



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on
Monday 10 October 2022 at 7.00pm at Preesall and
Knott End Youth and Community Centre**

Present: Cllrs K Shepherd (Mayor), R Drobny, J Lewin, P Orme, N Patrick, B Renwick, S Rossall, K Woods.

In attendance: Alison May, clerk to the town council; 50 members of the public.

92a(1) Apologies for absence – Cllrs Jepson, Johnson and Williams.

92b(1) Absent without apology – None

93(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr Orme – planning applications 22/00975/FUL and 22/00976/FUL

94(3) Minutes of the last meetings

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes, of the meeting held on 26 September 2022.

95(4) Public participation

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

- Wyre councillor Collette Rushforth reiterated her promise made in the summer to speak against the quarry for the health, wealth and wellbeing of the people and raised her concern regarding the response from Lancashire County Council that if the quarry were to go ahead it was not of a type that is a risk to human health, a statement that she believed contradicted wider professional reports into the cumulative and irreversible consequences of inhaling silica dust. She expressed the opinion that every opportunity should be taken to ensure the health impacts of a proposal would feature in any planning application.
- A member of the public provided pictures of previous environmental dumping near the site and dust from that blowing across peoples' houses and land. They went on to quote the number of individuals with existing respiratory health conditions in the vicinity of the proposed quarry. They also expressed concern that the officer at LCC who had made the comment regarding no risk to human health had not disclosed the evidence behind this statement. The individual apprised the council of the Welsh Assembly's approach to the siting of quarries and reiterated the need for a public health assessment to form part of any application process.

- A member of the public with respiratory issues explained what COPD is and thanked the council for listening.
- A member of the public spoke of the devaluation of their property now and their fears for the future should a quarry be created. They raised concerns regarding the impact on the water table, potential flooding and the need for a 24-hour pumping solution.
- A member of the public asked for an update on what the council was doing regarding speeding cars and the placement of chicanes at the entrance to the park.

At the conclusion of the public session councillors **resolved** to agree to reconvene the meeting.

Councillors further **resolved** to bring agenda item 8 forward for discussion.

96(8) Health impact of proposed quarry

Resolved: to seek clarity regarding potential health implications of the proposed quarry on the adjacent population given the statement by Lancashire County Council that it would have none at all. The clerk was instructed to commission a public health report to establish the facts and thereby enable Preesall Council to provide an informed response to the officer at Lancashire County Council.

97(5) Planning applications

Application Number: 22/00619/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of taxi office (sui generis) and retail (Class E) with associated storage, to takeaway (sui generis) and associated storage with new shop front and extraction flue

Location: 4 Barton Square Knott End-on-Sea Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0BN

Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds that access arrangements to the front of the property are unsuitable for loading/unloading as there is a yellow line and a bus stop directly outside the property. It is also not clear what the purpose of the business will be as in one part of the application it refers to it being an Indian takeaway and in another that it's a kebab/grill. (5 against including casting vote, 4 in favour).

Application number: 22/00943/FUL

Proposal: Pitched roof connecting garden office to garage

Location: 249 Park Lane, Preesall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire FY6 0LT

Resolved: the council raised no objections to this application. (7 in favour, 1 abstention).

Application Number: 22/00871/FUL

Proposal: Proposed two front dormers

Location: 8 Sandicroft Place Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0PB

Resolved: the council raised no objections to this application. (8 in favour).

Application number: 22/00975/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of existing classroom to form ancillary living accommodation in association with no. 1 Spring Bank Cottage.

Location: The Old Sea Centre, Wyre Side, Knott End-on-Sea, Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds that it is not ancillary to the existing property, it is a building in its own right, which claims to have parking for three vehicles, thereby denying parking to 1 and 2 Spring Bank Cottages. (6 against, 2 abstentions)

Application number: 22/00976/FUL

Proposal: Erection of front balcony to 1 and 2 Spring Bank Cottages and changes to external finishes and window openings.

Location: Spring Bank Cottages, Wyre Side, Knott End-on-Sea, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire

Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds that the building is a non-designated heritage asset and the proposed development is not in keeping and would adversely affect the visual appearance of the area. Councillors were also concerned regarding arrangements of supplies/building materials to the site. It would like to recommend that no access be made along the riverside pathway. The pavement in this area is fragile and is known to have given way approximately 15 years ago as the land is man-made and not natural riverbank. It is also unclear where parking would be available. (7 against, 1 abstention).

