



## PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on  
Monday 11 October 2021 at 7.00pm at Preesall and  
Knott End Youth and Community Centre**

**Present:** Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), R Drobny, S Jepson, J Lewin, K Nicholls, N Patrick, B Renwick, A Tarpey-Black, K Woods.

**In attendance:** Alison May, clerk to the town council. Three members of the public.

**51a(1) Apologies for absence** – Cllr Johnson, Cllr Williams.

**51b(1) Absent without apology** – none.

### **52(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations**

Willows Close – Cllr Jepson.

### **53(3) Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September subject to it being noted that Cllr Woods and Cllr Tarpey-Black had declared interests in planning

### **54(4) Public participation**

**Resolved:** to adjourn the meeting to allow non-councillors to speak.

- The issue of speeding vehicles on minor roads through the Rosemount estate was raised. In response, Cllr Patrick provided details of Community Speed Watch initiatives.
- The issue of unpruned trees on the playing field was raised. In response it was confirmed that Wyre had visited the site and will address the issue.
- The drinking of alcohol on the streets was seen as a summer issue. This would be kept under review.
- The issue of speeding vehicles on Rosslyn Avenue was raised. In response, Cllr Patrick to provide Community Speed Watch documentation.
- The issue of inappropriate use of electric scooters was raised. In response, this would be raised with Wyre Council.

**Resolved:** at the conclusion of the public session to reconvene the meeting.

### **55(5) Planning application**

**Application number:** 21/01107/FUL

**Proposal:** Change of use of land to form additional domestic curtilage in association with existing dwelling for the siting of mobile home annexe

**Location:** Flight View Pilling Lane Preesall Lancashire FY6 0JX

**Resolved:** to raise concerns regarding the potential for the future development of this site should the change of use be permitted. (five against, four abstained)

#### **56(6) Finance**

- i) Councillors **noted** that the finance committee met prior to the meeting to approve this month's expenditure.
- ii) **Resolved:** to appoint Cllr Lewin and Cllr Renwick to the finance committee.

#### **57(7) Reports from committees and working groups**

Legacy working group:

**Resolved:** for the items below to be presented to the solicitor as suitable projects for the legacy.

1. Bandstand/Performance area on land behind Jubilee gardens - Cllr Johnson leading.
2. Car parking site - initial enquiries to utilise/buy some of the land from the Methodist Church are not positive but further enquiries will be made by Cllr Orme. Enquiries also being made regarding land at BT Exchange. The suggestion would be for parking to be free with electric charging points.
3. Donation to the Gala committee to be used to fund supporting bands for 10 years.
4. Ferry Shelter - provide a new shelter including information boards - Cllr Orme leading.
5. Binoculars/telescopes in strategic locations along esplanade - Cllr Patrick investigating options.
6. Jazz festival (May time ish) Cllr Johnson is investigating the idea of organising a jazz festival.
7. Designated 'pot' of money for the Council to utilise as it deemed appropriate.

Councillors **noted** there have been initial discussions with Mr Elletson regarding availability of land for the bandstand. They also **noted** that there are discussions taking place with Mr Elletson and the KE Railway enthusiasts and Mr Elletson is keen to work with them and Preesall Town Council to develop some of his land, including that behind the Jubilee Gardens. Plans include a possible station, carparking, play area and allotments. There would need to be a formal agreement for long term lease and/or other financial arrangements but the possible development of the bandstand/performance area would not be dependent on progress by the KE Railway group.

#### **58(8) Review of 2021/2022 budgeted projects**

**Resolved:** that the clerk be given permission to purchase Christmas illuminations within the limits set by Wyre Council and Preesall Town Council's budget.

The following project budget codes to be put in the first draft of the 22/23 budget:

4461 – add £1,600

4470 – add £1,000

4450 - increase by £2,000

4515 - add £2,000 for a special bench

4522 - increase by £3,000

4540 - increase to £3,000

4611 - retain as is

### **59(9) Projects for 2022/2023**

**Resolved:** Items for November agenda – Cllr Drobny, blue plaques; Cllr Patrick, adoption of bus shelters.

Feeder pillar for Kelly's corner, no additional budget over and above normal Christmas lights.

Two x finials for telephone kiosks - budget of £400.

Laptop/Printer replacement - £1,000

General projects arising within year - £10,000.

