

## PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 9 July 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, G McCann, J Mutch, P Orme, N Patrick, T Reilly.

**In attendance:** Alison May, clerk to the town council, and 11 members of the public.

### **046a(1) Apologies for absence**

Cllr Lawson

### **046b(1) Absent without apology**

### **047(2) Declarations of interests and dispensations**

Cllr Orme – planning application 18/00414/FULMAJ and Wyre Council-related matters. Cllr Patrick – item 8, Cllr Hudson – item 10.

**Resolved:** to bring planning application 18/00414/FULMAJ forward for discussion after public participation.

### **048(3) Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meetings held on 7 June and 11 June be agreed as a true record.

### **049(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:

- A request was made by the clergy for the Remembrance Sunday event on 11 November to be held at 10.00am in the morning rather than 2.30pm in the afternoon. The proposal is for the service to be brought in line with other services around the country, which would be a more efficient use of limited clergy resources. There would be a short procession from the church to the war memorial and the roll of honour would be read out at the cenotaph rather than in church and the event would be followed by refreshments in the church hall.  
*In response: This would have to be discussed by the council as part of an agenda item.*
- A request was made for additional comments to be made in respect of planning application 18/00414/FULMAJ as the new developer is showing inconsistent figures in respect of parking arrangements and proposed journeys from the site.  
*In response: The application will be discussed by council later on the agenda.*
- Drainage problems on the site were raised along with neighbouring residents' fears that development of the site with surface water running off into the existing dyke system (that already cannot cope at times of heavy rain) is going to exacerbate the problem. Dyke maintenance is also a concern as existing residents have been told by Wyre Council that they will be responsible for maintenance of the dyke adjacent to their property to the central point. However, the recent planning application shows that the developer is claiming ownership of the whole dyke. How, if their ownership rights are taken away, can they have access to clear it? The issue of fence

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heights was also raised as the previous plan had shown them at 2m - the new plan affords no privacy for existing properties.

*In response: Anyone can put in a planning application for a piece of land even if it isn't theirs. Planners can only look at the application when making a decision, not ownership claims – this would be a civil matter for those affected.*

- The railway enthusiasts have prepared a business plan to be sent to NPL. They also asked whether anyone has any storage locally that the group could use.
- A suggestion was made that the WW1 commemorative event could have a 'turn-the-clock-back to the 1940s' theme.

*In response: Councillors have been working for a number of months on putting together a Battle's Over event. Preliminary details have been posted in the shops and further detailed information will follow.*

- The problem of speeding traffic on Park Lane was raised and it was mentioned that a resident's cat had been killed.

*At the conclusion of the public participation (7.25pm) and at the request of the Mayor, councillors resolved to reconvene the meeting.*

### 050(17) Planning application

**Application Number:** 18/00414/FULMAJ

**Proposal:** Residential development comprising of the erection of 46 dwellings with associated access and parking

**Location:** Land off Rosemount Avenue, Preesall FY6 0EY

**Resolved:** to object to the application (1 abstention) on the grounds of the negative impact to existing residents from increased vehicular access to the development via the existing road network and the application not accurately reflecting the number of vehicles per property; inadequacy of the existing dyke system and its inability to cope at times of heavy rain, 46 additional houses will only exacerbate the problem and increase the risk of flooding. Until drainage is improved across the area no development should be allowed.

**Resolved:** for the clerk to re-issue the objections made to the previous application to develop this site and for additional comments to be raised – see above.

### 051(5) Legislation and council decisions

Councillors were made aware that each council has a public equality duty and must consider the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998 when making decisions.

**Resolved:** for the clerk to write to Lancashire County Council asking whether it took the above Acts into account when it made the decision to withdraw funding for bus services.

### 052(6) Withdrawal of policing in Over Wyre

Councillors expressed their concern at Lancashire Constabulary's decision to redeploy staff based at Garstang to immediate response teams in Fleetwood and Lancaster. They also questioned the police crime statistics and the zero clearance rate in recent months and confirmed council representatives would be attending LALC's Wyre Area Committee on 25 July at which Chief Inspector Mark Morley would be present.

**Resolved:** for the clerk to write a letter of concern to the Chief Constable, copied to the police commissioner. In addition, to accept the offer of a meeting with Sergeant Laidlow, all councillors to attend, and the Mayor to be the spokesperson.

**053(7) Information commissioner's office fee**

**Resolved:** to sign up to a direct debit with the Information Commissioner's Office and to take advantage of the reduced annual fee of £35.

