PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the COUNCIL for the TOWN OF PRESCOT was held on FRIDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 2016 in the PRESCOT TOWN HALL, 1 WARRINGTON ROAD, PRESCOT, commencing at 6.00 P.M.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors D. Friar, J. Molloy, L. O'Keeffe, D. Fairclough, D. Rigby, S. Pimblett, S. Arnall, S. Whiley and M. Friar

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

D. Wilson (Town Clerk)
L. Johnson (Apprentice Administration Officer)

42. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. D. Allen, S. O'Keeffe, M. Allen, K. Swales, G. Flatley and H. Baker

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Received

44. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 29th July 2016 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

45. <u>MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u>

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of committee meetings for:

Human Resources Committee 11th May 2016 Finance and General Purpose Committee 15th July 2016

46. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

The Leader thanked all those who had attended the opening of the new Pavilion building on Eaton Street Park and commented on the success of the event.

47. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Eaton Street Park

The Mayor officially opened the new Pavilion Building on Eaton Street Park last week. The event was well attended with good representation from the Town Council and Friends of Eaton Street Park

Brown's Field

In 2013 the Town Council developed a Master Plan for the future of Browns Field. The plan included various upgrades to the existing infrastructure and additional enhancements to bring the park up to Green Flag standard. In accordance with the development budget for Brown's Field, I have now commissioned a desk top site investigation of park. The purpose of the investigation is to ascertain the suitability of the site for the proposed developments given in former use as an allotment and water treatment works. This is the first stage in developing a detailed planning application that will be required in order to submit a funding application.

Training Opportunities

As previously advised there a number of open training sessions taking place in October:

- Chairperson Training Thursday 13th October at 7pm-9pm, Council Chamber, Prescot Town Hall contact Louise or Dan to confirm your place.
- Ethics and Standards Thursday 27th October at 5:30pm in the Council Chamber, Huyton Municipal Buildings. Contact andy.obrien@knowsley.gov.uk – on 0151 443 3604

48. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the Mayoral Engagements provided.

49. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered, the comments were **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

| Application Ref | Location | Comments |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 16/00625/FUL | 18 Ford Road, Prescot L35 7LE | No objections |
| 1600620/FUL | 3 Hall Lane, Prescot, L34 5UN | No objections |

50. PLANNING DECISIONS

It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to **NOTE** the planning decision below.

| Application Ref | Location | Decision |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 16/00485/COU | 48 Molyneaux Drive, Prescot | Granted |
| 16/00552/PDE | 204 Warrington Road, Prescot | Granted |
| 16/00462/FUL | 1 Alder Close, Prescot, L34 2SN | Granted |
| 16/00330/FUL | Vacant Buildings (former | Granted |
| | Prysmian Cables) Hall Lane, | |
| | Prescot | |
| 16/00535/PNRAIL | Railway Bridge, Warrington | Prior approval required and |
| | Road, Prescot | granted |

51. <u>FUNDING APPLICATIONS</u>

There were no Funding Applications received.

52. TOWN HALL FIRE SAFETY POLICY

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations under 3.1 being

- consider and approve Fire Safety Policy for adoption and
- note the findings of the annual fire risk assessment

53. <u>EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT</u>

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendation under 4.1 being

Under the requirements of Section 4 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England) 2014,

- The Council approves the review undertaken of the effectiveness of the internal audit arrangements (2015/16) in respect of the following five areas:
- Scope of internal audit
- Independence of internal auditor
- Competence of the internal auditor
- Relationships regarding elected members, Clerk of the Council and the internal auditor
- Planning and Reports regarding internal audit

54. REVISIONS TO STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the Revision to standing orders and Financial Regulations recommendation item 3.1 being

In accordance with Standing Orders 2.11.10 and 2.11.11

Members approve the Town Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations including the suggested amendments in 2.3 and 2.4 for use in the Civic Year.

The meeting closed at 6.15 p.m.

| Dated: 28 th October 2016 | |
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| | Signed: |
| | Cllr Dave Friar (Town Mayor) |