

PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 9 September 2013 at 7.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall.

Present: Councillors R Drobny (Mayor), R Black, G Carter, G McCann, J Mutch, K Nicholls, P Orme from Item 6 and V Taylor from Item 8.

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Town Council and PCSO Terry Molloy

(13-14)078 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hudson, Lawson and Moon and the reasons accepted. Cllrs Orme and Taylor gave apologies that they would miss the start of the meeting as they were attending another meeting.

(13-14)079 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr McCann declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 17 (verbal report from Wyre in Bloom representative) as his wife is heavily involved in the group.

(13-14)080 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2013 be agreed as a true record.

(13-14)081 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 August 2013 there were 7 reported crimes with 1 detected. This compares with 11 (3 detected) in the same period last year. There were 26 reports of anti-social behaviour last month, 14 of which were youth nuisance, compared to the same period last year when there were 16 reports of anti-social behaviour, 8 of which were youth nuisance. Of particular note were 5 incidents of rowdy behaviour on the playing field and skateboarding in inappropriate locations.

The Clerk reported that she had had a response from Sgt Freaney to her letter regarding Police attendance at the Council's monthly meeting. Sgt Freaney stressed that the Police would always try to attend but it was not always possible owing to shift patters, holidays and operation commitments.

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

(13-14)082 Wyre School Keep Clear Marking Proposal

Councillors considered a proposal by Lancashire County Council to introduce measures prohibiting stopping (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm) on school keep clear markings at St Aidan's and both Fleetwood Charity and Carters Charity primary schools. Councillors **resolved** to support the proposals.

(13-14)083 Budget Provision for Projects

Councillors considered a proposal to install a path from Plantation Avenue across the grass to meet up with the path around the library garden to improve access and **resolved** to price the work for consideration at the next meeting when ideas from the Bloom group on how to spend the money included in this year's budget would be available. Councillors learned that the outcome of the grant application to the Parish Champion for a contribution to the purchase of the welcome signs at the entrances to the parish on Lancaster Road and Hall Gate Lane was still not known and **resolved** to further defer consideration until that decision was available.

(13-14)084 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)085 Casual Vacancy

Councillors considered arrangements for co-opting a suitable candidate to the casual vacancy and **resolved** to interview interested candidates immediately prior to the next meeting.

(13-14)086 Extension of Christmas Lights to Clarence Avenue

Councillors learned that the cost of providing lights in the large tree in the Methodist Church garden is £1350 plus VAT. The cost includes the hire of a "cherry picker" which would be required given the size of the tree. Councillors **resolved** to go ahead with the project.

(13-14)087 Model Publication Scheme

Councillors **resolved** to adopt the updated Model Publication Scheme.

(13-14)088 Information Security Policy

Councillors **resolved** to adopt the Information Security Policy which had been reviewed without the requirement for any changes.

(13-14)089 Complaints Procedure

Councillors **resolved** to adopt the Complaints Procedure which had been reviewed without the requirement for any changes.

(13-14)090 Town Council Mobile Phone

Cllr Nicholls proposed that the Town Council move to a contract basis for the mobile which would make a saving in the region of over £100 per annum. Councillors **resolved** to enter into a contract with Tesco mobile and delegated the decision on which package to the Clerk, providing the cost did not exceed £7.50 per month. Councillors further **resolved** that any two signatories sign the direct debit form.

(13-14)91 Millennium Tiles

Cllr Nicholls reported that Adrian Cross hoped to relay the existing tiles in October. He had indicated that there were in the region of 110 spare tiles in total (96-98 once the tiles reserved for councillors are taken into account) and councillors **resolved** that they be offered to the community on the following basis:

- a) Any tiles which are beyond repair be identified so that a replacement can be offered to the families concerned. The list should be provided to councillors who collectively would be able to contact the families concerned.
- b) Any remaining tiles be offered to pre-school children, those in reception class and those in more senior primary classes in that order

The tiles will cost £10 each and those for councillors £15 as they are being made by Pilling Pottery.