**054(8) Attendance at new councillors and clerks' workshops**

**Resolved:** for Cllr Patrick to attend the following workshops:  
New Councillors and Clerks Mod 1, 22 Sept 2018 and Mod 2, 29 Sept 2018 at a cost of £33 for module 1, and £30 for module 2.

**055(9) WW1 memorial plaque**

Councillors had already resolved to approve the purchase of a plaque and groundworks to a maximum value of £2,000 at a previous meeting. Four quotes were requested for the proposed plaque; two stonemasons didn't quote and two provided quotes:

**Resolved:** to approve the purchase of the memorial plaque, including artwork, from Wyre Memorials at a cost of £876 inc VAT with a six- week maximum delivery date.

**056(10) Christmas arrangements**

**Resolved:** a) that the Christmas lights switch-on would be Saturday 1 December; b) that the schools be approached to design a mayoral Christmas card, and for St. Aidan's to be approached re printing it; c) that the clerk be authorised to spend up to £2000 from the Christmas lights budget prior to any possible grant arrangements from Wyre Council; d) that Cllr Reilly would look into possible lighting ideas.

**57(11) GDPR**

Each councillor signed a copy of the 'Privacy Notice - New Councillor' and acknowledged in doing so that they understand what is required from them in their role as a councillor in respect of GDPR. Cllr Drobny asked to be set up with a council-specific email address, Cllr Greenhough declined an email address and Cllr Mutch stated that she has no online presence. In addition, councillors were asked to sign a document confirming that they had undertaken a data audit of all personal information held in their role as a councillor and to indicate whether they held any such information.

**58(12) 2C bus**

Cllr Reilly asked for this item to be deferred pending the outcome of his request to Cat Smith MP to clarify what was happening as Blackpool Transport had said that there would be no reinstatement of the 2C bus without a subsidy and Cat Smith had claimed on social media to have secured a deal.

**Resolved:** to await a reply from Cat Smith's office.

**59(13) Rural transport**

**Resolved:** that Cllr Hudson conduct further investigations into possible government funding for rural transport and bring this back to the council.

**60(14) LALC – 74th annual general meeting 2018**

**Resolved:** for Cllr Orme and Cllr McCann to attend LALC's 74<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting on Saturday 17 November as voting representatives and for councillors to provide them with any issues to be raised (a proposer and seconder is required).

**61(15) OWSAC grant application**

Councillors considered the revised grant application from the Over Wyre Social and Activity Club (OWSAC) for funds towards a Christmas party for its members. Cllr Reilly requested a recorded vote.

**Resolved:** to approve a one-off grant of £250. Those in favour - Cllrs B Burn, R Drobny, P Greenhough, P Orme, N Patrick, L Woodhouse. Those against - Cllrs R Black, G McCann, J Mutch, T Reilly. Abstention – Cllr D Hudson.

**62(16) Permit parking on Preesall Hill**

Cllr Hudson reported that he would be meeting Keith Iddon and Matthew Salter on Wednesday 11 July to discuss the matter of permit parking in more detail and would report back to the August meeting.

**63(17) Planning applications**

**Application Number:** 18/00531/FUL

**Proposal:** Single storey front extension.

**Location:** Broadley 10 Pilling Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

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

**Application Number:** 18/00545/FUL

**Proposal:** Erection of front dormer

**Location:** 18 Rosemount Avenue Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0EY

**Resolved:** that as no papers were available for this application the council could not make a decision.

**Application Number:** 18/00569/FUL

**Proposal:** Erection of a new agricultural storage building and extension to existing agricultural livestock building

**Location:** Land opposite 170 Pilling Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

**Resolved:** that the council has no objections to the proposal (eight in favour, two against, one abstention)

**Application Number:** 18/00595/FUL

**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension and extension to existing front dormer

**Location:** 38 St Bernards Road Knott End-On-Sea Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0AW

**Resolved:** that the council has no objections to the proposal (ten in favour, one against)

**Application Number:** 18/00580/FUL

**Proposal:** Two storey side and single storey rear extension.

**Location:** Brooklyn 126 Pilling Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

**Resolved** that the council has no objections to the proposal: (nine in favour, two against)

### 64(18) Finance

The following were approved by the Finance Committee. Councillors are asked:

