



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.00pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

Present: Cllrs J Lewin (Mayor), T Johnson, S Dobbie, P Orme, K Shepherd, K Woods, J Jenkinson and K Tunstall, C Rimmer and R Drobny
Also present – 3 Members of the public and the Locum Clerk

92.1 Apologies Cllr McMurray

93.2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllr Drobny declared his interest in the Masonic Shop (item 9).

94.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 9th October 2023 and Extra Ordinary meeting held on 16th October

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meetings be approved as a true record following minor changes to the Ordinary meeting minutes (points 81.7 and 87.13), accepted.

95.4 Public participation

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow non-councillors to speak.

A query was raised regarding Bethel Church, this was not a Preesall Town Council matter.

Query raised regarding the shelters on the esplanade. The Council have raised the issue with Wyre Council and are waiting for a response. It is not clear who owns the assets.

It was resolved that the meeting recommence.

96.5 Planning Applications

Application No: 23/01024/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 4 dwellings with associated infrastructure (resub of 23/00019/ful)

Location: Springfield Cottage Farm, Cart Gate Preesall

The Council resolved to approve this application but wanted to provide areas for concern these were:

Regarding the egress of traffic, the close proximity to Schools and the existing

flooding in the area. The development may result in additional parking on Cartgate. Suggest requesting that bee bricks be placed in the walls to support the bee population.

97.6 Finance

Payment	Method	Amount
Plantsman	BACS	225.00
Microsoft	BACS	9.48
LanPAC Membership	BACS	60.00
Wyre BS Expenses	BACS	75.82
Lengthperson Clothing/Mileage	BACS	124.55
Salaries	BACS	3,805.72
Bank Charges		18.00
Payroll Services	BACS	205.20
Bench Plaque	BACS	73.80
Easy Websites	DD	68.40
Telephone	DD	9.00
Payments to Donation Carters and Fleetwood Charities	SO	900.00

Payments to the schools are usually £500, further £50 to be made in December, SO needs to be updated to reflect the full amount. Cllr Drobny suggested that the updating of the SO be delegated to the Finance Committee.

It was resolved to accept the above payments as true expenditure for Preesall Town Council.

98.7 Reports from committees and working groups.

Civic Events Committee – Met on 23rd October 2023 and discussions focussed on the Remembrance events and the Christmas Lights switch on event.

It was reported that the Saturday event was an excellent turnout with the majority of Councillors in attendance. The Sunday event suffered with bad weather but all Councillors were present.

Confusion did occur re timing of the Sunday event despite advertising in Green book and Facebook. Next year to place sign around the cenotaph, library, noticeboard and around the village to advertise the timings.

Cllr Orme praised the Lengthsperson for his organisation. It was reported that some of the wreaths had blown away in the wind, these had been collected and were due to be replaced at the cenotaph when the wind dropped. Need to consider additional measures to secure wreaths in the future.

Next meeting 21st November 2023 to consider Christmas lighting and associated event.

Personnel Committee – Met on 6th November 2023 Cllr Orme reported that the Clerk was still unwell and that she was now on just SSP. Locum Clerk agreed to review and supply updated contract.

99.8 SPIDS Project

Following the consideration and discussion on placement of SPIDS in the town it was resolved that the following be put to Lancashire CC for their consideration after seeking professional advice:

Pilling Lane towards the school
Pole at garage near Stalmine on Park Lane
Near Worsley Close on the Esplanade
Lancaster Road

100.9 Deputy Mayors Regalia

Cllr Drobny had investigated options for the improvement to the Deputy Mayors Regalia, Consort and Mayors Consort in order to contribute to the Precept/Budget calculation for 2024/25.

It was unanimously agreed that further investigation be carried out as it was difficult to make a decision based on 2D pictures.

101.10 December Meeting

It was resolved that Hotpot with a Vegetarian Option be provided for the December event with volunteers. Soft drinks be provided by the Council with other beverages provided by Councillors. It was further resolved that Councillors donate towards the costs of the event.

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102.11 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Cllr Johnson reported that he was due to attend the LEON meeting on 23/11/23.

Cllr Woods reported that the plans for around the Cenotaph by the bloomers to be brought to January meeting. The roses provided by Pilling WI to be moved to alternative location.

Cllr Orme reported that the Best Kept Village feedback included a suggestion that the area was too large and to consider splitting into 2 areas ie Knott End and Preesall. To be discussed in the new year.

103.12 Reports from Wyre councillors

A reminder was given re the Wyre Council questionnaire regarding Hedgerows with a deadline of 24th November

104.13 Clerk's report

Following adjustments and working with the Payroll services provider the payroll was up to date.

Pilling Lane land had been improved by owner and is still due to be handed over to the Council.

Kelly's Corner – meeting taken place with Wyre Council, they have taken away the issues and are due to get back to the Town Council.

Concern raised with the lack of response from approvers for the road closures may impact on Christmas light switch on.

It was confirmed that there is still an injunction in place at the Blueberry stables.

Cllr Orme reported that he had requested funding from the Legacy for shelters, water bowser and groundsman wages.

105.14 Mayor's report

The Mayor had been invited to and attended:

Opening of launch of Hope Community Hub. She confirmed that she had no Pecuniary or other interests in the Hub.

On 10th October a new Flood Action Group meeting at the Bourne Arms.

On 21st October the official presentation of the Bench of Remembrance at the Veterans Breakfast Club held at the Bourne Arms.

A charity event, the First Conker Championship

For the Mayors Charity on 28th October a stall raising £122

In November the LALC conference, presentations to be distributed to Councillors.

The Mayor thanked the Councillors for their attendance at the 2 Remembrance events and stated that this had been noted by members of the public. She further thanked Cllr Johnson for his organisation of the 2 events.

106.15 Questions to councillors

It was reported that both the Saracens and One Stop had requested Christmas lights. A quote for 2023 lights had been received by PRS but it was unclear if this included VAT. It was resolved to accept the quote under the proviso that it included VAT.

It was thought that 50 tree hearts would be sufficient and be purchased as 33 had already been requested.

Graffiti had appeared on seaward side of shelter on esplanade. Mayor Lewin agreed to provide pictures to Cllr Drobny.

Cllr Johnson queried the Local Heroes nomination form as little/no inclusion for Over Wyre. Cllr Rimmer to check and consider better advertising in 2024.

107.16 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held on **11th December 2023 starting at the earlier time of 6.30** - councillors are asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda and provide updates from working groups by notifying the clerk **in writing by Thursday 30th November 2023** at the latest. The item should specify the business which it is proposed be transacted, in such a way that the members who receive it can identify the matters which they will be expected to discuss i.e. it needs to specify what the proposal is and that a decision is required or whether the item is for information only.

There being no further business the mayor closed the meeting at 21.24.