

PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 11 August 2014 at 7.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall

Present: Councillors P Orme (Mayor), R Black, R Drobny (until Item 15), P Greenhough, D Hudson, R Lawson, G McCann, J Mutch, K Nicholls and V Taylor.

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Town Council, Steve Creer and Phil Pendlebury of Wyre Juniors (Item 5) and one member of the public.

(14-15)052 Apologies for Absence

None.

(14-15)053 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr McCann declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 13 (Celebration of LS Lowry Project) as he had made the application and in Item 18 (verbal report from Wyre in Bloom representative) as his wife is heavily involved in the group. Cllr Orme declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5 (Wyre Juniors – Use of Playing Field) as he is Chairman of FOPP.

(14-15)054 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2014 be agreed as a true record. Cllr Nicholls pointed out that the Council had made a policy decision on the Christmas Lights switch on date in April 2013 and that the Council had changed that policy at the last meeting without it having been on the agenda. The decision had been made under the agenda item Questions to Councillors but councillors **resolved** that a decision on the date be made each year in response to a specific agenda item.

(14-15)055 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.

The Clerk had circulated the crime figures and narrative provided by Sgt Freaney which showed that, in July 2014, there had been 17 crimes compared to 12 in July last year and 21 incidents of antisocial behaviour compared to 22 in the same period last year. Cllr Orme referred to a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour on the playing field and informed councillors that he had met with PCSO Terry Molloy and an officer from Wyre Council. Wyre will look to employ Community Payback to progress works to tidy up the edges of the playing field and remove the dens and hiding places. Cllr Drobny referred to the reducing policing resource and the increasing crime and anti-social behaviour figures and wondered whether there was a correlation. Cllr Hudson referred to an incident behind Fleetwoods Charity Primary School which did not appear in the narrative and asked the Clerk to find out more information.

On behalf of a resident Cllr Mutch asked whether the Council had any plans to place benches on the sea wall path towards Pilling and the Clerk confirmed that there was money in the budget for two benches but they could not be purchased until the works on the sea wall were complete.

At the conclusion of the public participation and at the request of the Mayor, councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

(14-15)056 Wyre Juniors – Use of Playing Field

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow representatives of Wyre Juniors to speak. They confirmed that they had not been aware of the policy that there be no use of the playing field during June

and July that was established some years ago and reiterated at the July meeting. It was for that reason that they had continued to use the field for training and for friendly matches during those months. They explained that football had changed at all levels and that there was a need to train throughout the year and friendly matches are played in July in preparation for the new season in August. They explained that they do not use the main pitches as they recognise the need to allow them to recover and use other parts of the field. They felt that not to be able to train or play in friendly matches would penalise the children and young people who are doing something positive. Councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting and, in the light of the additional information they had received, **resolved** to allow Wyre Juniors to continue to train and play friendly matches during June and July.

(14-15)057 Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth - 9th March 2015 (Commonwealth Day)

Councillors noted that Town Councils are being invited to participate in this event from 2015 and **resolved** to participate and to buy a flag.

(14-15)058 Model Publication Scheme

Councillors **resolved** to adopt the updated Model Publication Scheme.

(14-15)059 Information Security Policy

Councillors **resolved** to adopt the Information Security Policy which had been reviewed without the requirement for any changes.

(14-15)060 Complaints Procedure

Councillors **resolved** to adopt the Complaints Procedure which had been reviewed without the requirement for any changes.

(14-15)061 Three Tier Forum

Councillors **resolved** to ask for Police resourcing and the increase in crime to be included on the agenda.

(14-15)062 Summer Newsletter

Councillors **resolved** to include articles on use of the disabled bay near the clock in Barton Square, the Lowry project funding and WW1 commemoration.

(14-15)063 Projects 2014/15

Councillors considered the list of budgeted projects and **resolved** to action the brown tourism sign at the Shard Bridge junction on Mains Lane. Councillors further **resolved** not to pursue a performance area in the library garden and to use that money towards the Lowry project.

(14-15)064 Celebration of LS Lowry Project

Councillors noted that the Town Council had been awarded £2000 towards this project by Wyre Council through its Shaping Your Neighbourhood Fund. Councillors **resolved** to accept the grant on the terms of funding laid down.

(14-15)065 Shop Preesall

Councillors noted that the scheme in Clitheroe is operated by the Chamber of Trade and **resolved** to ask Cllr Drobny to discuss the idea with shopkeepers and find out what the Council can do to help encourage people to shop locally.

(14-15)066 Rural Addressing and Emergency Services

Councillors noted the LALC North West Federation's campaign to secure numbered postal addressing in rural areas to assist the emergency services in locating properties and **resolved** to discuss this with Wyre Council in the first instance.

