

PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 13 August 2018
at 7.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall**

Present: Cllrs L Woodhouse (Mayor), R Black, B Burn, R Drobny, P Greenhough, D Hudson, R Lawson, G McCann, J Mutch, P Orme, N Pattrick, T Reilly.

In attendance: Alison May, clerk to the town council, and 10 members of the public.

077a(1) Apologies for absence

None

077b(1) Absent without apology

None

078(2) Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllr Orme – planning application 18/00734/FULMAJ and Wyre Council-related matters. Cllr Pattrick – planning application 18/00734/FULMAJ. Cllr Hudson and Cllr Burn were informed that they did not have to declare an interest in 18/00734/FULMAJ.

Resolved: to bring planning applications at item 16 forward to be considered by councillors after agenda item 4.

079(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the meetings held on 9 July were approved as correct subject to ‘MPL’ being changed to ‘NPL’ at the fifth bullet point of para 49(4) and for para 63(17) to include how councillors voted. The minutes of the meeting on 23 July were approved as correct.

080(4) Public participation

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

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Planning application 18/00734/FULMAJ. The council was made aware of the public’s concerns in respect of the planning application for 39 affordable homes at the end of Rosslyn Avenue, Preesall. Objections were raised on the grounds that the land already floods; the access roads – Rosslyn Avenue and Pilling Lane - are in a poor state of repair, suffer from subsidence and are not fit for additional volumes of traffic; limited/non-existent public transport; infrastructure is already beyond capacity - doctors, schools.
- A resident living adjacent to the sea wall stated his belief that it should be shared by all. He informed councillors that he regularly cycles along there and always gives warning if he sees another user and has not had a problem with 99% of those who use the path. He felt that the path could be better maintained as in parts it is overgrown and there are nettles. He regularly cycles to Blackpool where cycling is allowed along the sea wall and believes that it is the duty of the council to encourage healthy exercise. More than 200 people have commented on Facebook, with the majority being in favour of walkers, runners and cyclists using it.

- A member of the public stated that it was a healthy to see children going to school by bicycle and that cycling should be permitted.
In response: Users of the sea wall who encounter any problems were advised to ring the police and get an incident number.
- It was pointed out that the signage at beach road states 'Riding and driving of motorcycles/animals is prohibited' – no mention of cyclists.
- Another resident stated that he had received a letter from Lancashire County Council that cycling was permitted and that he would try to find the letter.

At the conclusion of the public participation (7.20pm) and at the request of the Mayor, councillors resolved to reconvene the meeting.

081(16) Planning applications

Application Number: 18/00734/FULMAJ

Proposal: Erection of 39 affordable residential dwellings with associated infrastructure including new pedestrian and vehicular access off Rosslyn Avenue

Location: Land south of Rosslyn Avenue Preesall

Resolved: to object to the proposal on the same grounds as the previous application for this site, to emphasise that the development is outside the local plan and flooding issues as a result of the unsuitability of the land (10 against, two abstentions).

Application Number: 17/00899/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of existing garage/store/workshop to form one dwelling with associated parking and landscaping

Location: The Hill Mill Street Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Resolved: to object to the application on the grounds that the proposed access arrangements would add to traffic problems on Mill Street, also, the building had never been used for the purpose stated in the original planning permission (unanimous).

Application Number: 18/00602/FUL

Proposal: Change of use to A5 (hot food takeaway)

Location: The old coal yard, Hall Gate Lane, Preesall, Lancs FY6 0PJ

Resolved: to object to the application on the grounds that this would increase turning on and off an already dangerous road. Its proximity to the Halite access road would also add to the problems. No indication is given in the application of toilet/hygiene facilities (five in favour, seven against).

Application Number: 18/00697/FUL

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural storage building and formation of access from Park Lane (re-sub 17/01133/FUL)

Location: Land to the east of Park Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire.

Resolved: that the council has no objections to the proposal (11 in favour, one abstention).

Application Number: 18/00671/FUL

Proposal: Proposed dormer extension to front and rear (re-submission 17/00520/FUL)

Location: 5 Sandicroft Place Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0PB.

