

# **PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of**

### **Preston Parish Council**

**held at the Preston Community Hall, Main Street, Preston**

**15 January 2024**

Present: Councillor W McLane in the Chair  
Councillors: J Dennis, S Gallant, S Steel, and C Williams  
Clerk: Kim Gray, Parish Clerk

010124. To Co-op new Members to Preston Parish Council

The Chair referred to the Co-option application received from Mr Charles Roberts. Mr Roberts spoke in support of his application and Members were given an opportunity to raise question; after which Members agreed to Co-opt Mr Roberts to Council.

020124. Apologies for Absence

All members present.

030124. Declaration of Interests

3.1 It was agreed that any declaration of interest be dealt with at the time the relevant item was discussed.

Cllr McLane declared a pecuniary interest in item 10 as a Preston Parish Council allotment holder.

3.2 There were no dispensations to be noted. None.

040124. Public Participation

The member of the public present had no comments.

050124. Confirming/Receiving the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Preston Parish Council held on 11 December 2023 were confirmed.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes were received and confirmed as a true record.

060124. Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The Clerk's report had previous been circulated.

6.1 Meld Energy Ltd Pre-Planning discussion – Meld Energy Ltd extended an invitation to meet with Council to discuss the forthcoming planning application; Members declined.

6.2 Yorkshire Energy Park Forum meeting– 17 January, Hedon Town Hall  
Noted

6.3 Draft Sustainable Transport SPD Update Consultation - Noted

070124. To approve payment schedule for January 2024

The Schedule previously circulated to Members, will form part of the Minutes.

**Resolved:** that the schedules of payments for January 2024, signed, in the sum of £6,142.69 was approved.

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080124. To receive an update on the financial position of the Council at 31 December 2023  
The Chair referred to the documents which had been previously circulated to all Councillors; the documents indicated the financial position of the Council as at 31 December 2023.

**Resolved:** that the schedules showing receipts/payments made during December were approved.

090124. Update on anticipated cash flow

**Resolved:** that the Council noted the updated cash flow.

100124. To review Parish Council Fees

Members considered the fees currently charged for cemetery services and after due consideration and comparison with other cemeteries in the area, provide by the Clerk, it was agreed that an increase of 10% on all cemetery fees would be applied from April 2024. Allotment fees were considered, and it was agreed to increase the rent to £18 per year as from April 2024.

**Resolved:** that the Council would increase cemetery fees by 10% from April 2024.

**Resolved:** that the Council would increase allotment rent to £18 per year from April 2024

110124. To consider budget and precept for 2024-25

Cllr Gallant referred Members to the draft budget circulated in December and also to the projected cash flow figure expected at the end of the financial year. In light of the fact that the reserves currently held by the Council are significantly below the advisable level for a Council of Preston's size, combined with the prospect of losing a significant proportion of future precept income when part of Preston South moves from Preston Parish Council to join Hedon Town Council, it was agreed to increase the 2024-25 precept by 30% to £56,000.

**Resolved:** that the Council would approve a precept of £56,000 for 2024-25, an increase of 30%.

120124. Planning Applications and Notice of Decisions

**12.1 23/03288 – Land East and South of Abbey House, Abbey Lane, Preston**

Erection of 9 detached dwelling with detached garages and associated access.

Members discussed this application and noted this was the second application for this development. It was noted that the Council objected to the first application and have concerns regarding the local flooding problems and the access and egress of traffic to the development. On the basis of these comments the Members agreed to object to this application.

**Resolved:** that the Council would object to this application on the grounds that there are local flooding problems and access and egress to development are a concern in conjunction with the previous objections to the earlier application.

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## **12.2 Notice of Decision – 23/03145 – Site of Froghall Farm, Wyton Road, Preston**

Variation of Condition 6 (render to external walls of the single storey section of the building ) of planning permission 22/04079/PLF (Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to forma dwelling with associated external and internal alterations including installation of roof lights, creation of a swimming pool, and erection of a wall to western boundary) to allow the use of fibre reinforced render to be applied and retained to Building D in the interest of preservation of the structural integrity to prevent the need for significant rebuilding and to preserve the form of the external openings contributing to the character of the setting and in accordance with the structural appraisal – REFUSED. NOTED.

## **12.3 Notice of Decision – 23/03133 – 17 Hunter Close, Preston**

Erection of a single storey extension to rear following demolition of existing conservatory. GRANTED. NOTED.

130124. Members' points of information and items for the next agenda

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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## PAYMENT SCHEDULE JANUARY 2024

| PAYEE           | DESCRIPTION                        | NET             | VAT           | GROSS           |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>JANUARY</b>  |                                    | £               | £             | £               |
| NEST            | Pension - January                  | 125.84          | -             | 125.84          |
|                 |                                    | £               | £             | £               |
| SALARY          | Salary - January                   | 4,002.88        | -             | 4,002.88        |
|                 |                                    | £               | £             | £               |
| HMRC            | PAYE/NI                            | 1,353.65        | -             | 1,353.65        |
|                 |                                    | £               | £             | £               |
| K Gray          | Reimbursement - printer cartridige | 29.91           | 5.98          | 35.89           |
|                 |                                    | £               | £             | £               |
| KCOM            | Telephone & Broadband - January    | 49.99           | 9.99          | 59.98           |
|                 |                                    | £               | £             | £               |
| KCOM            | Telephone & Broadband - December   | 49.99           | 9.99          | 59.98           |
|                 |                                    | £               | £             | £               |
| Business Stream | Water - Cemetery                   | 13.67           | -             | 13.67           |
|                 |                                    | £               | £             | £               |
| ERYC            | Replacement salt bin               | 409.00          | 81.80         | 490.80          |
|                 |                                    | £               | £             | £               |
|                 |                                    | <b>6,034.93</b> | <b>107.76</b> | <b>6,142.69</b> |