

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 2017** 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, J. Chadwick, S. Pimblett and, J. Burke

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

D. Wilson (Town Clerk)
L. Johnson (Administration Officer)
Kai Taylor
T. Higgits

99. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs S. O’Keeffe, M. O’Mara, S. Arnall, K. Swales, G. Flatley and M. Friar

100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interests were submitted

101. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 27th January 2017 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

102. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Finance and General Purpose Committee 13th January 2017

103. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

The Leader welcomed Cllr Joanne Burke to her first Town Council Meeting as an elected member.

104. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Entrance Barrier

The damaged entrance barrier has now been replaced, and all key fobs returned, they will now be recalibrated next week.

Attempted Break In at Eaton Street Pavilion

The Town Clerk has today been made aware of an attempted break in at the Pavilion, the attempt has caused some minor damage to the cladding, the cost of repair is as yet unknown. I have reported the crime and informed the local policing team. I have complied and realised a statement on the Town Council website Facebook and forwarded this to Prescott Online.

New Picnic Bench at Eaton Street Park

Following a spate of arson attacks over the summer all of the picnic benches on the site were destroyed. Clearly replacing the benches like for would only see us repeating the process time after time and at a cost of roughly £500 each would not be sustainable. Therefore in an effort to address the situation a heavy and robust concrete bench has now been purchased. Time will tell how effective this remedy is, but this could be the way forward for our park furniture.

Browns Field Site Investigations

Investigation works on Browns Field are now complete and we await the final report.

Up Coming By Election

To remind members and any residents present or those subsequently reading these announcements that the by elections for Prescott North West Ward and Prescott East Ward are to be held on March 23rd as with the previous by election the count will be at the Town Hall.

105. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AT CONFERENCES OR OUTSIDE BODIES

None submitted

106. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

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

107. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Application Ref	Location	Comments
17/00076/FUL	21 Westbrook Avenue, Prescot	No Objections

108. PLANNING DECISIONS

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the following planning decisions.

Application Ref	Location	Comments
17/00010/FUL	24 Derwent Avenue, Prescot	Granted

109. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

This Funding Application was withdrawn.

110. REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATION ON KNOWSLEY'S PARKS AND GREEN SPACES REVIEW BOARD

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendation under 3.1.1 being

- Nominate one elected member of Prescot Town Council to fill the existing vacancy for a Town Councillor on the Knowsley Park and Green Spaces Review Board

Cllr J Chadwick was nominated to represent the Town Council on the Board

111. PRECEPT AND ANNUAL BUDGET 2017-2018

It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations under 5. being

- A 10% increase in the annual Precept being £7.23 per band d property

- The gross revenue budgetary expenditure for 2017/18 is set at £282,568.
- The precept demand for the financial year 2017/18 is set at £230,303 or £79.55 per band d equivalent property, and that the Town Clerk notifies KMBC accordingly.

112. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

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

- Consider and approve the draft Risk Management Policy submitted as appendix 1 to this report.

The meeting closed at 6.10 p.m.

Dated: 31st March 2017

Signed:.....

Cllr Dave Friar (Town Mayor)