(13-14)092 Request to Use the Playing Field

Councillors considered a request from John Hartley, a soccer coach, to run a soccer camp during half term (Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November), in conjunction with Wyre Juniors Football Club. He had also sought permission to run two evening sessions a week until it begins to get dark early on either Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Councillors **resolved** to agree to both proposals on the basis that any litter left as a result be collected and taken away and any damage be made good.

Councillors considered a request from St Aidan's Association to use the car park on Monday 5 November as an overflow car park for visitors attending the bonfire at St Aidan's. Councillors **resolved** to agree to the request on the basis that any users park at their own risk.

Councillors learned that, as a result of the football pitches being moved to accommodate the developments on the playing field, the junior pitch needs remedial work as referees will not allow it to be used in its current state as there is a dip across the width of the goal area which needs to be filled and an area which requires reurfing. Councillors **resolved** to delegate responsibility for resolving the problems to the Clerk, subject to a budget limit of £500, the cost shared with Wyre Juniors.

(13-14)093 Planning Applications

13/00595/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one detached dwelling and double garage

Location: Land adjacent to Avondale, 44 Rosslyn Avenue, Preesall

By a majority (one councillor was against and one abstained) it was agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal but has concerns that the blocked dyke would lead to flooding as happens at the Pinewood development.

13/00618/FUL

Proposal: Replacement barn

Location: Sykes Fold Farm, Burned House Lane, Preesall

It was unanimously agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal but that a full wildlife survey should be conducted.

13/00594/LAWE

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use as storage and a mechanics workshop (B2) in connection with the commercial car repair business on site (Resubmission of planning application 12/00409/LAWE)

Location: Park Lane Garage, 400 Park Lane, Preesall

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

13/00565/FUL

Proposal: Relocation of first floor rear elevation window to south west side elevation

Location: 6 Mill Street, Preesall

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

13/00566/LBC

Proposal: Listed building consent for relocation of first floor rear elevation window to south west side elevation

Location: 6 Mill Street, Preesall

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

(13-14)094 Finance

a) Payments received:

Lancashire County Council	£20.00
Stalmine Parish Council	£35.74
Reserve account interest	£1.64
Mayor's Charity	£240.00

b) Payments to be approved:

Staff costs	£2046.97
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Staff expenditure on behalf of the Council	£61.40
HMRC	£379.90
Rigby Taylor	£287.70
Preesall Auto Discount	£67.20
Wyre Building Supplies	£113.11
Glasdon (In Bloom)	£471.70
Mrs Y McCann (In Bloom)	£26.83

Payments by Standing Order for Noting

Easy Websites (hosting fee)	£ 36.00
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c) Statement of Accounts – August 2013

Councillors noted the statement of accounts for August which shows:

Current account	£38116.07
Reserve account	£20,142.70
Mayor's Charity Account	£240.00
In Bloom Account	£1023.67

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

(13-14)095 Verbal Reports from Outside Bodies (information only)

Wyre Flood Forum

Cllr Orme reported that the next meeting is on 12 September.

LALC

Cllr Orme reported that the next meeting of the Wyre Area Committee is 8 October and the Executive Committee is on 14 September where members will consider becoming an affiliate of the Lancs Care NHS Foundation Trust to provide a parish perspective. There is a new version of the Good Councillor's Guide but these now cost £2.50 each. At a national level there are concerns at the operation of the Community Infrastructure Levy and the Council Tax subsidy not being passported to parishes.

Christmas Fair Group

Cllr Orme reported that there is now a timetable for the event and it is included in the Council's next newsletter.

Friends of Preesall Park

Cllr Orme reported that the grant application to the Police and Crime Commissioner had been unsuccessful but had received a contribution from Regenda. The pitches have been moved and the first phase is due to start.

Preesall Youth and Community Association

Cllr Orme reported that the Clerk had written to the Youth Service but no response had been received. More bookings are required at the Centre and councillors agreed to put an "advert" in the next newsletter.

