

PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 9 June 2014 at 7.00pm at Presall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Presall

Present: Councillors P Orme (Mayor), R Drobny, P Greenhough, R Lawson, J Mutch, K Nicholls, and V Taylor.

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Town Council and two members of the public (Item 10).

(14-15)007 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hudson, McCann and Moon and the reasons accepted.

(14-15)008 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

None.

(14-15)009 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the ordinary and annual meetings held on 12 May 2014 be agreed as a true record.

(14-15)010 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.

In the absence of a police representative the Clerk gave a short report on crime and anti-social behaviour. In May 2014 there had been 30 crimes compared to 17 in May last year and 22 incidents of antisocial behaviour (5 youth related) compared to 28 in the same period last year. The high crime figure is the result of a local male breaking into a number of vehicles. He has been arrested and a large amount of stolen property found.

The members of the public raised the issue of the shared fence between their garden and the playing field and provided information to enable councillors to discuss Item 10 in detail.

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

(14-15)011 Co-op Delivery Vehicles

Councillors noted that a site meeting with representatives of the Co-op and LCC took place on 24 April and further noted that LCC Highways and Traffic representatives could not support any measures designed to provide access for delivery vehicles to the rear of the store on safety grounds. Councillors **resolved** that an article be placed in the Over Wyre Focus asking shoppers not to park in front of the Co-op in the mornings to allow the delivery vehicles to pull in and to write to the Manager of the Co-op and to the neighbouring shop asking them to use their best endeavours to work together on any issues arising from deliveries.

(14-15)012 Internal Audit Report

Councillors **resolved** to accept the internal audit report. Councillors considered the response to the internal audit report and **resolved** that cheque signatories would initial invoices and bills for payment as confirmation that the details on the cheque and invoice/bill have been validated. Councillors further **resolved** to accept the responses to the remaining recommendations.

(14-15)013 Wyre Juniors – Request to Site a Cabin

Councillors considered a request from Wyre Juniors to site a 30 foot cabin for storage of equipment etc next to the Lengthsman's container and they will install security fencing around both storage containers. Councillors **resolved** to accept the proposal subject to Wyre Juniors taking the necessary actions with Wyre Council in relation to any lease or licence issues arising from the decision.

(14-15)014 Gala – Playing Field Inspection and Bond Conditions

Councillors **resolved** that Cllrs Orme and Taylor will undertake the playing field inspection prior to and after the Gala and will identify any remedial work necessary.

(14-15)015 Pension Policies

Councillors noted that Lancashire Pension Service has advised that every employer with members in the pension scheme must have certain mandatory policies in place and recommends that written policies are also agreed for those that are discretionary. Councillors **resolved** to accept the policy proposals put forward on the basis that they were fair to employees and affordable.

(14-15)016 Fence

Councillors noted that the Council's lease with Wyre Council for the playing field states that the Town Council is responsible for all fence repairs. Two residents whose property adjoins the playing field have approached the Council to advise that the fence needs replacing. Councillors discussed quotations from three companies and **resolved** to conduct a site visit prior to any decision being made. Councillors noted that the current fence is not in line with other fences and that there is a separate post and wire fence which is likely to be the boundary of the playing field. Councillors **resolved** that a copy of the current lease be circulated to all councillors and that details of boundaries and any covenants be obtained from either Wyre Council or the Land Registry.

(14-15)017 Clock Service Agreement

Councillors noted that there is no service agreement in place for the clock and **resolved** to enter into such an agreement with the original providers of the clock, Smith of Derby Ltd.

(14-15)018 Allocation of Affordable Housing by Regenda

In the absence of Cllr Hudson who had initially raised this matter, councillors **resolved** to defer the item to the next agenda.

(14-15)019 Removal of Dispensation from Wyre and Lancashire Councillors

Cllr Droby raised the issue of the dispensation given to Wyre and Lancashire councillors which enables them to speak in those other roles at meetings of the Town Council. In his view the dispensation enables such councillors to consider issues on the agenda from a Wyre or Lancashire perspective and not from a Town Council perspective. The Clerk reported that the National Association of Local Councils advised that such councillors needed a dispensation to be able to speak in their Wyre or Lancashire role but that Wyre Council's Senior Solicitor had advised that they did not. Removing the dispensation would therefore serve no purpose and councillors **resolved** to take no action.

