

# PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the town council held on Wednesday 1 November 2017 at 6.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall**

**Present:** Cllrs T Reilly (Mayor), R Black, B Burn, D Hudson, R Lawson, G McCann, J Mutch, P Orme.

**In Attendance:** Alison May - Clerk to the town council and one member of the public.

**138a(17-18)1 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs P Greenhough, L Woodhouse

**139b(17-18)2 Absent without apology**

R Drobny

**140(17-18)3 Declarations of interests and dispensations**

Cllr Orme in respect of planning application

**141(17-18)4 Public participation**

Councillors were thanked for the decision to include the purchase of two benches in the budget for next year.

**142(17-18)5 Wyre draft local plan**

At the last meeting of the council in October, councillors resolved to discuss any issues they had with the draft plan at an extraordinary meeting. It was agreed that councillors would familiarise themselves with the contents of the draft plan prior to the meeting and come prepared to raise questions on those specific items. A number of concerns were raised, particularly in respect of the sustainability of the plan in the longer term. Councillors worked through each of the questions on the representation form as follows:

Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant?

**Resolved:** to answer 'yes'

Q2 Does the Local Plan comply with the duty to co-operate?

**Resolved:** to answer 'yes'

Q3a Do you consider the Local Plan to be 'sound'?

Cllr Hudson raised concerns in respect of the ability of the infrastructure to cope with the proposals. The knock-on effect of all this development will be to increase traffic and sewerage and negatively impact on already overstretched resources.

**Resolved:** to answer 'yes' (7 in favour, 1 against)

Q4 Comments on Sustainability Appraisal

Councillors discussed the need for job creation within the local area and again raised concerns over the impact on the infrastructure, particularly highways issues.

**Resolved:** to include a comment in this section that if the infrastructure is not improved then the proposed development is unsustainable.

Q5 Do you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination?

**Resolved:** to answer 'no'

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**143(17-18)6 Planning**

Councillors discussed the following application:

**Application 17/00933/OUTMAJ**

**Proposal:** Outline application for 16 new dwellings with access applied for off Cartgate (all other matters reserved)

**Location:** Springfield Cottage Farm Cartgate Preesall Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

**Resolved:** to reject the application (7 in favour of rejecting, 1 abstained) on the grounds that:

The number of proposed houses is over the designated limit for affordable housing (on or off site) yet none is mentioned in the application; the proposed attenuation, although OK in principle, does not alter the potential problems from the solid plinths, which will force water downhill, and gives rise to concerns that it will exacerbate the flooding problem at the bottom of Cartgate; the ability of the sewerage system to take the additional waste; parking at one space per property is not enough, this will result in additional vehicles being parked on Cartgate which at peak times is virtually impassable; access to the properties is straight opposite the overspill area for school on Cartgate, therefore, this is not suitable as buses overhang at this point; possibility of the destabilisation within the hillside arising from historical excavations; previously there was a quarry on the hill that was back-filled with contaminated waste; negative impact on the countryside and the 'swamp habitat'

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 7.30.

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