



PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the civic events
committee held on Monday 3 August 2020 at
10.00am via Zoom video conference

Present: Councillors P Orme, B Burn, K Woods

In attendance: Alison May, clerk to the town council

1(20-21) Apologies for absence

Cllr Woodhouse.

2(20-21) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr Burn – Royal British Legion.

3(20-21) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 February 2020 as a correct record of that meeting.

4(20-21) Public participation

No members of the public were present.

5(20-21) Noticeboard at Fordstone Avenue

Councillors were made aware that the clerk's application for funding from the Parish Champion had been successful and a £400 award had been received. They were also informed that no response to the notice in the Blackpool Gazette regarding ownership of the land had been received. In accordance with full council resolution 218(11) the committee:

Resolved: That the clerk purchase a 3- bay headed and lettered noticeboard on legs from Greenbarnes Ltd with two magnetic panels and one soft panel for public notices and for a request to be made to the finance committee for additional funds from the unused VE Day budget to cover the difference between the available budget of £1620 and the final cost, including delivery, of the noticeboard.

6(20-21) Operation London Bridge

Resolved: For the items in black in the draft policy to be adopted for senior royals, items in red to be discussed when an 'in person' meeting is possible. The chairman/mayor to make the announcement, superseded by a town crier if one is appointed. A copy of the policy to be provided to Father Shaw.

7(20-21) VJ Day arrangements

Resolved: The Mayor to lay a wreath on 15 August at 11.00am at the war memorial and say a few words. Flags to be flown.

8(20-21) Battle of Britain – 80th anniversary

Resolved: to mark the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain on 12 September by flying the RAF flag all week from Monday 7 September to Sunday 13 September.

9(20-21) Royal British Legion (RBL) involvement

Following recent correspondence from the RBL and changes to the local membership it was acknowledged that the Remembrance Sunday event will become increasingly reliant on Preesall Town Council for it to continue in its current form.

Resolved: to recommended to full council that it takes responsibility for organising the event in future, taking into account the order and format of the event as drawn up by the RBL in previous years.

10(20-21) Remembrance Sunday arrangements

Resolved: The Mayor to lay a wreath on 8 November at 11.00am at the war memorial and say a few words. Flags to be flown. Cllr Burn to read the epitaph and Cllr Orme to see if anyone is available to play a bugle and broadcast this with the loud-speaker.

11(20-21) 11 November arrangements

This is an RBL event and not a civic event.

12(20-21) Christmas lights switch-on arrangements

Road closure documentation had been sent by the clerk to the various consultees prior to being forwarded to Wyre Council within the three-month deadline. This is based on last year's road closure information with the caveat that the event will not go ahead as per the documentation unless government regulations permit more than 30 people to meet in public

Resolved: that the Christmas Trees and lights be installed and for a notice to be placed in the Focus magazine that the lights would be on from 28 November.

Resolved:

For the clerk to:

- investigate the possibility of a solar powered LED Christmas tree on the verge at Fordstone Avenue and if not possible, for this to be brought to full council for the installation of an electricity point.
- approach the residents of the old post office and round house in Preesall and the Ferry Café and Bourne Arms in Knott End to see if they would like mini xmas trees.
- research availability of galvanized brackets and PRS to check existing brackets.

For Cllr Orme to:

- enquire at Wyre Council re availability of additional metal railings and if not available, a recommendation be made to full council for the clerk to purchase up to a dozen railings.

Resolved: That the best dressed window display become part of the lights switch-on ceremony with the council providing a trophy for the best commercial display and the best residential display. The event to be advertised in the November Focus. Funds to be agreed with the finance committee.

13(20-21) Date of next meeting

To be arranged