

**PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL**

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on  
**THURSDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022** in the **PRESCOT TOWN HALL**,  
commencing at **6.01 P.M.**

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillors M. Burke, C. Krelle, T. Large, L. Rigby, I. Smith, T. Smith, F. Wynn, J. Burke,  
P. Cook, T. Murray and K. Taylor.

**TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT**

A. Spencer (Town Clerk)  
L. Sephton (Deputy Town Clerk)

**PUBLIC GALLERY**

Mr I. Leadbetter  
Mr P. Hurst

**48. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies received.

**49. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

There were no questions from the public in attendance.

**50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest were received from the following: -

- Cllrs I. Smith and K. Taylor – Item 10 – Planning Applications
- Cllrs P. Cook, T. Murray, T. Smith and J. Burke - Item 12 Funding Applications – Prescott Mission Christmas Dinner

**51. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

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52. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

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

- Events Committee – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 – DRAFT
- Finance, Policy and Human Resources Committee – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 – DRAFT

It was agreed to suspend standing orders and bring forward item 20 on the agenda to be the next item for discussion.

53. **PRESENTATION FROM KNOWSLEY COUNCIL OFFICERS – FOOTBALL PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY FOR BROWNS FIELD**

Phil Hurst, Green Space Development Officer at KMBC gave a presentation on the football playing pitch strategy for Browns Field and discussed funding opportunities with the Football Foundation and County FA. Further discussions will need to take place in the future around issues with the lease and to prepare a business plan and management proposals to support a funding bid.

54. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

There were no announcements from the Leader.

55. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

*Parish Council Charter*

The Town Clerk confirmed that he had attended a meeting with the clerks of Whiston Town Council and Knowsley Village Town Council, the purpose of which was to discuss developing a Parish Council Charter to foster closer, more collaborative working with Knowsley Council.

The Town Clerk expressed the need to have a Parish Council Charter and recommended his attendance at future meetings between clerks to support its development.

*Energy Consultant Update*

The Town Clerk confirmed that he had held meetings with energy consultants to obtain best value for energy across all sites. These consultants were in the process of reviewing council's energy consumption, which would inform what tariffs council should commit to – ideally (given the national picture regarding escalating energy costs) for a considerable period.

Energy consultants were to produce a report for the Town Clerk to inform which energy supplier should be used when Council's current contracts expire, and to tie into that supplier to achieve the lowest unit price for energy.

The Town Clerk confirmed that these contracts would be presented to the next meeting of Finance, Policy & HR Committee.

56. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AT CONFERENCES OR OUTSIDE BODIES**

There had been no attendances to conferences or outside bodies.

57. **MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**

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

Cllrs I. Smith and K. Taylor left the room.

58. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application Ref	Location	Comments
22/00301/FUL	Rays Craft Bakery Ltd, 39-45 High Street	No objections
19/00434/NMA1	Former HSBC, 2 Ecclestone Street	No objections
22/00416/ADV	M&S Simply Food, 5C Cables Retail Park, Steley Way	No objections
22/00473/FUL	Self Pick Veg, 66 Ecclestone Street	No objections
22/00184/FUL	8 Speakman Way	No objections
22/00551/TCA	27 Highfields (Land Facing)	No objections
22/00510/FUL	27 Sutherland Road	No objections
22/00528/FUL	43 Hawthorne Road	No objections
22/00376/FUL	Land to South West of the junction of Carr Lane & Prescott Park Way	Request further information about possible right of way/footpath being affected

Cllrs I. Smith and K. Taylor returned to the room.

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59. PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no planning decisions for noting.

60. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Cllrs P. Cook, J. Burke, T. Murray and T. Smith left the room.

Cllr M. Burke chaired the meeting.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £500.00 for the funding application from Prescott Christmas Mission Dinner.

Cllrs P. Cook, J. Burke, T. Murray and T. Smith returned to the room.

Cllr J. Burke continued to chair the meeting.