<b>a) To note</b> receipts at the meeting Current account	13.19
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<b>b) To note</b> the following payments:	Cheque	
Payroll	294;295;298	2700.30
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)	295	15.70
Lengthsman's expenses (on behalf of council)	297	40.00
Preesall Auto Discount (Inv. 834)	299	61.95
Bullfinch fire beacon (Order 062409)	300	594.00
Wyre Building Supplies Ltd (SI 0168681; 0169293; 169717; 170359; 170582)	301	140.54
Mowerpower Ltd (inv. 103633)	302	700.00
Donation to RAF benevolent fund re flags (18 x 2.50)	303	45.00
FH & M Davies & son (Inv. 05231) IN Bloom	25	1129.90
Mrs Y McCann (in bloom)	26	121.93

<b>c) To note</b> the following payments by standing order/direct debit	
Easy Web Sites (hosting fee, 8x councillor email, SSL certificate)	46.80
O2 (mobile phone contract)	14.35
LCC (contributions)	777.13
LCC (deficit)	8.33

<b>d) To note</b> the statement of accounts for July 2018 to be circulated at the meeting	
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<b>e) To note</b> the first quarter budget monitoring	
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### 65(19) Subject lead

**Resolved:** that Cllr Pattrick be a subject lead for highways in addition to Cllr Hudson.

### 66(20) Verbal reports from subject leads and outside body representatives (information only)

**Co-op** – Cllr Woodhouse reported that members of staff had been involved in a number of community initiatives including working with Carter's school on the gala project and supporting the recent WI meeting.

**Best Kept Village** – Cllr Orme reported that judging season was underway.

**G & KE light railway** – Cllr Drobny reported that he was the acting chairman of the group.

**Halite** – Cllr Orme stated the planned meeting had been cancelled as nothing had been progressed by Halite to date so there was nothing to report.

**Health** – Cllr Greenhough reported that she had attended one or two 70th birthday of the NHS events. She also stated that she was still pursuing the provision of diabetic eye screening in the village and that the medical centre didn't want this to be held on its premises.

**Housing** – Cllr Hudson reported a lack of progress in his efforts to tackle problem housing in the village as a result of difficulties engaging with the parties involved. He also reported a potential further problem property on School Lane.

**Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee)** – Cllr Orme and Cllr McCann would be attending the meeting on 25 July to hear what Chief Inspector Morley had to say regarding planned organisational changes.

**Preesall Youth and Community Association** – Cllr Orme and Cllr Patrick reported that only three people had attended the AGM. The clerk had been passed a copy of the latest accounts in accordance with the grant provision documentation. It was also reported that they had been successful in 'winning' a defibrillator from Radio Lancashire and the ambulance service. Cllr McCann stated his thanks to Cllr Orme and Cllr Patrick for their sterling work, effort and enthusiasm.

The Mayor asked councillors to agree to a 30-minute extension of the meeting and councillors **resolved** to approve this.

**Planning Ambassador** – Cllr McCann reported that he had opposed the application on Little Tongues Lane on the grounds that it went against the emerging local plan. However, the application had been passed.

**Tourism** – Cllr Black and Cllr Woodhouse reported that the ferry was being used regularly but more dredging was needed as there were problems with the sandbanks at low tide. The flag raising event had been successful and the other flags in the village had been well received.

**Wyre Flood Forum** – Cllr Orme reported that two flood walks had been scheduled in the vicinity of Meadow Avenue and Sunnyside Terrace.

**Wyre In Bloom** – Cllr Mutch reported that two new rowans had been planted, sea pinks had been removed from the Bourne area and that new plants were going in prior to the judging.

**Youth** – Cllr Patrick reported that 24 children and 4 volunteers would be going to PGL at Winmarleigh in September at a cost of £1,920.

#### **67(21) Verbal report from Wyre Councillor (information only)**

Nothing to report.

#### **68(22) Clerk's report (information only)**

##### **Lengthsman's report**

In June the Lengthsman has cut back overgrown vegetation around the village. He has put up flags in preparation for Armed Forces week and has assisted at the event to see the first flag flown on the new flagpole in Knott End to commemorate 100 years of the RAF. The continuing dry spell has seen him watering the bedding plants around the village.

##### **School parking issues on Preesall Hill**

A response on behalf of the police to a request for more visible policing at peak times to deter inconsiderate driving and parking has been received from Sergeant Laidlow, who says he will do his best to provide a presence as a deterrent, although he can make no promises on account of emergency demands across the area.

He points out that police no longer issue fixed penalty notices for parking contraventions but says vehicles can be removed in cases of emergency. He also asks if the schools in question are taking steps to counter the problems, suggesting coning off areas to ensure safe passing areas. Sgt Laidlow has also asked Cty Cllr Matthew Salter if the county council can provide any preventative measures and urged PCSOs to make every effort to show a presence and challenge any inappropriate parking.