Resolved: that the council has no objections to the proposal (unanimous).

Application Number: 18/00710/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side extension

Location: 2 Beechfield Avenue Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0PT

Resolved: that the council has no objections to the proposal (11 in favour, one abstention).

Application Number: 18/00720/FUL

Proposal: Erection of front extension, front and rear dormers and chimney stack

Location: Knowsley Lancaster Road Knott End-On-Sea Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Resolved: that the council has no objections to the proposal (11 in favour, one abstention).

082(5) Outcome of meeting with cabinet member for highways re permit parking

Cllr Hudson reported that a full and frank discussion had taken place when he and County Councillor Salter met the senior highways engineer, his deputy and Keith Iddon. The LCC team had gone away to look at the issue again. The matter of double yellow lines outside the former Saracens Head had been discussed and it appeared that the proposal was to put a bus bay on the road instead. This would be between the original entrance to the Saracens Head and to just past the bus stop prior to the access to the Black Bull public house. Cllr Hudson would speak with the owners of the old Saracens Head to see if they are still amenable to donating a piece of land for the bus shelter.

083(6) Model publication scheme

Resolved: to readopt the revised model publication scheme, which had been reviewed in relation to GDPR and brought up to date with reference to the new documentation.

084(7) Complaints procedure

Resolved: to readopt the complaints procedure, which had been reviewed without the requirement for any changes.

085(8) Grants policy

Resolved: to readopt the grants policy, which had been reviewed and updated to reflect the current rates appropriate for s137 payments.

086(9) Action plan

Resolved: to accept the action plan for the next quarter in its current form, subject to objective 2 being amended to read 'youth and community services'.

087(10) Plaque for wall to commemorate flagpole and flag raising event

Resolved: to agree in principle for a plaque to be attached to the sea wall, which would commemorate the council's involvement in celebrating the centenary of the RAF. Cllr Orme to investigate the types of plaque available and costs involved and report back to the council to decide on the preferred option.

088(11) WW1 benches

Councillors heard that the company supplying the benches had increased the prices on its products between quotes being sought and the resolution regarding siting of the benches in Preesall and Knott End. In line with the previous agenda item, regarding public awareness of items placed by the council, the clerk was asked to enquire whether the benches could include a small plaque.

Resolved: to approve the additional costs of the benches and a small plaque if available.

089(12) Cycling on sea wall

The issue of cycling along the sea wall was discussed by councillors. Concerns were expressed that this matter keeps being brought back to Preesall Council with members of the public expressing strong feelings both for and against cycling on the wall.

Resolved: that the clerk write to LCC explaining how emotive this topic had become within Preesall and Knott End, and requesting that clarification be given regarding the route of the footpath and whether cycling is permitted along any part of it.

090(13) CCTV

Councillors considered what action could be taken at this point given that there are insufficient funds in the budget to purchase a CCTV system, the need for the system to be monitored and for it to be GDPR compliant.

Resolved: for the CCTV working group to meet officers at Wyre Council to take forward the proposal that Preesall be connected to the Wyre system.

Resolved: that following the meeting with Wyre Council a report be produced by the CCTV working group and brought back to the council.

091(14) Policing in Over Wyre

Resolved: that the council waits to see what is said at the public meeting (proposed by the police for 18 September from 7-9pm), before it makes a decision on whether it needs to take any action regarding the proposed changes to policing. Cllr Orme to confirm details of suitable accommodation and report back to the clerk.

092(15) Resurfacing works

Councillors had been updated with details of a response from LCC stating that resurfacing work on Park Lane had now been scheduled for the 12 - 20 February 2019.

Resolved: for the clerk to write to LCC thanking it for the dates provided and seeking assurance that these would be adhered to.

