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Full Council Meeting, 20th July 2026 Minutes

Chairman; Councillor Perkins

Councillors present: Allan, Dickinson, Hesketh, Hodgson, Kelly and Perkins.

Also present: Town Clerk, Edwina Parry, Wyre Councillors Dulcie Atkins and Robert Atkins, County Councillor James Tomlinson, and 19 members of the public that included a representative from the Garstang4Business group.

034(2026-27) Apologies for absence

Councillors Atkinson, Brooks, Halford, Pearson and Webster.

Wyre Councillor Collinson and PCSO Creighton (arrived later)

035(2026-27) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

There were no Declarations of Interest declared or requests for dispensations.

036(2026-27) Public participation

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.

A summary is provided below.

Wyre Councillor Robert Atkins reported:

- i) Residents in the Wyre Council area will, from April 2028, be served by a new authority which will also cover Blackpool and Fylde. This will affect elections in May 2027, and the new boundaries will need to be worked out.
- ii) He advised that food waste collection is progressing well. In September, LCC will be using the waste for compost. One Councillor commented that the plastic food bags are too thin.

Wyre Councillor Dulcie Atkins reported:

- i) Planning matters: strong collaborative arrangements are already in place with Fylde Council. The constitution will need to be amended to reflect the Local Government Reorganisation.

County Councillor James Tomlinson reported:

- i) Reorganisation: He advised that LCC was not in favour of the proposed model. He raised concerns about the transfer of Blackpool's debt. He also commented that there were likely to be 18 months of challenge ahead and that the proposal appeared to go against the wishes of residents who had indicated that they wanted the status quo to remain, which he considered undemocratic.

- ii) Bellflower junction: He had been pressing for safety measures at the junction. Although no fatalities had occurred, no action had yet been taken. He advised that Section 106 monies may become available once released from the development. He had opened up a case about the resident concerns, arising from the Council surgery; he was due a response on Monday 27 July.

At this point of the meeting, several residents spoke about their concerns relating to agenda items 9 and 10; Parkside Lane being used other than for access only, and whether there were any plans to reduce the speed limit on the A6. County Councillor Tomlinson advised that the full length of the road was being considered and that he had contacted the police and that the matter remained at the top of his agenda.

The meeting was reconvened and the Council agreed to bring items 9 and 10 forward. The Mayor explained the matters raised falls outside the responsibilities of Garstang Town Council; the appropriate authority is Lancashire County Council. The Mayor advised members of the public to speak with County Councillor Tomlinson, in the main library, so that they could raise their concerns directly with him and that he would be able to listen and take action.

037(2026-27) A6 Corridor Review Through Garstang, Councillor Kelly

Resolved: That Garstang Town Council requests Lancashire County Council to undertake a review of the A6 corridor through Garstang, from the Greenhow Drive development in the south to the Nateby Crossing development in the north, with consideration given to reducing the existing speed limit to improve road safety, pedestrian safety and the town environment.

038(2026-27) Experimental Traffic Regulation Order on Parkside Lane and Green Lane, Councillor Kelly

Resolved: That Garstang Town Council requests Lancashire County Council to urgently investigate whether an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order is an appropriate mechanism to trial traffic restrictions on Parkside Lane and Green Lane, including but not limited to a one-way system, a restriction on through traffic, or other suitable measures following technical assessment.

039(2026-27) Announcements

The Mayor reported that she had attended all sorts of engagements. She was not writing a Mayor's blog and instead would be reporting monthly in the Green Focus magazine, which in turn would be published on the web site and Facebook.

040(2026-27) Minutes of the last meetings

Councillors were asked to approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2026.

Resolved: The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15 June 2026 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

041(2026-27) Finance payments, Clerk/RFO

Councillors were asked to approve the payments, detailed vouchers 60 – 69, in the Appendix.

Resolved: Councillors approved the payment voucher numbers 60 – 69, as detailed in the Appendix. The Council noted that with reference to Standing Order 17.c, Accounts and Accounting Statements the Responsible Financial Officer had delayed circulating the statement because the pension figures have not yet been reconciled; advice was being awaited from Morecambe Town Council.

042(2026-27) Wyre Council Planning, Clerk

a) Application Number: 26/00520/FUL

Proposal: Proposed dormers to the front and rear elevations, alterations to side elevation entrance, formation of new main entrance to the front elevation.

Location: 22 Sycamore Avenue, Garstang, PR3 1FR

Resolved: No objections

043(2026-27) Poppy trail ties for Poppies in the town, Councillor Perkins– for decision

The Council discussed Mr Brewin's request for the purchase of 1,000 cable ties, at a cost of £160, to support the town's poppy trail in the lead-up to Remembrance Sunday. The extent of the poppy trail was considered, and the Council was of the opinion that the poppies should line the streets along the procession route, including Bridge Street.

Resolved: That the Mayor and the Clerk meet with David Brewin to discuss the poppy trail and how its impact can be maximised. The findings are to be shared with Councillor Allan and brought back to the August meeting with an updated proposal.

Council agreed to adjourn the meeting to allow PCSO Creighton to speak (she had just arrived).

PCSO Creighton reported that there had been no anti-social behaviour reports. She referred to an incident involving an adult in the river and advised that the police were looking into concerns relating to Bellflower junction.

The Mayor invited police representatives to attend the Memory café's canal outing on 19/20th August.

