

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 16 JULY 2018**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Councillor Pam Dowson, in the Chair;
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stewart Fletcher
Councillors: Ian Brown, Maureen Fenton, Kerry Fletcher, Mary Robinson,
Paul Robinson, Cathy Holmes, Town Clerk

24.18 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence, together with reasons, had been received from Councillors Mark French, Allan Knox and Sue Knox.

25.18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

26.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

27.18 MINUTES.

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 22 May 2018 were proposed and seconded as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

28.18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 22 June 2018, 29 June, 06 July and 13 July 2018.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications :-
3/2018/0236, 0382, 0450, 0471, 0495, 0524, 0531, 0538, 0540, 0551, 0562, 0573, 0593
- (2) That Ribble Valley Borough Council be informed that the Town Council objects to application 3/2018/0565 on the grounds of the excessive height of the proposed fence, it would be aesthetically displeasing and there are concerns about possible encroachment onto the pavement at a narrow part of the adjacent road which could create safety issues for pedestrians.

29.18 CHANGES TO BANK MANDATE 2018/19

The Town Clerk advised that the procedure to add the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Stewart Fletcher, to the mandate had been successful and that the former Mayor, Cllr Fenton, had been removed from the mandate as part of that same process.

30.18 ACCOUNTS PAID JUNE 2018

The Town Clerk submitted details of the accounts paid to date in June 2018 for approval.

RESOLVED:

THAT the accounts paid in June 2018 be approved.

31.18 PARISH LENGTHSMAN'S REPORTS

The Parish Lengthsman's General Report, Play Areas Report and Allotments' Report for June 2018 were considered.

The Town Clerk confirmed that remedial work on the Hayhurst St allotment site had been well-received by allotment holders.

The Town Clerk further advised that she had visited all the allotment sites and the play areas with the lengthsman the previous week, which had proved to be a useful exercise.

32.18 TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Town Clerk advised that the website required a complete overhaul and needed to be kept up-to-date as residents were using incorrect information derived from the site. The Town Clerk advised that she had received some basic website training and that if the site was modernised using the same system she would be able to update it as appropriate. The initial overhaul of the site would need to be carried out by a website developer.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Clerk arrange for an overhaul of the website in conjunction with an appropriate website developer.

The meeting finished at 7.40pm

Signed

Chairman