



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10 January 2022 at 7.00pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

Present: Cllrs P Orme (Mayor), R Drobny, T Johnson, J Lewin, K Nicholls, N Patrick, B Renwick, S Rossall, K Woods.

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

110a(1) Apologies for absence – Cllr S Jepson, Cllr A Tarpey-Black, D Williams.

110b(1) Absent without apology – none.

111(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

112(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 8 November, 30 November and 30 December 2021.

113(4) Public participation

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow non-councillors to speak.

Members of the public asked:

- Whether any progress had been made with beach buggies for disabled people since the November meeting.

In response – The December meeting had been cancelled because of Covid restrictions, therefore this was the first meeting since then at which the matter could be raised. It was still hoped to have the buggies in place for the holiday season.

- Why was a payment made to the Youth and Community Association?

In response – Lancashire County Council used to fund youth services. This was withdrawn a number of years ago so the Town Council stepped in to provide funding to keep the centre open. It is also available for use by other organisations. Where there is a local charity aspect or a community service being offered there is no charge for the hire of the room.

- Whether the council would be purchasing and flying flags in the village for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

In response – This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Civic Events committee meeting.

- When is the next meeting?

In response – It will be arranged soon as there are a number of items for discussion.

At the conclusion of the public session councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

114(5) Planning applications

Councillors **resolved** to note the following applications responded to under clerk's delegations after receiving written views from councillors:

Application Number: 21/01205/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of existing outbuilding into ancillary living accommodation including the addition of a rear dormer and balcony, and extended roof over existing store/washroom

Location: Inglewood Lancaster Road Knott End-on-Sea Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire.

A concern was raised that the development may be too extensive for the site (3 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention).

Application Number: 21/01241/FUL

Proposal: Side and rear extension

Location: Penview Rosslyn Avenue Preesall Lancashire FY6 0HE

The proposed build overshadows the neighbouring property, potentially causing a loss of light. (1 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention).

Application Number: 21/01250/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic, erection of single-storey building consisting of garage, workshop and stabling (following demolition of existing agricultural buildings) (resubmission of 20/00786/FUL)

Location: Braemar Rosslyn Avenue Preesall Lancashire FY6 0HE

Grounds given for objection (change of use of land) not valid in these circumstances. (2 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention).

Application Number: 21/01285/FUL

Proposal: Proposed roof lift, front and rear dormers and rear balcony to existing annexe.

Location: 6 Little Tongues Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0PD (4 in favour, 1 abstention).

Application Number: 21/01300/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension, roof lift and two rear dormers

Location: Mallards 19 Pilling Lane Preesall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire.

(3 in favour, 2 abstentions).

Application Number: 21/01313/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension

Location: 77 Hawkshead Road Knott End-On-Sea Lancashire FY6 0QE.

No objection – (4 in favour, 1 abstention)

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**To consider and comment** on the following applications:

**Application Number: 21/01310/FUL**

**Proposal:** Change of use of agricultural land for siting of holiday accommodation units comprising 12 three-bedroom lodges (caravans)

**Location:** Ridge Farm Fluke Hall Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire.

**Resolved:** The council did not object to the proposal, however, it was concerned that the comments from the Environment Agency regarding flooding did not seem to tally with the planned works. It also requested that an evacuation plan be put in place prior to occupation of the lodges.

(five in favour, three against, one abstention)

**Application Number: 21/01399/FUL**

**Proposal:** Single-storey rear extension

**Location:** 9 The Heathers Knott End-on-Sea Lancashire FY6 0FD.

**Resolved:** The council raised no objections to the proposal.

(unanimous)

**Application Number: 21/01432/FUL**

**Proposal:** Single-storey front extension to form new entrance and porch following the demolition of the existing/original front porch

**Location:** 33 Grasmere Road Knott End-On-Sea Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0DW.

**Resolved:** The council raised no objections to the proposal.

(eight in favour, one abstention).

**115(6) Finance**

Councillors **noted** that the finance committee met prior to the meeting to approve January's expenditure.

**116(7) Reports from committees and working groups**

Minutes of the council's committees

Councillors **noted** as a correct record the agreed minutes of the following committee: Finance held on 11 October.

