

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **FRIDAY, 27th JANUARY, 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, S. O’Keeffe, D. Fairclough, D. Rigby, J. Chadwick, S. Pimblett, S. Arnall and G. Flatley

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

D. Wilson (Town Clerk)
L. Sephton (Deputy Town Clerk)

84. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs M. O’Mara, K. Swales and M. Friar.

85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A declaration of interest was received from Cllr S O’Keeffe for agenda items 10 Planning Applications and item 11 Planning Decisions.

86. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 25th November 2016 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

87. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Finance and General Purpose Committee	11 th November and 16 th December 2016
Events Committee	2 nd November 2016

88. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

The Leader wanted to wish Cllr M Friar a speedy recovery following his recent accident.

89. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Entrance Barrier

The entrance barrier to the car park is broken; a replacement has been costed at circa £2,000. I will discuss this matter further with members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee next week.

VAT Inspection

The VAT inspection of the Town Council has now been completed. The inspection was triggered by the sizable VAT reclaims made in relation to the development of the Town Hall in 2013 and 2015. The process started in May 2016 and was concluded last Thursday when the inspector actually visited the Town Hall to expedite the matter. The inspector reviewed all Town Council income streams to ensure the correct methodology has been applied and identified a number of minor adjustments with an overall reclaim to the benefit of the Town Council.

Browns Field Site Investigations

Investigation works on Browns Field are due to commence on Tuesday next week. The results of the investigations will confirm the potential for the development of the park including football pitch enhancement and additional play facilities.

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

The Town Clerk has recently attended a Heritage and Culture meeting and reported back that there may be a possibility of the Town Council taking over the management of the Love Prescot website and Facebook pages.

91. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

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

92. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At this point Cllr S. O’Keeffe left the room.

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

Application Ref	Location	Comments
16/00791/ADV	4B Brantano, Cables Retail Park	No Objections
16/00826/FUL	Knowsley Safari Park, Prescot Bypass	No Objections
16/00827/LBC	Knowsley Safari Park, Prescot Bypass	No Objections
17/00013/FUL	6 Central Avenue, Prescot	No Objections
17/00017/FUL	Station House, Bridge Road, Prescot	No Objections
16/00732/FUL	Red Lion Hotel, 21 Market Place	Object on the grounds of no parking facility

93. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

Application Ref	Location	Comments
16/00613/FUL	78 South Avenue, Prescot	Granted

Cllr S. O’Keeffe returned to the room.

94. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

There were no Funding Applications received.

95. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations under 4.1.1 being

- Introduce the annual Prescot Community Recognition Awards as detailed in sections 2 and 3 of the report.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** to receive nominations at a later date under recommendation 4.1.2 being

- Members nominate a total of 5 individuals to form a judging panel.

96. QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations under 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 as below with minor alterations as provided to the Town Clerk

- Members consider the draft newsletter attached at appendix 1 and approve the contents contained within.

and

- Members approve the production of a quarterly Prescott Town Council newsletter for future years.

97. PRECEPT AND ANNUAL BUDGET 2017-2018

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **DEFER** this item until the next Town Council meeting in February.

98. PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2017

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations under 3.1 as below with minor alterations as provided to the Town Clerk

- Consider and approve the draft annual action plan submitted as appendix 1 to the report.

The meeting closed at 6.26 p.m.

Dated: 24th February 2017

Signed:.....

Cllr Dave Friar (Town Mayor)