### **60(10) Quotation for flagging at war memorial**

**Resolved:** to give approval for the clerk to commission the flagging and repair work adjacent to the flagpole at the War memorial at a cost of £700. Funds to be taken from the allocated budget of £2,500 for the overall project.

### **61(11) Councillor vacancy**

Councillors **noted** the verbal update by the clerk that there had been five the applications received for the vacancy. Interviews will be held from 6.00pm at the Youth and Community Centre on Monday 18 October.

### **62(12) Jigsaw Homes issues**

**Resolved:** that a letter be sent to the housing ombudsman detailing the council's concerns re the allocation of housing at Willows Close. That a Freedom of Information request be sent to the police asking how many complaints have been made to them regarding Willows Close. That a Freedom of Information request be sent to Jigsaw Homes regarding the number of complaints it has received and acted on.

### **63(13) 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 has been reviewed and amended to reflect the re-adoption of the Model Publication Scheme.

### **64(14) Parish and Town Councils Survey 2021**

**Resolved:** that councillors should individually complete the 'Working Better Together' survey. That Cllr Patrick would attend the meeting on 13 November with Cllr Orme.

### **65(15) Bus service funding**

**Resolved:** that councillors should individually complete the bus service survey.

## **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **66(16) Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives**

No written reports were received.

Verbal update that the Santa sleigh tour has been arranged for 11 December and the Mayor will be judging the Christmas lights.

Lancashire County Council has confirmed that the resurfacing of Lancaster Road will take place in February.

### **67(17) Verbal reports from Wyre Councillors**

No report.

### **68(18) Clerk's report**

#### **Feeder pillar at Fordstone Avenue**

The feeder pillar near the memorial seating area has been installed by Lancashire County Council and the electricity supply has been connected. Plans of underground cables have been obtained and the hole for the tree will be dug this month.

#### **Flagged seating area near Battle of Britain memorial**

Work on the creation of a pathway, the installation of additional benches and repositioning of existing benches is now scheduled to take place in late October.

#### **Memorial benches**

Two memorial benches are in the process of being built ready for installation on the riverside walk. The third bench will be installed as part of the sea front project near the flagpole.

#### **Adoption of Kelly's Corner**

A formal request has been made for the council to adopt this land. The arrangements to make this possible are now on Wyre Council's work schedule.

#### **Adoption of planters adjacent playing field car park**

An invitation has been sent to Carter's School asking if the school would like to take on responsibility for planting up and maintaining the planters. The school has responded that it would be pleased to take on the maintenance.

#### **Wreath posts**

The lengthskeeper has reset and repainted the four wreath holders at the war memorial in readiness for Remembrance Sunday.

#### **Co-op contact**

The new Member Pioneer for this area for the Co-op – Natalie Holt – has been in touch to say she will be supporting the local community in various ways and is willing to help with group events. She has a background working in communities, isn't based in store and is hoping to contact groups in the area over time (the role is only a few hours a week).

I've been asked to pass her email address or mobile number to anyone looking for support.

It was also reported that the clerk's annual appraisal had taken place on 6 October. Working group concerns should be directed to the chair of the working group in the first instance.

Where possible read receipts should be used for emails to councillors.

### **69(19) Mayor's report**

Cllr Orme reported that he would be supporting St Aidan's pupils by attending the meal at The Villa. Cllr Nicholls would also be attending.

### **70(20) Questions to councillors**

It was reported that some of the grids on Lancaster Road are blocked and there are leaves on the pavement. The lengthsman is to be asked to clear the area.

Progress re Prince Philip walkway – A formal letter approving the project is awaited from Wyre.

Cllr Pattrick to arrange defibrillator sessions for councillors

Cllr Lewin is to attend the patient group at the medical centre on Wednesday. She was asked to raise the following:

Possibility of the Covid bus visiting Over Wyre

Is there any solution to the problems with the alarm

The delay of two and a half months for a flu jab

The possibility of reintroducing face to face appointments

The difficulty in obtaining an appointment by phoning at 8.00am.

It was reported that Wyre area LALC would take place on 25 October.

Cllr Orme had attended a meeting with the lead at County Hall regarding improvements to service provision. There would be quarterly meetings with the team and the spring topic would be highways.

### **71(21) Green paper – query from member of the 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 items pertaining to members of the public.

**Resolved:** that a response be sent by the clerk as per agreed wording. The confidential business of a member of the public's query having been concluded, that the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

### **72(22) Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 8 November 2021 - 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 28 October** 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 either 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 9.15pm