

# PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 17 August 2015 at 7.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall**

**Present:** Councillors P Orme (Mayor), B Campbell, P Greenhough, D Hudson, R Lawson, J Mutch, T Reilly and L Woodhouse.

**In Attendance:** Jan Finch, Clerk to the Town Council and 3 members of the public.

## **(15-16)097 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Black, V Taylor and G McCann and the reasons accepted.

## **(15-16)098 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations**

None.

## **(15-16)099 Public Participation (Including a Verbal Police Report)**

At the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow non-councillors to speak.

No members of the public wished to speak and at the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

## **(15-16)100 Casual Vacancy Election Costs**

Councillors noted that Wyre Council has received a request signed by the required number of local government electors for Preesall South Ward for an election to be held to fill the current vacancy on the Town Council and, that in the event of a contested election, the date of the poll will be Thursday 8 October 2015.

Councillors further noted that the Town Council will bear all the associated costs of the by-election. However, under Rule 22 of the Local Elections Rules 1986, the decision on whether poll cards are issued at such a by-election rests with the Town Council. Wyre Council has estimated that the cost of issuing poll cards to all electors in the affected ward would be £1,050.00.

Councillors acknowledged that the costs involved are significant and discussed how the election might be brought to the attention of electors if poll cards were not issued.

Councillors determined that there was no other method available that would ensure that the poll is brought to the attention of every elector in South Ward and therefore **resolved** to ask Wyre Council to issue poll cards.

There being no other business the Mayor closed the meeting at 7.28pm.