

## PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025** in **PRESCOT TOWN HALL**, commencing at **6.00P.M.**

### ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors J. Burke, P. Cook, P. Goodwin, I. Smith, G. Wickens and F. Wynn.

### TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

L. Sephton (Deputy Town Clerk)

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

None

<b><u>142.</u></b>	<b><u>TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES</u></b>  Apologies were received from Cllrs M. Burke, J. Edgar, T. Murray, P. Shaw, T. Smith and M. Sommerfield.
<b><u>143.</u></b>	<b><u>PUBLIC OPEN FORUM</u></b>  No members of the public were in attendance.
<b><u>144.</u></b>	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b>  Declarations of Interest were received from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr I. Smith for Items 11 Planning Applications, 12 Planning Decisions and 13 Funding Applications – Prescott Historic Society.</li><li>• Cllr F. Wynn for Item 11 Planning Applications – 25/00022/FUL 1-8 Woodcroft Way, Prescott.</li><li>• Cllr P. Cook for Item 13 Funding Applications – Lady Margaret Bowling Club.</li><li>• Cllr P. Goodwin for Item 13 Funding Applications – Prescott Cables Junior Football Club.</li></ul>
<b><u>145.</u></b>	<b><u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING</u></b>  It was <b>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 be <b>APPROVED AND SIGNED</b> as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.
<b><u>146.</u></b>	<b><u>MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u></b>  It was <b>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</b> to <b>NOTE</b> the draft minutes of the Events Committee – 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025.

<b><u>147.</u></b>	<b><u>REPORT ON COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS DURING 2024/25</u></b>  It was <b>UNANIMOUSLY RESOVED</b> to <b>NOTE</b> progress against resolutions as presented in Appendix One to the report.
<b><u>148.</u></b>	<b><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER</u></b>  There were no announcements from the Leader.
<b><u>149.</u></b>	<b><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK</u></b>  <u>Preparations for 2025/26 Local Democracy Project</u> Officers are confirming school availability for the 2025/26 Local Democracy Project.  Dates which have been agreed thus far are:-  1. Friday 6th June 2025 2. Friday 20th June 2025 3. Friday 4th July 2025 4. Friday 11th July 2025  To date, three schools have confirmed their availability and will participated.  The two schools which have yet to confirm will once again be contacted by the Town Clerk to seek their participation.  <u>Community Skip Day 2025/26 – Prescott Town Hall</u> Councillors and officers held its first community skip day of the year at Prescott Town Hall on Saturday 15th March 2025.  Sited skips (8 in total) were well used by Prescotians, who disposed of unwanted items after transporting by car or on foot.  A second community skip day will be held at St Paul’s Church, Bryer Road on Saturday 29th March between 9:00am and 12:00pm.  <u>Replanting of Flowerbeds Outside Prescott Town Hall</u> The Town Clerk and Caretaker have started the process of replanting flowerbeds to the front of Prescott Town Hall.  A total of circa three tonnes of soil have been removed to lower flower bed heights and make it easier to maintain.  Compost and new flowers, shrubs and bedding will be added in the coming weeks to make the Town Hall look more attractive to residents and visitors alike.

	<p><u>Internal Audit 2024/25</u></p> <p>Following Council resolution to appoint Mr David Blanchflower to undertake Council’s 2024/25 Internal Audit, the Town Clerk can confirm that this will be completed on 14th April 2025.</p> <p>At the time of writing, PKF Littlejohn as Council’s external auditor has not confirmed the submission process or dates for Council’s Annual Governance &amp; Accountability return. Confirmation should be received before the end of March 2025.</p>																											
<b><u>150.</u></b>	<p><b><u>REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AT CONFERENCES OR OUTSIDE BODIES</u></b></p> <p>There were none to report.</p>																											
<b><u>151.</u></b>	<p><b><u>MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS</u></b></p> <p>It was <b>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</b> to <b>NOTE</b> the Mayoral Engagements listed.</p> <p>Cllr I. Smith left the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr F. Wynn left the meeting before discussions on planning application 25/00022/FUL 1-8 Woodcroft Way, Prescott and then rejoined following discussions.</p>																											
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<b><u>153.</u></b>	<p><b><u>PLANNING DECISIONS</u></b></p> <p>No Planning Decisions were received.</p> <p>Cllr I. Smith rejoined the meeting.</p>
<b><u>154.</u></b>	<p><b><u>FUNDING APPLICATIONS</u></b></p> <p>Cllr P. Cook left the meeting.</p> <p>1. Lady Margaret Bowling Club who was seeking £500.00 for 10ft long edging boards for the bowling green and white outdoor paint.</p> <p>It was <b>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</b> to: <b>APPROVE</b> the application to a total value of £500.00.</p> <p>Cllr P. Cook rejoined the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr I. Smith left the meeting.</p> <p>2. Prescott Historic Society who was seeking £210.00 for room hire.</p> <p>It was <b>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</b> to: <b>DEFER</b> the application to request that the group consider requesting funding towards the costs of the speaker fees.</p> <p>Cllr I. Smith rejoined the meeting.</p> <p>3. Friends of Prescott Cemetery and Churchyard who was seeking £500.00 for 10 bags of 10mm limestone.</p> <p>It was <b>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</b> to: <b>APPROVE</b> the application to a total value of £500.00.</p> <p>Cllr P. Goodwin left the meeting.</p> <p>4. Prescott Cables Junior Football Club who was seeking £500.00 for 3 x foldable aluminium goals including carry bags.</p> <p>It was <b>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</b> to: <b>APPROVE</b> the application to a total value of £500.00.</p> <p>Cllr P. Goodwin rejoined the meeting.</p>

The meeting closed at 6:39 p.m.

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Signed:.....

Cllr Graham Wickens (~~Deputy~~ Mayor of Prescott)