

PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Finance Committee

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 24 September 2018
at 10.30am at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall**

Present: Councillors G McCann, P Orme, L Woodhouse.

In attendance: Alison May, Clerk to the Town Council.

7(18-19) Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mutch

8(18-19) Declaration of interests and dispensations

None

9(18-19) Public participation

No members of the public were present.

10(18-19) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved to approve** the minutes of the last meeting held on 9 July 2018 and noted that the finances had been noted at the August meeting of the council.

11(18-19) Second quarter expenditure.

Councillors **noted** that the full second quarter review couldn't take place as the bank statements would not be available until after the end of September. However, expenditure figures were available through the cash book, enabling them to see the six-monthly spend against budget. In addition, they were able to compare this with the community facilities and services items agreed for 2018/19 to see which budgets may overspend or underspend by the 2019 year end and where there would be scope for additional resources in the 2019/20 financial year. CCTV was flagged as a budget item that could have additional spending when considered at the October council meeting.

12(18-19) Finance

The clerk updated councillors on her visit in July to Garstang Town Council to view the finance system in operation there (which is also used by a number of clerks in Lancashire). The system used is the Alpha Financial Director from Rialtas and is considered suitable for the level of accounting at Preesall Town Council. Councillors were provided with details of the system and the accounting and security advantages.

It was **resolved** to approve for the clerk to approach Rialtas with a view to setting up a system ready to operate in the next financial year – costs to be brought to the next meeting.

13(18-19) Date of next meeting

November 2018

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 11.55am.

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