

## **CLITHEROE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 07 September 2020**

**PRESENT:- The Town Mayor, Councillor Stewart Fletcher, in the Chair  
Councillors Ian Brown, Mark French, Jonathan Hill, Allan Knox, Sue Knox,  
Mary Robinson, Donna O'Rourke, Jenni Schumann and the Town Clerk**

### **20.20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Cllr Simon O'Rourke**

### **21.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**There was no public participation.**

### **22.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**None**

### **23.20 MINUTES**

**The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15 June 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.**

### **24.20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 07, 14, 21 and 28 August 2020.**

### **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:-  
3/0561, 0562, 0571, 0587, 0593, 0623 and 0627.**
  
- (2) That Ribble Valley BC be advised that the Town Council wishes to voice a concern over application 3/2020/1103 as regards the Public Right of Way 3-1FP 6a. This path runs as a link between 3-1-FP5 and 3-1-FP8. It is temporarily closed and the plans for this application appear to show the blocking and closing of this path which the Town Council objects to. It may seem that this small link is covered by surrounding PROW but it is the only link between Up Brooks and the Salthill Quarry paths which is important and should not be overlooked. It may be argued that it will be replaced by access through the**

industrial park but such a walk over tarmac is not a substitute for a country path. If the application is to be approved the Town Council requests that it be made a condition that the footpath is retained.

- (3) That Ribble Valley BC be advised that the Town Council wishes to object to application 3/2020/0601. The first objection is on the grounds of sustainability as the development is at a considerable distance from the town centre so will not be walkable for many people. The second objection is on the grounds of highway safety/problems as it is submitted that further development off Pendle Road will lead to an increase in the density of traffic on an already busy road. The third objection is that the application makes insufficient provision for affordable housing which is very much needed in Clitheroe at present rather than more market value housing. The Town Council also wishes to voice its concern regarding the PROWs which traverses the site and requests that these must be maintained.
  
- (4) That Ribble Valley BC be advised that the Town Council, whilst supportive of the establishment of a business, wishes to object to application 3/2020/0603 on the grounds of insufficient parking provision for a fitness centre/gym at this location. The site has a small car park of its own but is adjoined by a veterinary surgery with its own parking spaces/requirements, is located near a primary school which generates additional traffic/parking at drop-off/pick-up times and there is also on-street parking by nearby residents. If the application was to be approved the Town Council would like conditions regarding sound-proofing and the opening of doors/windows to be imposed to prevent potential noise nuisance to nearby residents.

#### **25.20 ACCOUNTS PAID JULY AND AUGUST 2020**

**The Town Clerk submitted details of the accounts paid in July and August 2020 for approval. It was noted that the entire annual donation to RV CAB had been paid in July 2020. Expenditure on allotments was noted and it was requested that the situation regarding the water bill for Hayhurst St allotments be investigated.**

#### **26.20 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2020**

**The Clerk advised of discussions with both Ribble Valley police and Rev Andy Froud about Remembrance Sunday on 08 November 2020. It was agreed that a sub-committee of the Council Leader, Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk be formed to discuss the arrangements to be made for this year's commemorations which, it was accepted, would need to be different to those of previous years. It was agreed that the commemorations would need to be much reduced in size and could not involve any parades or mass gatherings. It was noted that communication with residents as to the arrangements would need to be clearly made by both social and conventional media.**

**RESOLVED: THAT a sub-committee be formed to further progress the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday 2020.**

**27.20 PARISH LENGTHSMAN'S REPORT**

**Members received reports detailing the work undertaken by the Parish Lengthsman during August 2020. It was confirmed that the lengthsman was, in conjunction with RVBC, investigating the position regarding responsibility for footpaths in Clitheroe and the subject would be on the Agenda at a subsequent meeting. The Allotments' Report was noted.**

**The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.**

**Signed: .....**  
**Chair**