61. REPRESENTATIONS OF MALC AND LALC

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations under 2 being: -

In accordance with the Standing Order 5 J vi members are asked to:-

1. Review representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back and
2. Confirm member representation to MALC and LALC and authorise the Town Clerk to confirm representation with MALC and LALC colleagues prior to MALC meeting on 5th October 2022.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr M. Burke be nominated to represent the Town Council at MALC meetings and Cllr K. Taylor be nominated to represent the Town Council at LALC meetings.

62. SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2022

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations under 3 being: -

Using the powers granted under the Local Government Act 1972 members:-

1. Approve articles to be included within Prescott Town Council's Summer 2022 Newsletter; and
2. Delegate that officers produce a newsletter in the usual format which includes photographs relevant for each article.

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It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the article on playground improvements at Browns Field be amended to reflect the conclusion of the works and that if the motion to support the petition for the relocation of the War Memorial is agreed that this be included on the newsletter.

**63. REVIEW OF DEATH OF SENIOR PERSON OF STATE**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations under 4 being: -

Using the powers granted under the Local Government Act 1972 members: -

1. Resolve to continue to have an Action Plan for the Death of a Senior Person of State
2. Resolve that the Action Plan is amended to extend to: -
  - a. His Majesty King Charles III
  - b. His Royal Highness Prince William, the Prince of Wales
  - c. His Royal Highness Prince George of Wales
3. Resolve that the Action Plan is implemented with these amendments, albeit that further amendments may be required once details of national plans become available.
4. Resolve that the Action Plan is reviewed annually.

**64. CHRISTMAS CLOSEDOWN 2022**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations under 3 being: -

Using the powers granted under the Local Government Act 1972 members: -

1. Approve the closure of Prescot Town Hall from 5:00pm on Thursday 22nd December 2022 until 9:00am on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 and
2. Approve the use of Prescot Town Hall on Friday 23rd December 2022 to support Prescot Mission Christmas preparations, with key holding responsibility passing to Cllr J Burke on this day.



65. MOTION FROM CLLR P. COOK AND CLLR I. SMITH – WAR MEMORIAL

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** that Prescot Town Council supports the relocation of the war memorial located on the south side of St Mary's Church, to its original location in front of St Mary's Church and that the Town Clerk signs the online petition on behalf of the Town Council.

66. MOTION FROM CLLR J. BURKE – WINTER WARMING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** that Prescot Town Council offers support during the energy crisis by opening Prescot Town Hall on a Monday afternoon from 1pm until 4pm to allow the community to come inside a warm space and have a hot drink and play games which will be provided. Council staff and councillors will serve drinks during this time. This will be reviewed in January 2023 in terms of cost implications and the council's ability to sustain the initiative moving forward.

67. PRESCOT CARNIVAL 2022 FEEDBACK REPORT

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations under 2.5 being: -

- 2.5.1. Members should offer any other points on lessons learned for consideration at the meeting.
- 2.5.2. The success of the carnival in attracting visitors and the setup, in its current format strongly suggests we should retain this method of organisation and delivery.
- 2.5.3. The success of the carnival in attracting visitors in June strongly suggests the carnival should run around the same time next year during the Prescot Festival of Music and Arts on Sunday 25th June 2023.
- 2.5.4. Following the success of the West Lancs Dog Display team this year drawing in the crowds along with getting members of the audience involved in the show it is recommended that Members agree to hire them again for next year's Carnival to ensure their availability.
- 2.5.5. Following the success of the numerous free activities it is recommended that these are booked once again next year as follows: -
  - 7 large inflatables with 4 members of staff – get some further quotations before booking.
  - Climbing wall, Bungee Trampolines and Cannonball Airblasters
  - Pedal go karts, crazy golf and gladiator duel
  - Face painters x 3



- Army Cadets

2.5.6 A £100 payment should be made to the band Juke who increased their performance time at short notice to accommodate the cancellation of some acts.

**The meeting closed at 7.23 p.m.**

**Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Signed:.....  
Cllr Joanne Burke (Mayor of Prescot)