(14-15)067 Planning Applications

14/00538/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from an agricultural building to an indoor archery range

Location: Selbys Pig Farm, Little Tongues Lane, Preesall

By a majority (1 councillor voted against and 1 abstained) it was agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

14/00519/FUL

Proposal: First floor extension and side dormer

Location: Hillfoot Cottage, Sandy Lane, Preesall

It was unanimously agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

14/00522/FUL

Proposal: Erection of building for equestrian storage

Location: Tongues Farm, Tongues Lane, Preesall

It was unanimously agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

14/00554/FUL

Proposal: Relocation of existing vehicle access and remodelling of existing front boundary wall (resubmission of 14/00211/FUL)

Location: Mill View Cottages, 255 Park Lane, Preesall

It was unanimously agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

14/00530/FUL

Proposal: Amendments to planning permission 11/00878/FUL (for 40 flats) to include proposed new and increased amount of glazing to elevations

Location: Land adjacent Bourne Arms Hotel, Bourne May Road, Knott End

It was unanimously agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

14/00594/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side extension

Location: Oakroyd, 69 Pilling Lane, Preesall

It was unanimously agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

14/00590/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of existing agricultural building to B2 use for car repairs in association with existing building

Location: Park Lane Garage, 400 Park Lane, Preesall

It was unanimously agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

14/00602/FUL

Proposal: Single storey extension to existing cold store

Location: 1 Barton Square, Knott End

It was unanimously agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

(14-15)068 Finance

a) Payments received:

Lancashire County Council (PROW opt in)	£200.00
Rigby Taylor (credit note)	£12.90
HMRC VAT Refund	£15,861.54

b) Payments to be approved:

Staff costs	£1983.95
Clerk's expenditure on behalf of Council	£29.76
HMRC	£265.75
Wyre Building Supplies	£252.78
Preesall Auto Discount	£96.77
The Helping Hand Co Ltd	£138.00
Mrs C Y McCann reimbursement (In Bloom)	£49.89

Payments by Standing Order/Direct Debit

Easy Websites (hosting fee)	£36.00
O2 (mobile phone contract)	£22.58
LCC pension*	£406.11

*Councillors noted the increase in employer contribution rate from September to 21.1%.

c) Statement of Accounts - July 2014

Councillors noted the statement of accounts for July which shows:

Current account	£21,344.30
Reserve account	£20,150.31
Mayor's Charity Account	£nil
In Bloom Account	£1,648.52

Councillors **resolved** to note the receipts, the payments by standing order/direct debit and the statement of accounts and to approve the accounts for payment.

(14-15)069 Verbal Reports from Outside Bodies (information only)

Wyre Flood Forum

Cllr Orme reported that Cllr Nicholls had identified a problem with a dyke being filled in and the resident concerned had been issued with a notice to reinstate the dyke. Wyre Council would inspect the work to ensure it had been done. He reported that the work to the sea wall was progressing and that there was to be a public exhibition on 12 August.

Protect Wyre Group

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Department of Energy and Climate Change consulting on an independent geological report and representations received during the first consultation round. Councillors agreed to write in support of Protect Wyre's response.

LALC

Cllr Orme reported that Garry Payne, Chief Executive of Wyre Council, had attended the meeting had members had expressed their views on the draft parish charter, the non-passporting of localised council tax support money and a range of issues relating to planning. After the meeting Garry Payne had circulated a revised approach to involving town and parish councils earlier in the process when major planning applications were being discussed.

Friends of Preesall Park

Cllr Orme reported that FOPP had received a grant of £3,500 from Wyre Council's Shaping Your Neighbourhood fund.

Wyre in Bloom

Cllr Mutch reported that Bloomers were planning winter planting and discussing a project in front of the library for next year if LCC would give their permission. She reported that they were continuing with deadheading and weeding. In response to a question she confirmed that there had been no garden competition this year but they were hoping to attract more entries next year.

Planning Ambassador

Cllr Orme confirmed that the Planning Ambassador role related to the Local Plan. Cllr Hudson expressed concern that Wyre's Planning Team could only be contacted by letter or email and there was no opportunity to discuss a planning matter on the telephone. Cllr Orme agreed to follow this up.

(14-15)070 Verbal Report from Wyre and Lancashire County Councillors (information only)

No report this month.

(14-15)071 Clerk's Report (information only)

Councillors noted the information contained in the Clerk's report in respect of:

Lengthsman's Report

The Lengthsman continues to spend a large part of his time watering the beds given the prolonged hot weather. He has reinstated the gate at the playing field and installed 3 cycle racks (two of which were removed on or around 25 July). The post containing the dog control order notice was also removed and the vandalism has been reported to the Police.

