

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **THURSDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER 2024** in **PRESCOT TOWN HALL**, commencing at **6.00P.M.**

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors J. Burke, M. Burke, P. Goodwin, T. Murray, I. Smith,
T. Smith, P. Shaw, M. Sommerfield, G. Wickens and F. Wynn.

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

A. Spencer (Town Clerk)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

No members of the public were in attendance.

<u>58.</u>	<u>TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Cllrs P. Cook and J. Edgar.
<u>59.</u>	<u>PUBLIC OPEN FORUM</u> No members of the public were in attendance.
<u>60.</u>	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Declarations of Interest were received from the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr M. Burke for Items 11 Planning Applications & 12 Planning Decisions• Cllr I. Smith for Items 11 Planning Applications & 12 Planning Decisions• Cllr F. Wynn for Item 11 Planning Applications
<u>61.</u>	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING</u> It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 25 th July 2024 be APPROVED AND SIGNED as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.
<u>62.</u>	<u>MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u> It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to NOTE minutes of Finance, Policy & HR Committee held on 12 th September 2024.



63.	<p><u>REPORT ON COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS DURING 2024/25</u></p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to NOTE progress against resolutions as presented in Appendix One to the report.</p>															
64.	<p><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER</u></p> <p>None.</p>															
65.	<p><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK</u></p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to NOTE announcements from the Town Clerk relating to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Termination of leases relating to Eaton Street Park and King George V Playing Fields (Brown’s Field) 															
66.	<p><u>REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AT CONFERENCES OR OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <p>None.</p>															
67.	<p><u>MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS</u></p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to NOTE the Mayoral Engagements listed.</p> <p>Cllrs M. Burke, I. Smith and F. Wynn left the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr G. Wickens assumed Chair of the meeting.</p>															
68.	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>The following Planning Applications were considered:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="292 1597 1318 1971"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application Ref</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>24/00371/FUL</td> <td>73 St Helens Road Prescot</td> <td>Members wished to pass comment upon how the applicant had consulted residents</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24/00391/FUL</td> <td>98 St James Road, Prescot</td> <td>No objections or comments</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24/00326/FUL</td> <td>10 Egerton Road, Prescot</td> <td>No objections or comments</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24/00463/FUL</td> <td>Millican’s Opticians, 29-31 Eccleston Street, Prescot</td> <td>No objections or comments</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Application Ref	Location	Comments	24/00371/FUL	73 St Helens Road Prescot	Members wished to pass comment upon how the applicant had consulted residents	24/00391/FUL	98 St James Road, Prescot	No objections or comments	24/00326/FUL	10 Egerton Road, Prescot	No objections or comments	24/00463/FUL	Millican’s Opticians, 29-31 Eccleston Street, Prescot	No objections or comments
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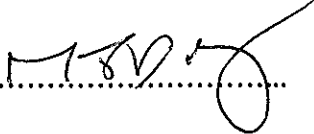
	<p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to INSTRUCT the Town Clerk:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure that at future meetings of Council, a laptop and projector is in place so that planning applications can be more accurately reviewed, and 2. To obtain quotations for projectors and screens so that conferencing facilities within the Council Chamber/Conference Room and Multi-Function room can be improved.
<p>69.</p>	<p><u>PLANNING DECISIONS</u></p> <p>No Planning Decisions were received.</p> <p>Cllrs M. Burke, I. Smith and F. Wynn rejoined the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr M. Burke resumed Chair of the meeting.</p>
<p>70.</p>	<p><u>FUNDING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unity Morris Dancers (now JK Stars) who were seeking £500.00 for the purchase of T-shirts, jackets and dress essentials to support training and performances. <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:</p> <p>REJECT the application given that the items for which funding was being requested was not in adherence with the revised Community Fund Policy and Guidance Notes, but that the Town Clerk supports the group if a further application is submitted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Glenbuck Juniors Football Club who were seeking £300.00 for the purchase of line marking equipment to support club training at Prescott Primary School. <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:</p> <p>APPROVE the application, and to INSTRUCT the Town Clerk to (within the community funding offer letter) seek clarification on how the club promotes itself and how Prescott Town Council could help promote the group further.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Prescott and Odyssey Cricket Club (Bowling Section) who were seeking £500.00 to fund repairs to the club's greens mower. <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:</p> <p>APPROVE the application, and to INSTRUCT the Town Clerk to (within the community funding offer letter) make the club aware that National Lottery Funding may be available to help with future repairs/the purchase of a new greens mower, and that Cllr J Burke was willing to provide guidance on how a funding bid could be drafted.</p> <p>In addition, that a place at the Prescott Carnival be offered to the club in order to promote it and increase membership numbers.</p>

71.	<p><u>PRESCOT CARNIVAL FEEDBACK REPORT</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk presented the Prescott Carnival Feedback Report as produced by the Deputy Town Clerk and previously reported to Events Committee in September 2024.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendations as detailed at paragraph 2.5 to the report.</p>
72.	<p><u>PRESCOT COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS 2024 FEEDBACK REPORT</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk presented the Prescott Community Recognition Awards 2024 Feedback Report as produced by the Deputy Town Clerk and previously reported to Events Committee in September 2024.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendations as detailed at paragraph 6.0 to the report.</p>
73.	<p><u>EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2023/24</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk confirmed that Council had received its 2023/24 External Audit Certificate confirming that the audit was complete and the right to public exercise commenced.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not levy a charge for the public right to exercise and 2. Note the contents of the report.
74.	<p><u>RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</u></p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to Exclude the Press and Public from the meeting by virtue of Standing Order 3D.</p>
75.	<p><u>UPDATE ON TERMINATION OF LEASES RELATING TO KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD (BROWN'S FIELD) AND EATON STREET PARK</u></p> <p>Members considered the report of the Town Clerk following a meeting he attended with Knowsley Council on 20th September 2024 regarding the reversion of Eaton Street Park and Brown's Field to Knowsley Council on 21st October 2024.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council accepted both sites would revert back to Knowsley Council on 21st October 2024 in their entirety, and that with regards to the former bowling green area within Eaton Street Park, that Council would not enter into a lease or community asset transfer with Knowsley Council. 2. That the Town Clerk continues to liaise with utility companies for each site with a view to stopping up utility supplies and/or transferring over to Knowsley Council.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. That the Town Clerk confirms the ownership of assets within the former bowling green area at the earliest opportunity4. That the Town Clerk contacts Knowsley Council requesting that they liaise with the Friends of Eaton Street Park and Park Pantry to determine their capacity under a community asset transfer; and if not possible, that Knowsley Council continues to support community groups regarding the payment of onsite utilities.5. To note the contents of the report. |
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The meeting closed at 7:35 p.m.

Dated: 31st October 2024

Signed:.....

Cllr Mark Burke (Mayor of Prescot)