(14-15)020 Wyre Council Car Parking Regulations

In the absence of Cllr Hudson who had initially raised this matter, councillors **resolved** to defer the item to the next agenda.

(14-15)021 Planning Applications

14/00368/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of existing agricultural building to B2 use (car repairs)

Location: Preesall Park Farm, Cemetery Lane, Preesall

By a majority (1 councillor for, 4 against and 3 abstained with the Mayor using his casting vote) the Council objects to the proposal on the grounds of access problems and that the use of the site is inappropriate.

14/00379/FUL

Proposal: Erection of detached house with integral garage, including change of agricultural land to domestic curtilage (following demolition of existing building)

Location: Land at Nicksons Lane, Preesall

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

FOR INFORMATION

14/00074/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 03 on application 09/893/FULMAJ to allow hours of operation between 0600-1800

Location: Units 2 and 3 The Old Coal Yard, Hall Gate Lane, Preesall

(14-15)022 Finance

a) Payments received:

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| Stalmine Parish Council (Inv 14/003) | £24.29 |
| Friends of Preesall Park (playing field development) | £40,000.00 |
| LCC Parish Champion grant | £300.00 |
| Reserve account interest | £2.48 |
| Sponsorship (In Bloom) | £40.00 |

b) Payments to be approved:

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| Staff costs | £1981.95 |
| Clerk's expenditure on behalf of Council | £54.45 |
| HMRC | £265.95 |
| The Flower Shop | £25.00 |
| Fordstone General Store | £280.00 |
| St Oswald's PCC | £25.00 |
| Viking (Inv 940008) | £41.98 |
| P M Groundworks (Inv 909) | £21,440.40 |
| Towers and Gornall (Inv 1336) | £78.00 |
| Preesall Auto Discount (Inv 218) | £5.95 |
| Mrs Y McCann reimbursement (In Bloom) | £455.06 |
| F H & M Davies & Son (Inv 4741) (In Bloom) | £169.98 |

Payments by Standing Order/Direct Debit

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| Easy Websites (hosting fee) | £36.00 |
| O2 (mobile phone contract) | £22.73 |
| LCC pension | £406.11 |

c) Statement of Accounts - May 2014

Councillors noted the statement of accounts for May which shows:

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| Current account | £50,756.19 |
| Reserve account | £20,150.31 |
| Mayor's Charity Account | £nil |
| In Bloom Account | £2,324.64 |

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)023 Verbal Reports from Outside Bodies (information only)

The Mayor asked councillors who are representatives on outside bodies to provide the Clerk with a written report which could be circulated with the agenda and to only report verbally any information that came to light after the agenda had been published.

Friends of Preesall Park

Cllr Orme reported that their next task was to obtain enough funds for a BMX track and skate park equipment. Community Payback have been undertaking further work on the perimeter of the playing field.

Preesall Youth and Community Association

Cllr Orme reported that they need more use of the room and may need to increase hire rates.

Wyre in Bloom

Cllr Mutch reported that most of the planting had been done and the barrels put in place. The pole planters were still awaited.

Planning Ambassador

Cllr Orme reported that Wyre's Chief Executive had attended the last Wyre Area Committee meeting and had committed to consult the planning ambassadors in developing the Local Plan.

Wyre Road Safety Committee

Cllr Orme reported that the gullies at the junction of Park Lane with Sandy Lane had been raised as had the issue of parking on yellow lines, the sewer in Rosslyn Avenue and parking outside the Co-op.

(14-15)024 Verbal Report from Wyre and Lancashire County Councillors (information only)

Cllr Taylor reported that she had provided a £300 contribution from her LCC Member's Grant for the playing field development and that work on resurfacing Park Lane had started and was expected to be finished by 20 June.

(14-15)025 Clerk's Report (information only)

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

Lengthsman's Report

The Lengthsman has spent the majority of his time over the last month trying to keep up with litter, dog fouling and growing weeds. He cleared the passage way off Coniston Avenue which had been reported to the Clerk by a resident and the resident sent a text showing her appreciation. He assisted with Mayor Making, transporting tables and chairs from the PYCC and returning them the next day. He has taken some leave in addition to the two bank holidays in May.

Enforcement of Dropped Kerbs

Sgt Freaney has provided a detailed response on the enforcement of dropped kerbs.

