

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2017**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Councillor Maureen Fenton, in the Chair;
Councillors Mark French, Allan Knox, Susan Knox, Mary Robinson
Cathy Holmes, Town Clerk

23.17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence, together with reasons, had been received from Councillors Ian Brown, Pam Dowson, Kerry Fletcher, Stewart Fletcher and Paul Robinson

24.17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There was no public participation.

25.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest.

26.17 MINUTES.

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 17 July 2017 were proposed and seconded as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

27.17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 08, 15 and 22 September 2017.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications :-
3/2017/0639; 0832; 0586; 0480; 0509; 0557; 0680; 0634; 0852
- (2) That an objection be raised to application 3/2017/0774 on the grounds of highway safety due to the site of the exit onto the highway being considered dangerous.

28.17 TOWN HALL BUILDING

The report of the Town Clerk on the problems regarding ingress of water into the Town Hall attic was considered. It was noted that if the current problems were not addressed more serious and potentially expensive repairs would ultimately be required.

RESOLVED:

That three quotations for potential repairs to the Town Hall roof be obtained.

29.17 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS - PARADES

The report of the Town Clerk on the new requirement to employ a traffic management company for procession type events on the highway was considered. It was noted that the police would continue to support Remembrance Day parades. The costs employing a traffic management company were noted and it was agreed would need to be factored into the budget of both Mayor-making and Civic Sunday in 2018.

RESOLVED:

That the costs and format of traffic management companies be investigated further but estimated costs noted for future budgetary purposes.

30.17 ACCOUNT BALANCES AND ACCOUNTS PAID SEPTEMBER 2017 (to date)

The Town Clerk submitted details of the accounts paid to date in September 2017 for approval.

RESOLVED:

THAT the accounts paid to date in September 2017 be approved.

31.17 PARISH LENGTHSMAN'S REPORTS

The Parish Lengthsman's General Report and Allotments' Report for September 2017 were considered.

It was noted that there had been some anti-social behaviour issues at the Whalley Road allotments of which the police were aware. A site meeting had been arranged with a representative of Beck Homes to discuss the boundary line at Whalley Road.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the Allotments Manager had been asked to investigate the costs of replacement fence posts at West View.

32.17 REVISED ESTIMATES 2017/18 AND ESTIMATES 2018/19

The Town Clerk advised that the revised estimates for 2017/18 and the estimates for 2018/19 were undergoing preparation. It was agreed that the Estimates Committee should meet at the conclusion of the Council meeting on 23 October 2017.

The meeting finished at 7.45pm

Signed

Chairman