

CLITHEROE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 13 January 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**

01.20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Simon O'Rourke

02.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

03.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Jenni Schumann declared an interest in Agenda Item 10, Application for Financial Assistance.

04.20 MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 18 November 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

05.20 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. The Town Mayor reported that it had been another busy month for engagements due to attendance at various Christmas events and the Christmas residential home visits.

06.20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ending 20 December 2019 and 10 January 2020.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That no objections be raised to the following applications:-
3/2019/1090, 1095 & 1135.**

2. That Ribble Valley Borough Council be informed that the Town Council wishes to object to application 3/2019/1104 on the grounds of highway safety on the following grounds:
- a) The Town Council notes that in July 2018 RVBC's Planning Committee chose 3 sites in Clitheroe, one of which was Hawthorne Place, for the 'Additional Housing Land Allocations.' This was to be part of the NPPF buffer over and above the 5-year land supply. It was suggested the site could take around 40 dwellings but this application puts the figure at 58.
- b) The Town Council notes that, according to the County's Highways Engineer:
- The garage dimensions fall below the accepted 6m x 3m minimum dimensions and therefore cannot be considered as bona fide parking spaces. This being the case, the parking provision would fall below expectations.
 - Driveway parking spaces should be of adequate length to avoid vehicles overhanging the footway and wide enough to allow pedestrians (wheelchairs and pushchairs included) to gain access to the front door. Advice on parking space width is a width of 2.6m – 3.2m depending on layout.
 - The Town Council also notes that the size of the affordable houses is below recommended standards.

Combining these three issues the Town Council therefore objects to the development on grounds of density.

Furthermore, the Town Council notes that the Transport Statement was written in October 2018 and therefore considers this to be out of date. The Town Council thinks that, due to the ongoing development in the Waddington Road area and Clitheroe in general, the Highways impact of the development can only properly assessed with an up to date Transport Statement with a traffic survey carried out on a day when local schools are open.

Finally, if Planning Committee is minded to approve the application, the Town Council would respectfully ask for a condition that helped alleviate flooding under Waddington Road bridge: likewise, one that saw the adoption of the stretch of road from Milton Avenue past Cowper Avenue and underneath the middle railway bridge; that wheel washes are used for all vehicles leaving the site and that the developer makes good any damage to Hawthorne Place and surrounding roads by construction traffic.

07.20 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2019

The Town Clerk summarised matters regarding Christmas lighting in 2019. The total numbers of small trees were reported and totals were essentially the same as 2018. Minor damage to one of the larger trees was noted but this had been rectified and had not recurred. The netting on the Christmas crib had been damaged on more than one occasion and figures removed. Various suggestions as to how to protect the nativity scene in 2020 were discussed and would be explored. It was reported that several incidences of vandalism had occurred throughout the town over the Christmas period and it was suggested that a member of the police be invited to attend the Town Hall to discuss the

matter further. It was suggested that Hansons and other larger companies based in the town be approached to see if they could store the crib structure during the year.

RESOLVED: THAT the suggestions made to protect the nativity scene in 2020 be explored further throughout the year

08.20 FORMAL COMPLAINT TO RVBC ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Town Clerk provided a summary of a formal complaint received by RVBC Environmental Health regarding noisy cockerels on the West View allotment site. The Town Clerk explained what the Town Council was doing to investigate and hopefully resolve the issue. The Town Clerk confirmed that RVBC had been kept informed of what steps the Town Council was taking. It was noted that there had been no other complaints regarding this issue that the Town Council was aware of.

09.20 ACCOUNTS PAID DECEMBER 2019

The Town Clerk submitted details of the accounts paid in December 2019 for approval. It was noted that the hot water heaters downstairs in the Town Hall had finally been installed after difficulties in obtaining a plumber.

RESOLVED:

10.20 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

i) Ribble Valley Jazz & Blues

The Town Clerk submitted details of an application for financial assistance from Ribble Valley Jazz & Blues who were requesting £500.00 towards the costs of their annual festival. It was noted that, as Ribble Valley Jazz & Blues were on the schedule to receive an annual donation, they should not be required to submit a formal application form.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Town Council contributes the sum of £500.00 to Ribble Valley Jazz & Blues.

The meeting closed at 7.57 pm.

Signed:
Chair