Over Wyre Seniors' Forum

Cllr Carter reported that there would be no further meetings for the time being so that the Chairman can consider how to attract more members.

Wyre in Bloom

Cllr Mutch reported that members were awaiting the judges' report and that four members would attend the award ceremony in October.

Wyre Road Safety Committee

Cllr Orme reported that LCC do not believe that bollards on the bank corner is the way forward but suggested that planters could be used.

(13-14)096 Verbal Report from Wyre and Lancashire County Councillors (information only)

Cllr Taylor reported that she and Cllr Orme had attended the 3 Tier Forum and bids for priorities were required for submission to the Environment Directorate. She confirmed that she had already put forward Park Lane but any other priorities should be sent to her. In her capacity as a Wyre councillor she reported that the report of the Dog Fouling Focus Group would be presented to Cabinet with one proposal being for councillors to take a presentation to local schools. Cllr McCann reported that the Local Plan would be available for consultation in early 2014. He had attended the LGA conference where wind farms were high on the agenda.

(13-14)097 Clerk's Report (information only)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Lengthsman's Report

The Lengthsman has worked with Wyre Juniors to move the football pitches to a new location which supports the playing field development plans. The pitches have now been marked ready for the start of the new season. He has installed a second bench in the library garden which has been bought through a donation to the In Bloom account. He is still spending a considerable amount of time picking up litter and dog fouling and the problems have been particularly bad over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Furniture Collection Valuation

A meeting with the valuers took place on 15 August. The intention had been to bring the valuation to the September meeting but, as four councillors have already given apologies, it will now come to the October meeting. The valuers hold a sale each month.

Meeting with Plumlife

One of the Plumlife representatives who will attend the meeting is currently on holiday and dates and times for the meeting will be provided on her return.

Trees at Knott End Library

The Britain in Bloom judges pointed out one dead and one dying tree at Knott End library and recommended that they be removed. This has been passed to the local manager for action.

Green Partnership Award Celebration of Achievement

As a recipient of an award the Clerk has been invited to the event to collect a certificate on behalf of the Council on Saturday 5 October at the new Brockholes Nature Reserve.

Fun Day for Older People in Wyre

Wyre Council is inviting older people to a fun day at the Civic Centre in Poulton on Tuesday 10 September from 2pm - 4.30pm to mark UK Older People's Day. There will be a variety of crafts (including the chance to contribute to a giant knitted teapot cover), games (including skittles, bowling and short tennis) and creative activities such as cupcake decorating and circus skills to try. Representatives from Care and Repair, Age UK, Fylde Coast YMCA, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Warren Manor Day Care Centre in Thornton Cleveleys and New Venture Club in Fleetwood will also be on hand to offer advice. The event is free of charge but places must be booked in advance by calling Wyre Council on 01253 891000.

(13-14)098 Mayor's Report (information only)

The Mayor reported that he had attended the tosset cake event filmed at Parrox Hall. The Deputy Mayor was due to attend the Lancashire Landing event on the beach but it had been cancelled owing to high winds. It has been rearranged for 14 September.

(13-14)099 Questions to Councillors

Cllr Nicholls asked Cllr McCann whether Wyre Council was doing anything about the empty shops in Knott End. He replied that Wyre had done some work on town centres in the larger towns designed to support local businesses and there was a move to do the same thing in the smaller townships.

Cllr Black asked about the telephone box opposite the Police Station and the Clerk reported that there was no cost to the box being removed but councillors had previously resolved not to ask to that. She further reported that she had ordered a door but that had been over a year ago and had been told that it was contingent on a box being taken out and therefore providing a spare door.

Cllr Drobny mentioned the recent earthquake with an epicentre in Fleetwood and asked whether any councillor felt it was the result of the recent seismic survey. Councillors did not feel that that was the case.

There being no other business the Mayor closed the meeting at 9.05pm.