### **Groundwork Community Awards**

Do you know a community group that deserves special recognition for making your local area a better place to live?

If so, then you are asked to nominate them to receive a Groundwork Community Award.

Now in its second year, the Groundwork Community Awards honour the small local community groups making a big difference to everyone's quality of life where they live but often get little recognition and support.

The awards are simple to enter via an online system where community groups can highlight their own achievements – or can be nominated to receive an award in one of 10 categories that reflect the huge diversity of projects and services being delivered by community volunteers.

Shortlisted projects will also be entered into a special 'People's Choice Award', with the winner being chosen by a public vote.

Nominate a community group by using the link below:

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/communityawards/Pages/nominate-a-project-aw>

- Best community group contribution to health and wellbeing
- Best community group contribution to environmental sustainability
- Best community group contribution to community cohesion
- Best community group contribution to education or employment
- Best community project on a social housing estate
- Best community partnership with business
- Best community garden or green space
- Community leader of the year
- Young community leader of the year
- Community group of the year – all round achievement award

The deadline for nominations is 22nd July. Shortlisted community groups will be invited to attend a national awards ceremony at the House of Commons on the evening of 19 November.

### **The cultural value of the Cumbrian Coast**

The North West Coastal Access team has linked up with a research project about the cultural value of coastlines across the Irish Sea by Dublin University both in Cumbria, and Ireland. Please see the link below for their survey. The data will be used to create a report which will help evidence the cultural ecosystem services inform policy and decision makers about the value and management of the coastal areas of the UK, hopefully bringing further investment after the England Coast Path is open.

<https://culturalvalueofcoastlines.com/participate/the-cumbrian-coastline-survey/>

### **North West coastal access**

Natural England is now considering, on a case by case basis, the implications for its coastal access reports of the recent judgement of the Court of Justice of the European Union of the 12th April 2018 in case C-323/17 People Over Wind v. Teoranta. As a result, we will not expect to immediately publish our reports for either the Silverdale to Cleveleys or the Silecroft to Silverdale stretch. At present, it isn't

possible to say when we will be in a position to publish these two reports, but we will provide an update as soon as possible, together with an estimated publication date.

### **Employee complaints**

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and Society of Local Councils Clerks (SLCC) have written to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Committee on Standards in Public Life and the Local Government Association to highlight concerns about a recent legal judgement. The judgement will make it more difficult for local (parish and town) councils to resolve disputes between councillors and their employees.

This decision confines most complaints about councillors to the code of conduct process. Employees will now (generally) not be able to use their councils' grievance procedures if the subject of their grievance is a complaint about a councillor.

This decision will impact on the corporate well-being of councils, and NALC and SLCC have therefore called for urgent talks to try and find a sensible way forward to ensure quick and fair resolution of disputes.

### **Community transport**

Preston Community Transport community car scheme is active in Wyre. They have eight volunteer car drivers available on various days; three in Poulton, two in Garstang and one each in St. Michaels, Forton and Preesall. The Poulton and Preesall drivers and in an extremity, one of the eight Fylde drivers, provide voluntary car services in Hambleton and Thornton Cleveleys. This equates to approximately 600 return trips (1,200 single passenger trips) per year in the area.

Preston CT do struggle to get volunteers for the car schemes and have distributed posters in the local area to try and recruit.

The dial-a-bus services, provided by LCC Travelcare, currently has no services being provided in this area, this is on the basis that there have been no requests from the local community to provide a service. Should there be demand, that Travelcare are not aware of, then they can be contacted on Preston 01772 68274.

### **69(23) Mayor's report (information only)**

The Mayor reported that she had again had an enjoyable month having attended the Mayor of Wyre's Civic Sunday, the inaugural flying of the flag on the new pole at the Battle of Britain memorial and St Aidan's Fire Cadets passing out ceremony and that she had opened the WI's centenary afternoon tea and laid a wreath as part of the Civic Sunday events on 8 July.

### **70(24) Questions to councillors**

Cllr Burn asked Cllr Reilly for more information on the suggested polar bear Christmas decoration.

Cllr Greenhough asked whether the RAF flag was to be flown on 10 July and was informed that the Lengthsman had been asked to raise it.

Cllr Patrick offered to provide transport on gala day for those councillors unable to walk the full route.

### **71(25) 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 10.10pm to discuss:

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

**72(26) Items for next agenda**

The next meeting will be held on 13 August 2018. Councillors are asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda by notifying the Clerk **in writing** by Thursday 2 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 10.25pm.