98(6) Reports from committees and working groups

i) Finance committee

Councillors **resolved to note** that the finance committee met prior to the full council to approve October's expenditure, confirm September's expenditure and approve the transfer of funds from its Virgin account to its Unity account, up to a maximum of £85,000 to be held in Unity.

ii) Civic events committee

Councillors **resolved to note** that the committee met on 5 September and approved the minutes of 25 July, these are on the council's website. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Wednesday 16 November at 7.00pm. Cllr Patrick and Cllr Woods to liaise with the gala committee re the availability of marshals/stewards for the Christmas lights switch-on.

iii) Personnel committee

Councillors **resolved to note** that the personnel committee met on 5 October. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Wednesday 26 October.

99(7) Councillor vacancy

Councillors **resolved to note** the timeframe in which an election could be called to fill the casual vacancy had now passed and that there is a requirement for it to be filled as soon as practicable.

Resolved: for the clerk to post the advert on the council's website and noticeboard from 11 October until 24 October at 5.00pm. Interviews to be held from 6.00pm on 2 November. If there are more than six applicants a sift if will be held on 31 October. The successful applicant to attend the 14 November meeting.

100(9) Speeding

Resolved:

- i) To approve the sending of a letter to Mr Hassett at Carter's Charity School asking him to remind parents to take particular care and watch their speed when going to and from the school.
- ii) To approve the sending of a letter to the police via the crime commissioner asking them to visit the township with their speed camera van, particular areas of concern being Pilling Lane, the Esplanade and Grasmere Road as a cut through when the speed camera is further along Lancaster Road.

101(10) Civility and Respect training

Resolved: the item to be brought back to full council after the elections in May once new councillors are in post.

102(11) 20mph road markings

Resolved: that the council pays for the painting of two 20mph signs on Pilling Lane, one on Park Lane and one on Lancaster Road when entering Knott End. Cllr Orme to provide the clerk with further details. A budget of £400 to be allocated with funds coming from general reserve.

103(12) Telescopes

Resolved: that the heritage telescope should be purchased in blue with a storm cover. The head to be removed and stored with the Mayor as and when necessary. The telescope to be part-funded by voluntary contributions (approximately £1,000 to £1,200) with the remainder from funds to be made available from projects no longer going ahead.

The purchase of a coin-operated telescope to be discussed at a later date.

104(13) Speed indicator devices

Resolved: as per the document supplied by Lancashire County Council, Preesall Council approved location 1 on the Esplanade, locations 2 and 3 on Sandy Lane, 4 and 5 on Lancaster Road, and 6 on Park Lane. The clerk was also instructed to purchase two Evolis speed cameras at the reduced total offer price of £4,000 plus delivery. LCC to be asked to investigate further locations.

105(14) Review of 2022/2023 budgeted projects

Resolved: £5,000 to be moved from budget head 4480 to 4434; 4490 to be relabelled 'Trampers'; £10,000 to be moved from 4510 to 12 month reserves.

106(15) Projects for 2023/2024

Resolved: consideration to be given to a lasting tribute to mark the service given by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during her 70-year reign, budget to be determined;

the distribution of commemorative coins to primary school and nursery children - £2,000 budget; dog waste bag holders, budget to be determined; dog waste generator lighting – Cllr Orme to provide the clerk with further information. Acquisition of land fund – budget to be determined, the clerk to work with Cllr Orme in taking this forward.

107(16) Documents for review

i) Star award policy

Resolved: to approve the existing policy, which had been reviewed with no recommendations for amendments.

ii) Freedom of Information policy

Resolved: to readopt the policy which had been reviewed with no recommendations for amendments.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

108(17) Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

No written reports had been received.

109(18) Verbal reports from Wyre councillors

None.

110(19) Clerk's report

Councillors **resolved** to note the information contained in the clerk's report.

Councillor vacancy

To date the council has received two applications for the councillor vacancy.

Phone contract renewal

A renewal quotation with O2 of £9.52 ex VAT was received to enter into a new 24-month contract of 2gb of data, unlimited calls and unlimited texts. A request was made for a better offer and an offer was made with '3' of £7.50 ex VAT to enter into a 24-month contract of 2gb of data, unlimited calls and unlimited texts plus, after 90 days a cash refund of £72. Over the term of the contract this reduces the monthly net fee to £4.50. The clerk in consultation with the mayor accepted this limited time offer.

Lantern grant

The clerk was asked to use her delegated powers to assess the grant application and refer it for payment through the appropriate channels if necessary.

111(20) Mayor's report

None.

112(21) Questions to councillors

None.

113(22) Exclusion of the press and public

Pursuant to Section 1(2) and 1(3) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the council **resolved** to exclude the press and public to discuss staffing matters. At the conclusion of the discussion it was **resolved** to return to the meeting.

114(23) Items for next agenda

The next meeting will be held on **14 November 2022** - councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda and provide updates from working groups by notifying the clerk **in writing by Thursday 3 November** 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 10.00pm.