Members of the Civic Events committee **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 August subject to the replacement of 'firearms licence' with 'gunpowder licence'

Members of the Personnel committee **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June.

**117(8) Flag flying**

- i) **Resolved:** to fly the Union flag at the cenotaph at all times unless it is a day for flying another specific flag e.g. St George's Day or Armed Forces Day etc.
- ii) **Resolved:** to approve the flag diary for 2022 subject to dates consistently showing 2022 and addition of arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and purchase of Jubilee flags.

**118(9) Accessibility statement**

**Resolved:** to adopt the accessibility statement in respect of the council's website. A copy of the statement to be posted on the site.

**119(10) Victorian verandahs**

**Resolved:** To give Cllr Drobny permission to carry out further research into the viability of this option and bring estimated costings back to the council.

**120(11) Orange button scheme – suicide awareness training**

**Resolved:** For Cllr Nicholls to progress the proposal that councillors undertake suicide awareness training if they so wish and for Cllr Lewin to investigate whether training could be provided via the front room at the medical centre. This could be advertised alongside the support for domestic abuse training being undertaken by members of the youth club.

**121(12) Request to increase police presence**

**Resolved:** for the clerk to write to Lancashire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner to request greater policing in the area following a number of incidents in Preesall. The matter to also be raised at the LALC meeting on 26 January.

**122(13) Policies and procedures**

**i) Review of Community Engagement Strategy**

**Resolved:** to readopt the Community Engagement Strategy, after adding in details of the council's Facebook page.

**ii) Revised disciplinary and grievance policies**

**Resolved:** to readopt the disciplinary and grievance policies, unamended from last year.

**123(14) Request to paint planters**

**Resolved:** to give permission for the planters to be painted by the school children from Carter's Charity school.

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### **124(15) Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives**

No written reports were received.

### **125(16) Verbal reports from Wyre councillors**

No report

### **126(17) Clerk's report**

#### **Christmas lights**

Discussions with the electricians regarding the possibility of moving to real Christmas trees in galvanised brackets have taken place. The electrician is of the opinion that this would be a more environmentally friendly option and would be safer than the artificial trees that are needing to be repaired after a couple of years. An item to discuss this further will be added to the Civic Events committee agenda.

#### **Lengthskeeper**

The lengthskeeper is confirmed as a permanent member of staff from 5 January 2022.

The clerk also informed councillors that responses had been received from the Freedom of Information requests sent to the police and to Jigsaw Homes. The latter had declined to answer the question of how many complaints it had received in respect of the Willows Close development. It stated that as it is not a public body its is not obliged to answer FOI requests. The police stated that they could not provide detailed information as this may result in individuals being able to be identified. However, it did state that there had been 25 reported incidents between January and September. The clerk was asked to incorporate this information into the council's complaint to the ombudsman and to copy the information to Wyre.

### **127(18) Mayor's report**

No report

### **128(19) Questions to councillors**

Cllr Nicholls stated that the successful Christmas lights switch-on had been undertaken at short notice in consultation with the clerk. A risk assessment had been completed that indicated it would be possible under the Covid regulations at that time to hold the event and that it was to try to bring some Christmas cheer to the community. Cllr Woods said she had received comments that the council doesn't know what it is doing. She was advised by Cllr Orme that as a councillor and member of the Civic Events committee she should act swiftly to inform the public of the difficulties of organising events during a pandemic and the need to make decisions at short notice.

Cllr Orme said he was still pursuing the renaming of the Riverside Walk in commemoration of Prince Philip. The clerk was asked to seek advice from the public rights of way team at Lancashire County Council as the land is a public footpath.

**129(20) Grant application**

i) - a grant application. It was **resolved** to award £500 to the choir on the proviso that the council is provided with the copy of the invoice/s showing that the grant funds have been spent on music.

**130(21) Items for next agenda**

The next meeting will be held on 14 February 2022 - councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda and provide updates from working groups by notifying the clerk **in writing by Thursday 3 February** at the latest. The item should specify the business which it is proposed be transacted, in such a way that the members who receive it can identify the matters which they will be expected to discuss i.e. it needs to specify either what the proposal is and that a decision is required or whether the item is for information only.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.55pm