

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **TUESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY 2018** in **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’Keefe, D. Fairclough, D. Rigby, J. Chadwick, M. O’Mara, J. Burke, I. Smith, K. Taylor and P. Cook.

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

107. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs G. Flatley and M. Friar.

108. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Bill Johnson, Alun Roberts, Lydia Still, Chris Marsh, Rachel Roberts, Mandy Roberts and Clare Sidda.

A question was asked by Mandy Roberts “Will the Prescot Town Councillors support the residents in relation to the proposed sale of Browns Field?” The Town Clerk responded informing Mrs Roberts that the matter will be discussed under item 16 of the agenda, and an answer will therefore be returned at the conclusion of business on that item.

109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A declaration of interest was received from Cllr I. Smith for items 10 and 11 on the agenda Planning Applications and Planning Decisions.

A declaration of interest was received from Cllr S. O’Keefe for items 10, 11 and 16 on the agenda Planning Applications, Planning Decisions and Knowsley Green Space Trust Proposal and Subsequent Proposed Sale of Brown’s Field.

110. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 30th January 2018 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

111. MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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

Finance and General Purposes Committee	12 th January 2018
Events Committee	17 th January 2018
Human Resources Committee	10 th November 2017

112. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

There were no announcements from the Leader.

113. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Local Council Awards

Last year the Town Council submitted an application for accreditation under the new Local Council Awards scheme. Unfortunately changes to the way in which the application is reviewed has meant it has taken longer than expected, but I am happy to announce that the review has now been carried out and that the Council can formally expect its award in the next couple of months.

Prescot Festival

Our Friends at the Prescot Festival have asked me to help spread the word of their upcoming event Songs from the Shows with Bentley Operatic Society

Friday 16th March, 7.00pm-9.15pm

Prescot Parish Church Meeting Room, Church Street, Prescot, L34 1LA

Tickets £6 via prescotfestival@gmail.com or 07762 607 618

Includes Cottom's hot pot - bring your own drinks & vegetarian option available by prior request

Brown's Field

As members are very much aware the future of Brown's Field is currently uncertain as KMBC's proposal to create a Green Space Trust would involve the selling off of the land for housing development. Demonstrating a continued high use of the site will support its retention. As such the Town Council have provided support to help local residents create a new Friends of KGV Brown's Field and Carr Lane Woods group with the aim of preserving the both greenspaces for the future benefit of the Town. The Group have been meeting on site on Saturday mornings to carry out some cleansing activities and exploring further possibilities for site improvements.

In addition to the activities of the Friends, we have now brought the pitches back into use, having asked for expressions of interest from local teams, Berkley Juniors AFC have been granted use of the pitches until such a time when the fate of the park is known. The club will also be holding weekly training sessions to attract new players, particularly from Prescott on Saturday mornings.

Section 33 Dispensation

In accordance with section 33 of the Local Government Act 2011 I have received and granted requests for dispensation in the setting of the Precept from the all those elected members who would otherwise have a disclosable pecuniary interest as result of residing in the precepted area.

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

None.

115. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

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

116. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At this point Cllrs I. Smith and S, O’Keeffe left the room.

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

Application Ref	Location	Comments
18/00074/FUL	38 South Avenue, Prescott	No objections
18/00052/FUL	10 West Street, Prescott	No Objections
18/00076/ADV	TUI Travel Agent, 33 Eccleston Street, Prescott	No Objections
18/00092/ADV	5 Warrington Road, Prescott	No Objections
18/00093/ADV	5 Warrington Road, Prescott	No Objections
18/00116/TELPD	Grass verge adjacent to roundabout at St Helens Road, Prescott	No Objections

117. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

Application Ref	Location	Comments
16/00284/FUL	Site of Former Lancashire watch factory, Oliver Lyme Road, Prescot	Application withdrawn
16/00285/LBC	Site of Former Lancashire watch factory, Oliver Lyme Road, Prescot	Application withdrawn
17/00584/FUL	McDonalds Restaurant, Cables Retail Park, Steley Way, Prescot	Application withdrawn

At this point Cllrs I. Smith and S. O’Keeffe returned to the room.

118. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

There were no funding applications received.

119. BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2018/2019

A motion was proposed by Cllr D Rigby and seconded by Cllr L O’Keeffe to agree a 0% raise in the band d equivalent.

Cllr J Molloy proposed an amendment to the motion to agree a 2.5% raise in the band d equivalent as agreed at the Finance and General Purposes Committee. This motion was seconded by Cllr I Smith. No further amendments were put forward therefore amendment was voted upon: and not up held, as such a vote on the original motion was immediately taken and was upheld.

It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE**

- 0% increase on the band d equivalent
- the annual budget would be £274,261
- precept demand for 2018-19 would be £235,230 or £79.55 per band D property
- the shortfall between expenditure and income of £5,880 would be met from the Town Council’s reserves.

120. RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PHASE ONE OF THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations at 4 in the report being: -

- approve the draft response attached as appendix 2
- commit to write an individual letter in support of the Town Council’s proposals

and

- commit to seek residents support through encouraging and enabling them to write individual responses in support of the Town Council's proposals

121. ANNUAL PLAN

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations at 3.1 in the report being: -

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

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

122. KNOWSLEY GREEN SPACE TRUST PROPOSAL AND SUBSEQUENT PROPOSED SALE OF BROWN'S FIELD

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations at 4.1 in the report being: -

Using the powers granted under the provisions of the Public Health Act 1875 section 164 power to acquire land for public recreation and maintain, members are asked to

4.1.1 approve the draft response attached as appendix d for submission to KMBC with minor amendments

4.1.2 instruct the Town Clerk to engage with Fields in Trust to ensure they are fully aware of the Town Council's position with regard to Brown's Field.

and

4.1.3 agree to continue dialog with KMBC to find a viable alternative to the sale of Prescott's valuable park land.

At this point Cllr S O'Keeffe returned to the room.

123. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of committee meetings as stated in minute number 111.

The meeting closed at 6.40 p.m.

Dated: 27th March 2018

Signed: 
Cllr Jennifer Chadwick (Mayor of Prescott)