093(17) Finance

Councillors **resolved:**

a) To note the following receipts:	
Current account	250.00
Reserve account	1.34
In Bloom account	20.00

b) To approve the following payments:	Cheque	
Payroll	305,307,309	3657.05
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)	306	70.88
Lengthsman's expenses (on behalf of council)	308	40.00

Wyre Building Supplies Ltd (0171827;0172347;0172485;0172592;0172656;0173132;0174939)	310	126.45
Air ambulance donation	311	250.00
OWSAC (9 July decision doc)	312	250.00
Viking (412440;417191)	313	73.21
Mowercare (103663)	314	36.90
KE&Preesall Gala (Inv 04)	315	149.99
Mrs Y McCann (In Bloom – July doc)	027	221.51

c) To note the following payments by direct debit	
Easy Web Sites (hosting fee, 8x councillor email, SSL certificate)	49.20
O2 (mobile phone contract)	14.35
LCC (contributions)	1034.05
LCC (deficit)	8.33

d) To note the statement of accounts for July 2018 circulated at the meeting	
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094(18) Verbal reports from subject leads and outside body representatives (information only)

Co-op – Continuing to do fund raising at a low level.

Best Kept Village – Cllr Orme reported that the village had got through to the second round of judging. Thanks were expressed to Mr Cropper and Mrs McCann for their efforts in litter picking that morning in advance of the judges visit.

G & KE light railway – Cllr Drobny reported that a business case had been prepared and favourably received. A meeting was being arranged between the railway group and NPL to transfer the title in the land on a lease to G&KE light railway.

Halite – It was reported that a meeting was being planned for September, no further details available.

Health – Cllr Greenhough reported that she had attended a meeting at Blackpool Victoria Hospital and that she would be looking to put an item on the next agenda re a route change to the 2c bus for it to go down Pilling Lane and along Grasmere Road.

Housing – Cllr Hudson reported that he was still trying to resolve the issue on Elmwood Avenue and that a resident was so annoyed with the lack of progress by Wyre Council that they had made a formal complaint to the chief executive.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee) – Cllr Orme and Cllr McCann reported on the attendance at the meeting by Chief Inspector Morley and the subsequent paperwork from the police detailing the proposed changes that had been provided to all councillors. The police had also offered to hold a community meeting and had asked if the council could provide a suitable venue. Cllr Orme would look into availability at the working men's club.

Preesall Youth and Community Association – Cllr Patrick reported that the centre was being painted and that new doors and lights had been fitted. The front porch was scheduled to receive new flooring and the outside doors would be metal coated once they had been painted.

Planning Ambassador – Cllr McCann reported that he would be attending the next planning committee.

Tourism – Cllr Black reported that the gala had been well attended.

Wyre Festive Lights Committee – Cllr Reilly reported that the committee hadn't met for some time, but he had been informed that the council was likely to receive Christmas lights grant funding similar to last year.

Wyre Flood Forum – Cllr Patrick reported that an ecological survey had been carried out on the dykes around Green Lane. No water voles had been found, therefore the dykes would be cleared shortly.

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Wyre In Bloom – Cllr Mutch reported that the In Bloomers had been busy watering and dead heading and that they had met the judges in July. Awards would be made known in November.

Youth – Cllr Pattrick reported that the club had shortened opening hours through the summer and that the Co-op funding amounted to just over £1,000, with a potential for more.

095(19) Verbal report from Wyre Councillor (information only)

Nothing to report

096(20) Clerk's report (information only)

Lengthsman's report

In July the Lengthsman has cut back overgrown vegetation, cleared undergrowth, cut hedges and overhanging trees from Lyndel Lane (bridle path). He assisted with Civic Sunday, ensuring the area was swept and free of litter. He has sprayed weeds elsewhere and strimmed pathways. He has been heavily involved with the watering of plants through the dry spell.

Councillor ID cards

Wyre council is to provide the use of its IT equipment to allow councillors to have an ID card created. For the photographs councillors can go to the Civic Centre on Breck Road, Poulton-Le-Fylde, any time between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday from 7 August. It would be helpful if all councillors ensure they have their pass created by the end of August.

Road closures

Road closure documentation for Remembrance Sunday and the Christmas lights switch-on has been completed and approved by LCC and the police. It is now with Wyre Council for approval prior to each event.

Proposed new lottery to support local causes in Wyre

Wyre Council is considering the introduction of a local lottery and is inviting both good causes who could benefit, as well as local residents to have their say on the scheme.