Dog Control Order – Library Garden

Wyre Council has confirmed that the requirement for dogs to be on leads and to pick up dog fouling are in place for the Jubilee Garden.

Millennium Tiles

Following representations made to Adrian Cross after the last meeting he has confirmed his intention to move on with relaying the tiles and has promised that this will be done imminently.

Playing Field Car Park Height Barrier

The padlock has had to be replaced to allow the barrier to be locked. Wyre removed the overhead barrier to straighten it at the same time as repairing the bus shelter outside the Saracen's. The barrier was damaged again a week after it was reinstated, although the person responsible contacted Wyre.

Assisted Area Status (AAS)

Wyre's Economic Development Team has confirmed that there is not much information about how Assisted Area Status will benefit the township area or how the Town Council will be involved. They have confirmed that it does include Preesall but also includes wards through Fleetwood and Thornton and as far as Fylde. They are awaiting further information and will keep the Town Council informed. A paper on AAS is **attached** for information.

Parish Charter – Revised Procedures for Major Planning Applications

Following representations at the LALC Wyre Area Committee Wyre Council has amended procedures in respect of major planning applications to give town and parish councils earlier and more detailed information. As part of the major planning application verification process relevant ward members will be identified and notified as is the case with neighbours so there will be no repeat of residents being

informed of major planning applications before elected members. Following pre-application meetings Wyre writes to the developer and or their representative and will include a paragraph stating that engagement with Borough and Town or Parish Members is a critical part of the engagement and decision making process and they will, on the developer's behalf, inform the relevant Ward Members and or Town or Parish Council Clerk that pre-application discussions have commenced and outline the proposal. Ward Members and or Town or Parish Council Clerks will be informed that the information should be treated as private and confidential. However, if the developer and or their agent do not agree to this disclosure they must give us written notice within 14 days of receipt of our letter. Wyre Council believes that these changes will help to improve the relationship with town and parish councils and build trust.

Casual Vacancy

The date by which electors must make a request for an election is 7 August and, providing no request is received, both casual vacancies can be filled by co-option. The original closing date for receipt of applications is 25 August. No applications have been received at the time of writing.

Localised Council Tax Support

The Lancashire Association of Local Councils is not aware of any other billing authorities in Lancashire not passporting money to town and parish councils.

Volunteer Community Health Champions

Volunteer 'Community Health Champions' are being sought by NHS Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to help to improve health and healthcare in their areas. They will make a substantial impact on the future of health services in Fylde and Wyre by sharing their own feedback and the experiences of the wider community, and saying what is working well and what services need to be improved. The CCG is working in partnership with UR Potential – a non-profit organisation which supports community development – to recruit volunteers. The Community Health Champions will act as a direct link between local communities and the NHS, helping to shape future services and improve existing ones. UR Potential will provide extensive training in volunteering, peer mentoring and role-specific training for those who wish to take part. People who become a Community Health Champion will benefit from free training in local venues, learning more about health issues and local support services, meeting new people in their community, providing a voice for their local community to better ensure health and care services meet the needs of those who need them. Anyone living in the Fylde and Wyre area can apply for one of these roles. An already existing interest in health services is not necessarily essential. To find out more about these volunteer roles please contact Christine Carty on 07460 131188, 01253 344398 or email ccg@urpotential.co.uk

Gala – Inspection of the Playing Field

Cllrs Taylor and Orme inspected the playing field with representatives of the Gala Committee before and after the Gala. Although some of the kerb stones were slightly damaged the rest of the field was in good condition and the bond cheque was returned accordingly.

Beach Clean

The Wyre Waters Catchment Partnership is organising two beach cleans at Knott End. The first will take place between 10am and noon on 19 August and the second at the same time on 16 September.

Playing Field Lease – Subletting

Wyre Council has confirmed that the lease does not permit the Town Council to underlet and a charge cannot therefore be levied for use of the playing field.

(14-15)072 Mayor's Report (information only)

The Mayor reported that he had attended an event to commemorate the centenary of WW1 organised by the Over Wyre Family History Society in the library. The exhibition honoured the fallen from this area and the Mayor suggested that the information relating to Preesall and Knott End could be used as a memorial at the war memorial.

(14-15)073 Questions to Councillors

Cllr Lawson asked about progress with the tiles in Barton Square and councillors confirmed that Adrian Cross had begun the work. Cllr Orme asked Cllr Hudson if he recalled the reason why the changing rooms were not included in the lease and Cllr Hudson confirmed that Wyre Council needed to retain control of the building.

There being no other business the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.50pm.