to enforce and that it is the responsibility of Wyre Council. Councillors agreed to ask Wyre to ensure there was a Civilian Enforcement Officer presence on a random basis to discourage irresponsible parking. A member of the public explained that he had come to the meeting to raise this issue as, in his view, some parking was dangerous.

Cllr Drobny raised the issue of young people playing on the building site and in the grounds of the Methodist Church.

092. RESIGNATION OF CLLR DEREK NUTTALL

Councillors noted the resignation of Cllr Nuttall with effect from 28 August 2012 and **resolved** to notify Wyre Council of the resulting casual vacancy. Cllr Drobny agreed to represent the Council on the Festive Lights Committee in place of Cllr Nuttall.

Councillors noted the excellent work done by Cllr Nuttall during his time on the Council, in particular in relation to Christmas Lights, and asked the Clerk to write to Cllr Nuttall to thank him on behalf of the

Council. Councillors noted that the Christmas Lights are stored in a shed owned by the Council in Cllr Nuttall's garden and agreed that Cllr Moon talks to Cllr Nuttall with a view to relocating the lights.

093. PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL FURNITURE COLLECTION

The Lancashire Museum Service has stated that it will no longer retain the furniture collection and asked whether it is the Council's wish to have the furniture back or for the Museum Service to dispose of it. A number of councillors expressed the view that it was part of the village's heritage and should be retained if possible but recognised that there were only a small number of locations where it could be displayed locally.

Resolved: that enquiries be made with a view to the furniture being displayed locally on a long term loan from the Council

094. PLAYING FIELD LEASE RENEWAL

Clarification on the 3rd party agreements and the legal costs involved in agreeing to the revised lease conditions had been provided by Sue McNamara, Estates Surveyor at Wyre Council. She will be writing to the other parties (Sports Hall and Changing Pavillion) in respect of the agreements with them and will only know whether there are any changes to the proposed conditions once that piece of work is complete. She has confirmed that there is no urgency in signing the revised lease document and that the letter and proposed lease conditions had been issued to allow the Friends of Preesall Park to pursue grant applications. The costs are likely to be approximately £250 surveyors' fee, £350 legal costs and £300 advertising costs. Councillors noted the information and agreed that this should be put back on the agenda when the work on the other leases had been completed by Wyre Council.

The Council's lease only requires that a playing field be provided and that the football club be allowed to play on it. The Council has reached agreement with Wyre Juniors that the Club will take over responsibility for lining the pitches and the Council resolved at its July 2012 meeting to purchase lining equipment for the Club to use. No decision was made at the meeting about the costs of the lining fluid and councillors **resolved** that this should be paid for by the Club.

Cllr Orme had conducted the playing field inspection after the Gala and the small amount of damage to the field will be put right by the Gala Committee. Councillors therefore **resolved** that no money be deducted from the bond.

095. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Councillors noted that the Jubilee finial has been received and is with the Lengthsman for fitting to the fingerpost. Work has begun to register the land behind the library with the production of a number of draft statutory declarations and other required documents sent to the solicitors. Kepplegate Care Services has agreed to sponsor one of the six bird cherry trees to commemorate the Jubilee. Councillors **resolved** that the two concrete urns donated by NW Precast of Pilling be placed on the triangle of land opposite the Police station subject to agreement by LCC's Public Realm Manager that they do not restrict sight lines.

096. DIGITAL CREST

Cllr Drobny explained that the only version of the crest available is of poor quality and proposed that the Council invests in a digital version at the cost of approximately £50.

Resolved: a) that Cllr Drobny obtain a digital version of the crest; b) that he submits the crest to the civic heraldry organisation and c) that each councillor donate £5 towards the cost of the crest

097. OLD NOTICE BOARD

Councillors considered a new location for the old notice board and

Resolved: that it be placed in the vicinity of Fordstone Avenue subject to a suitable site being identified.

098. PREESALL UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY

Councillors noted that two issue specific hearings will be held on 18 and 19 September 2012, the first being on drafting aspects of the draft Development Consent Order and requirements, the draft deemed Marine Licence and the proposed s106 agreement. The second will relate to the relationship between the provisions proposed to be granted by the Order and the subsequent detailed approvals to be obtained from the competent authority (HSE and the Environment Agency) within the COMAH Regulations). Open floor hearings will take place on 17 and 18 October to enable anyone who has made representations to speak.

099. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Councillors noted that the electrical contractors have confirmed that they hold a box of spare bulbs and that there are sufficient to replace the bulbs broken last year. They have further confirmed that these bulbs are no longer available and propose that all bulbs are replaced with LED lamps next year. Councillors will consider adding this project to the budget for next year.

100. DRAFT LIST OF PROJECTS FOR 2013/14

Councillors considered a document showing commitments already made, potential commitments and potential projects identified by councillors. Cllr Orme had made a list of projects to enhance the area and councillors agreed that a comprehensive list be drawn up to form a ten year plan which would enable projects to be selected for the coming budget year. Councillors **resolved** that a Working Group be set up for this purpose.

101. FRACKING – REQUEST BY STALMINE WITH STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors considered an invitation from Stalmine with Staynall Parish Council to attend a presentation that it had intended to arrange and noted that the presentation was now likely to be organised by the presenter, Mike Hill, for a larger audience. Councillors agreed that it would be useful to find out more about the subject.