044(2026-27) Natter at Navarro's, Councillors Dickinson and Perkins & Clerk

Further to minute 024(2026/17), the Council noted that the Town Trust had approved the Natter at Navarro's initiative to proceed. It was also noted that a safeguarding policy would be presented for approval at Full Council on 17 August 2026.

Resolved: That authority be delegated to the Clerk to progress the initiative, in consultation with Councillors Dickinson and Perkins. Councillor Hodgson also wished to be involved in the project. The Council further resolved that

expenditure of up to £500 be allocated from the EMR Community Engagement cost code.

045(2026-27) Greater Garstang Partnership Board, Councillor Pearson

Councillor Allan gave an update. The last meeting was held on 14 July 2026. There was a shared commitment among partner organisations to work collaboratively in promoting and marketing Garstang. The blue plaque project had been completed.

The notice boards were also discussed, and the Garstang4Business representative outlined proposals for the boards that had been developed in conjunction with the Heritage Society. The Council responded that any proposals for the notice boards should be referred to the Town Council (they owned the notice boards).

046(2026-27) Items for next Council monthly agenda

Councillors are asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda and 'Report of other representatives and projects' for the meeting of the Town Council on **17 August 2026** by notifying the Clerk by **9 August 2026**. The item should specify the business which it is proposed to transact in such a way that the member who receives it can identify the matters which he will be expected to discuss i.e. it needs to specify either what the proposal is and that a decision is required or whether the item is for information only.

The Clerk has produced an [agenda item template](#) to assist Councillors collate their agenda item. The template can be found on Teams – Full Council.

The Meeting Finished at: 8.16pm

047(2026-27) Clerk's Report

a) UK Town of Culture 2028

The Town council has been informed that unfortunately, on this occasion, your application has not been selected for the shortlist. The Clerk contacted Wyre Council with the following: I would like to thank you all for your support in submitting the application. The process provided a great opportunity to showcase Garstang and highlighted the strength of our community and local partnerships.

048(2026-27) Councillor Report

Council surgery held on 11 July 2026, Councillor Kelly

The surgery was attended by Councillors Kelly, Perkins and Webster. County Councillor James Tomlinson was also present.

A resident of Barnacre with Bonds raised a question, which Councillor Webster referred to County Councillor Tomlinson.

Two further residents raised separate concerns relating to traffic issues around the Bellflower crossroads:

- i) Parkside Lane: concerns about vehicles ignoring the "access only" signs, dangerous driving and two potentially fatal incidents involving children.
- ii) Green Lane / Diamond Row: similar concerns about speeding traffic and dangerous driving by motorists seeking to avoid congestion at the crossroads.

County Councillor Tomlinson has raised the matter with the police and is pursuing it with the relevant agencies, with a view to traffic lights being installed using Section 106 funding.

049(2026-27) Outside body representatives

None.

050(2026-27) Mayor's engagements

Date	Event
14 June 2026	Fire Station Open Day
16 June 2026	G4B Inaugural Meeting
18 June 2026	Garstang Gym Supporting Cycle Fundraiser
18 June 2026	St Thomas' Mothers' Union Victorian Afternoon Tea
20 June 2026	Classic Car Meet & St Michael's Gala
21 June 2026	Makers Market
24 June 2026	Cornmill Strawberries and Fizz
24 June 2026	Rotary 200 Club Dinner
25 June 2026	Flag Raising
28 June 2026	Charity Art Preview
28 June 2026	Sports Club Presentation of Scarecrow Festival Prizes
29 June 2026	Exhibition by Garstang Partnership
2 July 2026	CRY Coffee Morning
4 July 2026	St Thomas' Church Fayre
11 July 2026	Elswick Singers Concert
12 July 2026	Garstang Musical Productions Play

Appendix

1) Item 6: Finance payments

Voucher No	Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier	Bank
78	20/07/2026	£250.00	£-	£250.00	Internal Audit Report	ATEECO Specialist Services for Parish & Town Councils	Unity Trust Bank
71	20/07/2026	£53.00	£10.60	£63.60	Tyre	Red Rose Tyres Ltd	Unity Trust Bank
70	20/07/2026	£37.88	£-	£37.88	Electricity bill Scout Hut	Scout & Guide Management Committee	Unity Trust Bank
69	20/07/2026	£35.00	£-	£35.00	Training	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	Unity Trust Bank
67	20/07/2026	£6.67	£1.33	£8.00	Office Remote Wi-Fi	ID mobile	Unity Trust Bank
66	20/07/2026	£25.30	£5.06	£30.36	Monthly Management Fee	Easy Web Sites Ltd	Unity Trust Bank
65	20/07/2026	£1,248.63	£-	£1,248.63	Pension	Lancashire County Council	Royal Bank of Scotland
64	20/07/2026	£32.46	£6.49	£38.95	Mobile phone	Vodafone	Unity Trust Bank
63	20/07/2026	£4,780.76	£-	£4,780.76	P30	HM Revenue & Customs	Unity Trust Bank
62	20/07/2026	£7.60	£1.52	£9.12	Materials	C&C Supplies Collinson Ltd	Unity Trust Bank
60, 61 & 68	20/07/2026	£5,106.24		£5,106.24	Staff salaries	Salaries to be paid electronically on 24/07/2026. Clerk: LC2 range SCP 19- 32, 'National Agreement on Salaries and Conditions of service of Local Council Clerks Wales 2004.Lengthsman NJC salary range 19-23. Assistant Lengthsman SCP 4	Unity Trust Bank