

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Town Council held
on 12th April 2016 at 7pm
at St. Anne's Palace, 18 Garden Street, St. Anne's on the Sea, FY8 2AA

Present:	Councillors	V Settle C Akeroyd B Bridgwater A Jacques C Lanyon C Little E Nash G Neale V Willder	Chairman
	Officers	S Taylor S Dunn	Town Clerk Community Development Manager
	Members of the Public		3

080/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ford and Councillor Henshaw.

At this point in the meeting a minute's silence was held for Mr David Wood, who died very recently. David Wood was passionate about St. Anne's and was one of the Town Council's most ardent supporters.

081/16 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – INFORMATION ONLY

The Mayor detailed events that he had attended, including;

- 05/02/2016 - The Golden Jubilee Festival at St Margaret's Church
- 09/02/2016 - Annual Debate discussing 'The Dissolution of the Church of England' – the motion was lost. This event was held at St Margaret's Church
- 18/03/2016 - Opening of the new buildings at Heyhouses School
- 24/03/2016- Maundy Thursday service at St Margaret's Church. In place of actual silver coins, 12 nominated children representing the 12 disciples were presented with chocolate coins.

The Town Mayor requested that in support of Mr David Wood who had presented a book and a clock to the Town Council commemorating the Flying Scotsman, that the Town Council consider funding a Blue Plaque on St. Anne's Parish Church. This would be to commemorate that Sir Nigel Gresley who designed the A1 pacific, Flying Scotsman, had married Miss Ethel Frances Fullagar (who lived in St. Anne's), on 17th October 1901 at St. Anne's Parish Church. The Council fully supported this suggestion.

RECOMMENDATION That consideration be given to the funding of a Blue Plaque commemorating Sir Nigel Gresley's marriage to Ethel Frances Fullagar that took place at St. Anne's Parish Church on 17th October 1901.

082/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 26th January 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed accordingly.

083/16 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Policy and Resources Committee 19 th January 2016	Appendix B
Planning and Environment Committee 21 st January 2016	Appendix C
Leisure and Community Committee 15 th February 2016	Appendix D
Planning and Environment Committee 18 th February 2016	Appendix E
Policy and Resources Committee 15 th March 2016	Appendix F
Planning and Environment Committee 17 th March 2016	Appendix G

RESOLVED That the minutes of the above Committees be noted.

084/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned at this point to allow for public participation.

Members of the public raised the following items:

- The threat of flooding to 552 dwellings within Lytham and St. Anne's
- The increased frequency that the land pump was being used at Dock Road
- The pressure from statutory organisations such as Natural England and the Marine Agency to protect wildlife over protection of people's homes being flooded
- That if climate change was not addressed, that a further 1900 homes were under threat of flooding within the area
- The sadness at Mr David Wood's recent passing

The meeting then re-convened.

085/16 ACCOUNTS

It was noted that the reporting of payments was now only for amounts over £300, as detailed within the 'Additional Financial Procedure for all Town Council Payments' agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee on 15th March 2016.

RESOLVED That the schedule of accounts for payment in the sum of £33,861.82 be approved.

086/16 ST. ANNE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Town Clerk updated the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, as follows;

- That the formal consultation stage undertaken by Fylde Council had ended on 24th March 2016
- There had been 28 responses, the majority had supported the Plan
- Developers had opposed the Plan for various reasons, including that there were no housing allocations (this had been decision made by the Council at the beginning of the process)
- Fylde Council had opposed the LGS designated in the Plan
- The independent examiner had been appointed, Mr John Slater who had been examiner for seven other Neighbourhood Plans and had local connections with the Fylde area
- There was no time scale for the examination process
- The examiner had already requested further information regarding the Plan
- It was anticipated that the Plan would go out for referendum in July 2016 (at the earliest)

The Town Clerk reported that the Bryning-with-Warton Neighbourhood Plan had just completed the examination process; the examiner had removed the housing element of their Plan.

RESOLVED That the progress on St. Anne's Neighbourhood Development Plan be noted and all actions agreed and supported.

087/17 ST. ANNE'S LIBRARY

The Chairman reported that a recent meeting had been held to discuss the impact and implications of the potential closure of St. Anne's Library. He added that County Councillor Peter Buckley was leading on the campaign against the potential closure.

The Town Clerk reported that an 'Expression of Interest' had been submitted from the Town Council in both the Library and the Library Building. It was hoped that running costs would be received so that this subject could be discussed at a future Policy and Resources Committee.

Sarah Dunn, Community Development Manager reported that there was resistance from the library management to have any literature publicising the current review and potential closure. The Council agreed with her request that the potential closure of the Library should be publicised in the Town Council Newsletter that would be distributed early June 2016.