102. LCC CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14

Councillors considered the draft programme and the invitation from the parish representative at the 3 Tier Forum (Cllr Gurth Wilson) to identify any further projects for inclusion. Councillors agreed that the most urgent requirement was for improvements and safety warnings to Preesall Park corner which had been promised previously.

Resolved: that the County Council be asked to carry out this work as a matter of urgency.

103. LCC TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Resolved: that the Clerk attend the Conference.

104. MILLENNIUM TILES RESTORATION

Councillors considered a number of options in relation to the restoration of the tiled areas and

Resolved: a) to ask Adrian Cross of Pilling Pottery whether the broken tiles can be copied onto new tiles and replaced; b) that a tile for each councillor, the Clerk and the Lengthsman be laid to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee; c) that each councillor pay for their own tile and d) that any remaining tiles be advertised for sale at a cost to be determined by the Clerk and Adrian Cross on a first come basis.

105. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

12/00578/LAWE

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use as storage and a mechanics workshop in connection with the commercial car repair business on site

Location: Park Lane Garage, 400 Park Lane, Preesall

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

106. FINANCE

a) Receipts:

Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council (printing)	£12.67
LCC Website grant	£400.00

b) Accounts for payment:

Staff costs	£1557.93
Clerk's expenditure on behalf of the Council	£84.90
HMRC	£110.67
Moran's (letters for Mayor's Board)	£30.00
Signs of the Times (final)	£235.20
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 63.29
Easy-web-sites	£598.80
Preesall Auto Discount	£33.35
BDO (external audit)	£342.00
Glynn Ward Photography	£150.00

Councillors **resolved** to pay the monthly website hosting fee of £30 + VAT to Easy Web Sites Ltd by Standing Order.

c) Statement of Accounts – August 2012

Councillors noted the statement of accounts as at 31 August 2012 which shows

Current account	£24,382.48
Reserve account	£6,138.77
Mayor's Charity account	Nil

107. VERBAL REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES (INFORMATION ONLY)

Wyre Flood Forum

The next meeting of the Flood Forum is on 13 September.

Wyre in Bloom

Cllr Mutch reported that Juniper Close and Ash Grove had won awards in the neighbourhood category and that Fleetwood's Charity School had also won an award, all of which would be presented on 24 October. She reported on the possible closure of Ashdell Nursery by Wyre Council but had been assured that the areas planted by Wyre Council would continue to be planted.

Over Wyre Seniors' Forum

The next meeting is on 4 October.

Planning Ambassador

Cllr Orme reported that Wyre Council will hold a training session on the basics of the planning system on 9 October and any councillor wishing to attend should contact him.

108. VERBAL REPORTS FROM WYRE AND LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr McCann reported that Wyre Council had established a fund of £35,000 for business support activities designed to help businesses to continue trading and to improve shop frontages.

Cllr Taylor reported that the project put forward to improve the area behind the library had been successful and approximately £8,000 would be spent on it. The project is currently at the design stage.

Cllr Carter raised the issue of the lack of progress by Hurstwood Developments on building the flats on

the sea front and Cllr Taylor advised him that Wyre Council had no powers to force the building work to recommence.

Cllr Black reported that it would be useful if there were public right of way signs on the gate across the sea wall as the impression is that it is private property. Cllr Taylor agreed to report it to Wyre Council.

In her role as county councillor, Cllr Taylor reported that a decision on the revised 20mph scheme was awaited.

Cllr Carter raised the issue of flooding to the west side of the front of the library and felt it required a drain on Plantation Avenue. Cllr Taylor advised that this was an unadopted road and the County Council would only do work on its land. Cllr Orme agreed to report it to the Flood Forum.

109. CLERK'S REPORT (FOR INFORMATION)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm

Dong Energy is publicising its intention to make an application to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate for a development consent order for the project.

Lengthsman's Report

In addition to the regular parish maintenance jobs the Lengthsman has replaced and repainted one set of goalposts. Barton Grange were unable to remove them prior to the Gala as they were concreted in. The Gala Committee did not replace the manhole cover after the Gala and the Lengthsman carried out this work for health safety reasons. The Lengthsman has marked out the pitches and, in future, will carry out this work (and be recompensed by) Wyre Juniors.

Website

The website is now up and running and can be Googled! The Links page can be used to display links to the various community and voluntary groups as well as key organisations and individuals and councillors are asked to mention this to any contacts they might have. The news page can also be used to advertise events organised by local voluntary and community groups but information must be received in good time. The photo of the Mayor receiving the grant cheque from CCllr Mike Otter, together with a short article, was in the Garstang Courier on 22 August.

Independent Living Community Roadshow and Information Day

This will be held on Saturday 29 September from 9.30am to 1.30pm at the Methodist Hall and is free. There will be a variety of organisations who offer advice or service to older people and all councillors are invited.

Publications Received

Halite – Infocus – the newsletter of Halite Energy Group. "People and Places" – Our pledge to invest in the communities and environment of Rural West Wyre and Fleetwood. - Regeneris Consulting.

110. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS

There were no questions.

111. ITEMS FOR 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 9.20 pm