



PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 12 October 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom video conference

Present: Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), B Burn, A Cropper, J Cropper, R Drobny, T Johnson, N Patrick, K Nicholls, A Tarpey-Black, D Williams, L Woodhouse, K Woods.

In attendance: Alison May, clerk to the town council.

Cllr Orme asked councillors to consider moving agenda item 15 to between items 8 and 9. All councillors agreed.

86a(1) Apologies for absence – none.

86b(1) Absent without apology – none.

87(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr Johnson - union interest (employment matters); Cllr Orme, 20/00793/FUL.

88(3) Minutes of the meetings of full council

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 14 and 25 September 2020.

89(4) Minutes of the council's committees

Councillors **resolved** to note as a correct record the agreed minutes of the following committees:

Finance – 7 September 2020

Personnel – 27 July 2020; 23 September 2020.

90(5) Public participation

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

A member of the public informed councillors of concerns regarding the number of parking tickets being issued by a private company trading on Park Lane. The person also made councillors aware that a community parking group had been established on Facebook and that the group was being advised as to the legality of the fines and possible courses of action. The impact on individuals, particularly the elderly and those on low incomes, was explained. The member of the public was asked to explain what it was hoped the council would do given that the council has no legal power to investigate possible breaches of planning, GDPR or highways issues as this lies with outside bodies, which are already carrying out investigations. It was

stated that there was a desire to make councillors aware of the extent of the problem and to look at what could be done to make it better. They were informed that the council would discuss the topic later in the agenda.

Resolved: to reconvene the meeting.

91(6) Planning

Application number: 20/00793/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for the retention of a detached garden room

Location: Bolanja, 45 Pilling Lane, Preesall, Lancashire, FY6 0EX

Resolved: to object to this application. The council is of the opinion that the descriptor used, that the building is a detached garden room, is not representative of this very large building, which dominates the side/rear garden. This building constitutes overdevelopment of this property (9 against, 3 abstentions).

Application number: 20/00840/FUL

Proposal: Two-storey rear, and single-storey rear and side, flat-roof extensions with provision of balcony at both first and second floor level

Location: Seafield, Fluke Hall Lane, Pilling, Preston, Lancashire

Resolved: that the council has no objection to this application (10 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention).

Application number: 20/00841/FUL

Proposal: First-floor side extension, replacement front porch, alterations to window openings and new driveway

Location: 309 Pilling Lane, Preesall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 0HH

Resolved: the council was unanimous in having no objection to this application.

Application number: 20/00897/FUL

Proposal: Extension to existing private equine storage building and formation of private horse-riding arena

Location: Sand Lea, 211 Pilling Lane, Preesall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire

Resolved: that the council has no objection to this application (11 in favour, 1 abstention).

92(7) Finance

Councillors **resolved:**

a) To note receipts in September

RBS current account

Unity

Amount

12.67

Nil

b) To approve the following payments: **Payment type**

Payroll

BACS0033)

BACS0034)

Clerk's expenses on behalf of council

BACS0035

848 Services Ltd (Inv.10302)

BACS0036

Eventbrite (Inv.1454367679)

BACS0037

Amount

1751.09

36.89

9.48

38.93

Armstrongs (Inv. to be supplied)	BACS0038	90.04
Mr P Orme (2x flags inv.100048741)	BACS0039	14.22
Royal British Legion (Inv. 01/20)	Chq300039	68.00
Christmas events c/ee (once invoiced)	Chq300040	346.00
Fleetwood's Charity School	Standing Order RBS	50.00
Carters Charity School	Standing Order RBS	50.00
Easy Web Sites (Inv. 01-160-4)	Direct debit	360.00
c) To note the following payments by direct debit		Amount
Easy Web Sites (hosting fee, SSL certificate)		46.80
O2 (mobile phone contract)		10.46
LCC (contributions)		524.78
LCC (deficit)		50.00

d) To note the transfer of £10,000 from Unity Bank to Hampshire Trust Bank easy access account (BACS 0032) and the transfer of £10,000 from RBS to Unity Bank (Chq 000467)

e) To note the statement of accounts

CB1 RBS	£88,987.17
CB2 HTB Bond issue 39	£40,623.44
CB3 IB	Nil
CB4 UNITY	£42681.58
CB5 HTB easy access	£10,001.00

93(8) Reports from committees and working groups

i) Speed Indicator Device (SPID) working group

Cllr Woods reported that the group had met on 22 September and had discussed a number of issues that could affect the locality of a camera. In particular, the possibility of a permissive path on the western part of Park Lane near the bowling green – deemed unviable given need to cross the road and existing traffic from bowlers. Speaking with the county councillor regarding a traffic warden to monitor vehicles in the vicinity of Preesall Hill. Possibility of a give way sign at the pinch point of Park Lane. Different SPIDs had been looked at and the group believed that there was a need for one permanent and one portable SPID at an approximate cost of £4,000 each. Further discussion to take place.