All Town Councillors were requested to sign the online petition against closure of St. Anne's Library, which could be found at <http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgepetitionlistdisplay.aspx?bcr=1>. In addition, all Councillors were asked to support any publicity highlighting that St. Anne's Library was under threat of closure.

RESOLVED That all actions to prevent the closure of St. Anne's Library and the building as a public building, be agreed, approved and supported.

088/16 ST. ANNE'S ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Nash updated the Council on the partnership, including the following points;

- The partnership was going from strength to strength, 16 businesses/traders attended the most recent meeting of the core group
- Councillor Nash had stepped down as Vice Chairman to enable a local business/trader to take the position and to demonstrate that the group was independent from the Council
- The open meeting was scheduled for Monday 23rd May 2016 to be held at St. Anne's Palace, which would include a membership drive
- There were now seven sub groups within the partnership
- The partnership was holding a Food Fayre from 4th – 21st August 2016 within St. Anne's, 12-14th August for Food Festival weekend

It was reported that the STEP had benefited from Mr Treece-Birch's hours being increased to 30 hours, he was providing excellent support to develop the partnership.

RESOLVED That the progress on St. Anne's Enterprise Partnership be noted and all actions agreed and supported.

089/16 BUDGETARY REPORT

The Town Clerk discussed the Budgetary Report (receipts and payments) for the year ending 31st March 2016. It was noted that these reports would be included in the Internal Audit process on 13th May 2016.

RESOLVED To note the report.

090/16 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2015/16 – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Town Clerk presented the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2015/2016 for approval. The Receipts and Payments Schedule including the Balance Sheet, Bank Balances, Reserves and Asset Register were also presented.

- RESOLVED** a) That the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) 2015/16 be approved
 b) That the Accounting Statements (Section 2) for 2015/16 be approved
 c) That the Receipts and Payments Schedule be noted

091/16 TOWN COUNCIL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS - REVIEW

The Town Clerk advised that due to the recently approved 'Additional Financial Procedure for all Town Council Payments', the full review of the Town Council's Financial Regulations had been brought forward from the originally scheduled date, September 2016. It was noted that the most recent approved NALC template had be used for the review.

RESOLVED To agree and adopt the updated Town Council Financial Regulations.

092/16 MEMBERS REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY

Councillor Nash reported that the next stage of the town centre improvement scheme was scheduled to start in May/June of 2016; in St Andrews Road South. He advised the meeting on the importance of signing the petition on the reduction of the 2A bus service, this could be found at <http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgepetitionlistdisplay.aspx?bcr=1>.

Councillor Nash reminded the Council that Armed Forces Day was being held on Sunday 26th June 2016 in Ashton Gardens. It was planned to be a larger event which included a parade.

Councillor Jacques advised that St Annes Carnival would take place on the 9th and 10th July 2016 and a related article would be in the next Town Council Newsletter distributed late May/early June.

Councillor Little raised concerns at the terrible state of local roads and the many pot holes that motorists were have to navigate around. The lack of maintenance undertaken by Lancashire County Council was discussed by the Council.

093/16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Council Meeting would be held on **Tuesday 24th May 2016, commencing 7pm at St. Anne's Palace, 18 Garden Street, St. Anne's on the Sea, FY8 2AA.**

The meeting finished at 8.21pm.

Signed.....

Chairman
24th May 2016

St Annes on the Sea Town Council**PAYMENTS LIST VOUCHERS UP TO 396 on cash book****Report 16.01.16 - 31.03.16**

<u>Voucher</u>	<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
317	1800	152	Shepherd Road Allotment Society	Shepherd Rd - Insurance	302.00
336	1806	155	Keith Reed Limited	Neighbourhood Plan	£1,299.66
337	1807	30	Fylde Borough Council	Rent	£1,625.00
348	1817	155	DR Design	Neighbourhood Plan	£356.65
350	1819	57	LALC	Subscriptions	£1,976.89
351	1820	112	Blackpool Council	Christmas Lights	£20,500.00
361	CCard	160	PC World	IT Warranties	£374.17
364	1822	155	K Keeley	Neighbourhood Plan	£667.00
373	1828	111	Hampshire Flag Company	Bunting	£2,472.50
374	1829	115	Glasdons UK Ltd	Planters	£460.95
385	1837	138	Newton & Newton Ltd	Town Flags	£920.00
387	1839	55	Came and Company	Town Council insurance	£1,865.33
390	1842	94	Clayton Jewellers Ltd	Deputy Mayor Chains - refurbishment	£625.00
391	1842	94	Clayton Jewellers Ltd	Purchase of Deputy Mayors Chains	£416.67
				Total	£33,861.82

Signed.....

Chairman
24th May 2016