



**PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17**

Mayor's Report

This has been a challenging civic year for me personally, and for Preesall Town Council collectively. Following the resignation of the previous Town Clerk, Ms Jan Finch, the first task was to advertise for, interview and engage a New Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. The successful candidate was Ms Alison May who took up her appointment on 22 June 2016.

Two Councillors were deemed to have broken the Councillors Code of Conduct. Following the resignation of one of the Councillors, a by-election for the South Ward seat was held on the 19 January 2017 – Mr Bill Burn was duly elected and it was a pleasure to welcome Bill as our newest Councillor.

We have seen further cuts to services and funding provided by Lancashire Constabulary, Wyre Borough and Lancashire County Council as they continue to implement the need to save money from their respective budgets.

As the local voice for the villages of Preesall & Knott End, the Town Council can, and does, make representations on behalf of the residents to secure improvements to our amenities and local landscape. We have vigorously challenged and lobbied those that have responsibility for the provision of different support and service areas, such as policing, transport, roads, infrastructure, parking, planning and youth services.

I am pleased to report that the Council has donated £6000 to the Preesall Youth and Community Centre to replace the funding withdrawn by Lancashire County Council; this will ensure we have a building from which Youth Services can be provided for the financial year 2017/18.

The Town Council's website continues to provide lots of useful information about the Town Council, and Preesall and Knott End in general, both to local residents and the wider world. Agendas and Minutes from Town Council meetings are posted on the site, as well as details of local events, newsletters, a section on local history, along with contact details of town councillors. The internet address is www.preesalltowncouncil.org – for those that do not have internet connection, information is placed on the public notice boards & within the library. The Town Clerk also conducts 'drop-in' sessions at the library for members of the public to discuss village improvements/concerns; dates and times are in the Over Wyre Focus magazine.

Clearly, there is much still to be done and all is not perfect. During the last 12 months I have experienced first-hand a number of regular issues raised by residents and Councillors. Consequently, I would respectfully ask residents to support our community by avoiding: dog fouling; litter dropping; speeding; inconsiderate parking; parking on grass verges and pavements.

I would like close by expressing a sincere 'Thank You' to the following:

The Town Councillors whom I serve alongside. We don't always agree, but without their hard work and collective support many of our achievements would not have been possible.

The Deputy Mayor & Mayoress, Councillor Gordon and Mrs Yvonne McCann for their support and help at all times.

I am sure I speak for all the Councillors when I also say a big 'Thank You' to:

The Town Clerk, Ms Alison May, for her dedication and professionalism in ensuring Council decisions are implemented and the huge amount of administrative support provided.

The Town Lengthsman, Mr Brian Hutchinson the silent team member who goes about his business with little fuss in all types of weather.

All the volunteer groups for their dedication, time, skills and passion in delivering events and supporting the community.

Councillor Tom Reilly

Mayor 2016/17

Finance

The Town Council is responsible for proper accounting records, safeguarding the assets and taking steps to prevent fraud and other irregularities and a prudent level of reserves. There are accounting policies and procedures in place to mitigate exposure to major risk, which are reviewed annually. Councillors believe they make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. The accounts are a matter of public information and can be viewed at any time.

Receipts and Payments Account for Preesall Town Council

Receipts	2016/2017		Payments
Balances brought forward (including reserves)	£29699	£34729	Staff Costs
Precept	£74469	£524	Mayor/Civic
Grants/donations	£16339	£30910	Community Expenditure
VAT Refund	£5064	£445	Training
Recharges	£14	£1178	Parish Maintenance
Other	£452	£2151	Office Costs
In Bloom	£2485	£7162	Governance
	-	£2251	In Bloom
	-	£150	Contingency
	£128522	£79500	

Balance to carry forward as at 31st March 2017 - £49,022

The Town Council accounts are due to be audited in June 2017.

The Parish Precept

The Parish Precept is the amount of money which the Town Council receives from Wyre Council to pay for the services it provides. This amount is raised by Wyre Council as that part of your Council Tax relating directly to the Town Council area. In other words, Wyre Council collects this on our behalf.

The way we calculate the precept is as follows:

Each year, just before Christmas, the Town Council produces an estimate of its likely **expenditure** for the forthcoming year (eg. Staff costs, parish maintenance, community projects). This will also include an amount to cover the costs of any urgent projects that may be required in the area.

We also estimate our likely **income** for the same period (eg the VAT Refund, Festive Lighting Grant). The difference between the two figures forms the basis of our precept calculation, which we submit to Wyre Council. In 2016/2017 our Precept was £74,469.

Alison May

Responsible Financial Officer

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