The issue of bus fares was also raised and the availability of discount tickets both from Spar in Knott End and the bus.

ii) Plantation Avenue

Councillors were asked to approve the placing of ten planters on Plantation Avenue, Knott End, in order to prevent parking and subsequent damage to the grass verges and environment (subject to the necessary landowner permission being obtained).

Resolved: to approve £2,000 being added to the budget for April 2021 as a contribution towards the cost of the planters for use on Plantation Avenue or elsewhere in the village.

iii) **Personnel committee**

The committee met on 5 October. The chairman informed councillors that the candidate selected for the post had asked for an increased hourly rate after being offered the job. They had been offered a slight increase, which had been rejected. Councillors were also made aware that interim assistance re the installation of benches may be available from the Pilling lengthsmen. Councillors **resolved** that they would accept the offer of assistance should it be made and pay no more than the commercial rate for the works.

94(8a) Formerly '15Private company parking fines'

Councillors discussed the comments made by the member of the public regarding parking enforcement on Park Lane. Councillors were of the opinion that there is limited action the council can take as it does not have a legal power to investigate. Councillors also noted that the matter is already being investigated by Wyre Council and a response re land ownership was awaited from Lancashire County Council. It also noted that legal advice was being given to those who had been ticketed.

Resolved: that Preesall Council would write a non-accusatory letter to trading standards and to Wyre Council, asking for information on the legality of the fines issued to residents at the location, given that no planning permission, for the camera or double yellow lines, is in place and other planning issues have yet to be resolved.

95(9) Review of 2020/21 budgeted projects

Resolved: that funding be allocated as follows to current projects -

4432 – Extend Xmas lighting - add an additional £2,000 for solar lights at Fordstone Avenue

4440 – additional CCTV - add an additional £2,500 this year, followed by £2,500 next year

4450 – SPID - add an additional £4,000

4490 – Beach access wheelchair - add an additional £2,500

4500 – Heritage pathway - leave as is

Cost of living increase to be applied to existing projects.

96(10) Projects for 2021/2022

Cllr Orme informed councillors that members of the public may be willing to help with the proposal to have beach-friendly wheelchairs in Knott End. Further discussions are needed to bring this to fruition.

Resolved: the following budget items be created

Planters - £2,000

Replacement bus shelter - £3,500

Sea front improvements (shelters) - £10,000

Creation of woodland walk (subject to permissions) - £5,000

Weatherproof structure for council memorabilia - £2,500

Inclusivity training - £600.

Cllr Williams leaves the meeting.

97(11) Review of policies, procedures, plans and awards

i) Star Award

Resolved: to retain this as an award presented at mayor-making and for a cut-off date to be inserted in mid-February to enable discussion at the March meeting. The closing date for 2020/21 applications to be 14 February 2021.

98(12) Public access to items of historical significance

Resolved: funds to be set aside in the budget (see 96(10)) and for this to be put as an agenda item for further discussion in the new year.

99(13) Extending 20mph speed limit on Park Lane

Councillors discussed where funding would come from in order to facilitate the 20mph speed limit, on Park Lane from Mill View Cottage to the bottom of Preesall Hill, being extended to the junction with Sandy Lane. Cllr Orme, in his borough council capacity, to ask whether 106 payments could be available.

100(14) Flags

a) Quotations

Three quotations for a Preesall Town Council flag were obtained.

Resolved: the preferred supplier is Faberexposize UK. The council to purchase ten 150 x100cm flags.

b) Design

Resolved: the design to be reworked to include 'swags' and for this to be brought back to the November meeting.

c) 999 flag

Resolved: that the council would purchase a 999 flag – to be flown on Emergency Services Day, 9 September, each year.

101(15) Private company parking fines

Discussed at 94(8a).

102(16) SLCC Virtual National Conference (12 - 16 October)

Resolved: to approve the clerk's attendance at this virtual event at a cost of £25.00 (+VAT).

