

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 09 DECEMBER 2019**

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

46.19 APOLOGIES
None

47.19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
There was no public participation.

48.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There was no declaration of interest.

49.19 MINUTES
The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 15 July 2019 were proposed and seconded as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

50.19 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS
Details of official duties undertaken by the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor since the last Town Council meeting were submitted for information.

51.19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS
Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 22 November, 29 November and 06 December 2019.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:-
3/2019/0800, 0946, 1018, 1026 1037 and 1054.**
- (2) That Ribble Valley Borough Council be advised that the Town Council wishes to express its objections to 3/2019/1087, a variation of condition, as it does not see a reason for the variation which, if allowed, could lead to further traffic congestion at school drop off time as St James' school is close to the site and there are already traffic issues at that time.**

52.19 WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY REGULATIONS

A report of the Town Clerk regarding the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018 was considered. It was noted that websites needed to be compliant by September 2020. It was further noted that a level of technical expertise was required in order to undertake the necessary checks. It was also reported that Ribble Valley BC were looking into assisting smaller parishes with the necessary checks and any work required to make websites compliant.

RESOLVED: THAT the Town Council await further advice from Ribble Valley BC before taking any further action.

53.19 ACCOUNTS PAID IN NOVEMBER 2019

The Town Clerk submitted details of the accounts paid in November 2019 for approval. It was noted that there had been two donations – to the Snow Moon festival and to the Scooter Rally. The invoice for Remembrance Sunday traffic management had also been paid as had the annual service charges for the stair lift and fire extinguishers.

RESOLVED: THAT the accounts paid in November 2019 be approved.

54.19 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

i) For the Valley Presents

A request for financial assistance was tabled from For the Valley who required funds for an outdoor Christmas market to be held in Clitheroe in December 2019, the proceeds from which would go towards the Ribble Valley Food Bank. It was agreed that as the Town Council already made a sizeable donation directly to the Food Bank it would not be appropriate to make a further contribution when there were other organisations supporting different causes also asking for funding.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Town Council does not support this application for funding and the applicant be directed towards other organisations in the town which may be able to offer support.

The meeting concluded at 7.28 pm

..... Signed
Chair