Wyre Together – Drug Awareness Event

Wyre Together will hold a Drug Awareness Event on Monday 7th July, 7 - 9pm at Thornton Methodist Church. The event is aimed at adults and young people and will identify the types of drugs, potential impacts and the help and support available. The Amy Winehouse Foundation, Young Addaction, Lancashire Police and Life Skills will be providing talks at the event and there will also be the opportunity to chat to these groups to find out more. This is a free event open to groups and residents to attend. Anyone wishing to book a place at the event contact Jane Williams on 01253 887437 or 07932 335268.

Free Online Mental Health Support Launched in Fylde and Wyre

Residents in Fylde and Wyre now have access to a free, online mental health and wellbeing service courtesy of NHS Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The CCG has this month commissioned Big White Wall to provide safe, anonymous online mental health and emotional wellbeing support for anyone over the age of 16. Big White Wall provides a supportive, online community to give help when you're feeling down. A choice of safe therapeutic services is accessible online; these include Talkabouts, where members can talk to others in the Big White Wall community who share similar experiences, and creative art and writing therapies which can help to put difficult feelings into words. Members can vent and express how they feel in images by making 'Bricks' on 'The Wall'. In addition a wide range of self-help material is available to users. So anyone who may be struggling can get support at a time that suits them, from the comfort of their own home. Big White Wall has already helped more than 14,000 people, including thousands from the UK armed forces community, and is supported by the Ministry of Defence, the Department of Health and Help for Heroes. Big White Wall is free to join at www.bigwhitewall.com, you just simply need access to the internet and have a Fylde or Wyre postcode to join.

Lancashire's Lost Ways

Lancashire Local Access Forum is wishing to progress a project called Lancashire's Lost Ways in response to the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW). The Act proposes that all unrecorded footpaths and bridleways cannot be recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement after the 1 January 2026. In order to ensure worthwhile public rights of way currently unrecorded are not lost after the 2026 cut-off LCC is in the process of attracting volunteers to undertake research to identify them. Volunteers will be provided with the necessary training and support to undertake such a task. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the project please contact Linda Anderson, Parish Delivery Officer at Linda.Anderson@lancashire.gov.uk or on 01772 532613 or mobile; 07717 815086

Ornamental Welcome Signs

The signs have now been installed by Wyre Council on the Town Council's behalf and LCC has given permission for either a box or a flower bed to be incorporated under the sign on Hall Gate Lane and a bed under the sign on Head Dyke Lane. The Bloomers have been installed.

LCC – Proposal to Operate a Permit Scheme for Road and Street Activities

LCC is consulting on the introduction of a permit scheme as a new way in which activities in the public highway, such as works by the utility companies, the highway authority and those working on their behalf can be managed to minimise disruption. A permit scheme is an alternative to the notification system under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991. Currently utility companies inform LCC that they intend to carry out works on the highway but, under the proposed permit scheme, utility companies and anyone else carrying out works on the highway will have to book time and space on the highway by obtaining a permit from LCC. The consultation runs until 20 June at 5pm.

Casual Vacancy

The casual vacancy caused by Cllr Carter's resignation has been notified to Wyre Council and the formal notice placed on the notice boards. Electors have until 18 June to ask for an election. If Wyre Council receives no such request by that date the Town Council will be asked to fill the vacancy by co-option. The vacancy will be advertised in the July edition of the Over Wyre Focus.

Thanks from a Local Resident

A resident has thanked the Town Council for the effort it has made in rejuvenating the library garden and for the work it did in securing the improvement to the corner of Grasmere Avenue, in partnership with Wyre Council. She has separately thanked the Bloomers for their contribution.

Cllr Nicholls raised the outstanding tiles around the Millennium Clock and the Clerk reported that the work was scheduled for completion by the end of July.

(14-15)026 Mayor's Report (information only)

The Mayor reported that the Deputy Mayor had attended Garstang's Mayor Making. He had attended an excellent performance by the Over Wyre Singers. Wyre's Civic Sunday was coming up soon and he would be attending that.

(14-15)027 Questions to Councillors

Cllr Nicholls asked Cllr Taylor, in her role as County Councillor, whether no parking cones could be placed on Cart Gate while the resurfacing of Park Lane was done. The road was being used as a diversion and at times it is chaos.

Cllr Drobny asked Cllr Orme whether the non-passporting of localised council tax support had been raised the Cllr Orme replied that it was on the agenda for the next Wyre Area Committee.

There being no other business the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.55pm.