It is proposed that tickets will cost £1 and players will have the chance to win up to £25,000 in every weekly draw. Each ticket would consist of six numbers which players can choose, or they can opt for a lucky dip. Money raised through the sale of lottery tickets would then be used to support local charities and community groups.

Anyone will be able to play, not just Wyre residents, however players can be assured that the proceeds will benefit causes within the district. Local charities and community groups will be able to register themselves with the lottery scheme and players can choose to select a specific good cause if they wish.

Councillor David Henderson, Leader of Wyre Council comments, "Creating a lottery scheme such as this would allow us to bolster support for good causes and help to continue the good work being delivered in the borough through the not for profit and voluntary and community sector. The proposal is that 60% of proceeds will be given to good causes. This compares to approximately 28% of every £1 spent on a UK National Lottery ticket. None of the proceeds will be kept by the council.

"I would invite all groups that stand to benefit from the scheme to take a few minutes to complete our consultation so that we can get a clear picture of what groups are out there and just how many local organisations stand to benefit from the money the lottery could raise."

Wyre Council would like to hear from local charities, community groups, friends groups, parent/teacher groups, youth clubs, town councils and sports groups who could potentially benefit from the lottery, as well as local residents from a players perspective.

To have your say on the proposed lottery visit www.wyre.gov.uk/peopleslottery before 16 September 2018.

Food, glorious food!

The Fylde Coast Food and Drink Festival is back at Marine Hall for its 6th year on Sunday 12 August. Come along between 10am and 4pm for a delicious day out for all the family – entry is free and there’s plenty to buy and try!

There’s everything a foodie could wish for including cheeses, chutneys, meats, cakes, chocolates, jams, pies, puddings and much more. There are also some tempting wines to taste and buy, delicious ciders, fruity gins, specialist coffees, traditional teas and some delicious artisan cordials. We now welcome vegan and gluten free food too such as dairy free ice cream, gluten free garlic breads and health food supplements!

Plus, there’s plenty of hot food cooking outside for lunch from fish and chips by the seaside, hot sausage sandwiches to grilled cheese or for those who like spice there’s Mexican street food - you’ll be spoilt for choice. For those with a sweet tooth there are lots of hot desserts baking too with freshly made hot churros, chocolate brownies and sticky toffee flapjacks or if that doesn’t take your fancy there’s various ice creams and scrummy sundaes to choose from.

There will be live performances throughout the day from the Thornton Cleveleys Brass band outside in the Marine Hall gardens at 12.15pm, 1.45pm and 3.15pm.

Lynne Bowen portfolio holder for Leisure, Health and Community Engagement at Wyre Council comments “We are very excited about this year’s event in its 6th year. We’ve had an overwhelming response from exhibitors with a whole host of new businesses that we’re delighted to now be working with. This year’s event has focused on the healthy vegan and gluten free food range so we are very pleased that we have this to offer. The Fylde Coast Food and Drink Festival is the perfect event for all the family and to enjoy tasty treats.”

097(21) Mayor’s report (information only)

The Mayor reported that she had attended Preesall and Knott End Gala; Sea Swallows and year six leaving at Carter’s Charity School and the RNLI open day at Fleetwood.

098(22) Questions to councillors

Cllr Orme was asked whether any action had been taken regarding the development at Blueberry Stables. He replied that the matter had been investigated by Wyre planning, which had stated the changes made were not material, therefore there was no breach of planning control.

Cllr Orme was asked whether there was any truth in the report on Facebook that bin collections from 2019 would go to four weekly for blue bins and three weekly for grey bins. He replied that this had not been discussed by full council and that he would provide an update should he hear anything.

Cllr Orme was asked how the proposed borough council lottery would work and where the financial input would come from. He replied that it would be up to individuals whether they subscribed to it and that the Youth and Community Association had already been suggested as a charity recipient of any profits.

099(23) 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 at 9.35pm to discuss:

- a) previous green paper items.
- b) staffing matters.

100(24) Items for next agenda

The next meeting will be held on 10 September 2018. Councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda by notifying the clerk **in writing** by Thursday 30 August at the latest. A summary of the reason for raising the matter should be provided.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 9.44pm.