103(17) LALC 76TH AGM

Resolved: that Cllr Burn and Cllr A Cropper would attend LALC's 76th AGM on Saturday 14 November at 10am via Zoom as voting representatives and that Cllr Orme would attend as a non-voting representative. A resolution to be submitted for discussion – stamp duty for town and parish councils purchasing property to be removed in line with the rules for principal authorities.

104(18) Adoption of planters

Resolved: that the council would adopt the planters (on loan from Stalmine Parish Council) on the grass verge between the car park and back of Wyre Juniors pavilion and sponsor them being planted up by the lengthsman.

105(19) Exclusion of press and public

i) Lengthsman vacancy

Resolved: to move agenda item 19 to the end of the meeting

Resolved: to extend the meeting by 30 minutes

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106(20) Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

Health (all aspects) Cllr Tarpey-Black reported that we are currently in Tier 2.

Housing Cllr Nicholls reported on issues over naming one of the roads Willows Close when there is already a Willow Close in the village. Discussions are continuing to ensure that properties are offered to people with a local connection first. Cllr Orme stated that he would be pushing for the parish to have a say in naming of roads.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee) the next meeting will be via Zoom at the end of October.

Over Wyre Parishes joint meeting Cllr Burn to write to the chairs of other parishes to try to arrange a meeting.

Preesall Youth and Community Association a date for the AGM will be announced shortly.

Planning Ambassador Cllr Burn working on providing an answer to the government's White Paper planning consultation.

Wyre Flood Forum The pump worked during the recent heavy rains. Still issues with sand washed down from the hill, which has been cleared from the gully by Pipescan.

Christmas Community Events committee In process of building Santa's sleigh and making Covid-secure.

107(21) Verbal reports from Wyre councillors

Nothing further to add.

108(22) Clerk's report

Councillors noted the information contained in the clerk's report:

Website rebuild

The council's new accessible website is up and running. Documentation preceding the requirement for compliance has not been amended, so in some instances is not fully accessible. There isn't a requirement for this to be brought in line – this has been noted in the council's accessibility statement held on the website.

Fordstone Avenue bench area

The new noticeboard from Greenbarnes is scheduled for delivery in mid-October and will be installed by the contactor.

Barton Square clock

Smith of Derby has added the clock repairs to its list of works to be completed and will be in touch once a date for the repair is available.

Park Lane telephone kiosk

Locks for securing the kiosk have been ordered – delivery awaited.

Vegetation overgrowth from private properties

A number of Lancashire County Council leaflets have been posted to properties with vegetation that is causing a nuisance and a number of residents have been spoken to in person. Some overgrowth has now been cut back.

Date for grant applications

The closing date for receipt of the next round of grant applications to the council is 25 October, for scrutiny in November. Councillors will need to decide on a date in November.

Adoption Lancashire and Blackpool campaign materials

The council is asked to support this year's campaign by printing and displaying posters in local venues. A request has also been made to help promote the campaign by directing people interested in adoption to the social media channels, website adoptionlancashireblackpool.org.uk or the adoption enquiry line 0300 123 6727.

It's also possible to help by sharing and commenting on social media posts:

Follow on Twitter [@AdoptionLBP](https://twitter.com/AdoptionLBP) and search #WishForAFamily for messages to re-tweet from your Twitter account.

- add your own quote as a message of support when retweeting.

Like on Facebook [@adoptionlancashireblackpool](https://www.facebook.com/adoptionlancashireblackpool) from your Facebook profile and share #WishForAFamily posts.

109(23) Mayor's report

The mayor reported that he would be laying a wreath on Remembrance Sunday along with Cllr Burn and a representative from the clergy.

Cllr Drobny leaves the meeting.

110(24) Questions to councillors

Signage on Park Lane near the Black Bull needs cleaning – Wyre to be asked to clean.

Cllr Burn's attendance on webinar – will provide a written report once slides have been received.

111(24a) Previously agenda item 19 Exclusion of press and public - see above

i) Lengthsman vacancy

Resolved: to exclude the press and public at 22.19 pursuant to s1(2) and 1(3) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, to discuss contractual matters regarding the recruitment of a self-employed lengthsman.

Resolved: to accept the personnel committees recommendations to re-advertise the post in the Focus magazine at a contract rate of between £12 and £15 per hour, based on experience, for a maximum of 25 hours per week and to stipulate that previous applicants need not apply.

Resolved: to readmit the press and public.

112(25) Items for next agenda

The next meeting will be held on 9 November 2020 at 7.00pm – 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 29 October 2020** at the latest.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 22.25.