

CLITHEROE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 15 November 2021
In the Council Chamber, Clitheroe Town Hall**

**PRESENT:- The Town Mayor, Councillor Simon O'Rourke, in the Chair
Councillors Ian Brown, Kerry Fletcher, Stewart Fletcher, Mark French,
Gaynor Hibbert, Jonathan Hill, Donna O'Rourke, Mary Robinson,
Town Clerk**

(Prior to the meeting there was a discussion about local policing matters with Sgt Kev Day of Ribble Valley Police)

56.21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Jenni Schumann

57.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

58.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

59.21 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2021 were approved and signed.

60.21 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Mayor updated the meeting on his engagements since the previous Council meeting.

61.21 ESTIMATES 2021/22 AND DRAFT ESTIMATES 2022/23 PRECEPT 2022/23

Members considered the recommendations from the Estimates Committee held on 18 October 2021 in relation to the Revised Estimates 2021/22, the Draft Estimates 2022/23 and the Precept for 2022/23.

After due discussion it was agreed the precept for 2022/23 be raised to £120,825.52.

RESOLVED:

That the level of Precept for 2022/23 be agreed as £120,825.52.

62.21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 22 and 29 October 2021 and 05 and 12 November 2021.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:-
3/2021/0497, 0960, 1044, 1051, 1052, 1061, 1129.
- (2) That Ribble Valley Borough Council be made aware of the Town Council's concerns regarding 3/2021/1028 in that the replacement windows and external redecoration needs to be in keeping with expectations for the conservation area.

63.21 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2021/PAUSE TO REMEMBER 2021

The Town Clerk advised that the Remembrance Sunday commemorations had been well supported and arrangements seemed to have worked well. There had been no problems with sound quality nor with restrictions on attendance at St Mary's Church. The live-streaming by Gregor's had been well-received and there had been over 400 views so far.

There had also been a good attendance at the Pause to Remember at the Castle Gates on 11 November.

64.21 SHOP POPPIES – EXTENSION OF SCHEME

It was reported that there had been several enquiries from businesses about the shop poppy scheme and it was considered whether to extend the scheme in 2022. It was reported that the scheme had been supported by the Chamber of Trade, Clitheroe and Ribblesdale Rotary Clubs and Dawsons. The Royal British Legion had also been very supportive of the scheme.

52.21 ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk submitted details of the accounts paid in September 2021 for approval. It was noted that September had been an expensive month, primarily because the annual donation of £12,500 had been paid to RV CAB. It was also explained that the Town Council had paid to remove the Christmas lights at the Salford triangle as the Emergency Planning Officer at RVBC had complained they were a danger to motorists.

Resolved: THAT the accounts paid in September 2021 are approved and the account balances as of 30 September 2021 noted.

53.21 PARISH LENGTHSMAN'S REPORT

- i) *General Report*

It was noted that the lengthsman had been working primarily on footpaths and play areas. The Town Clerk was asked to check which type of weedkiller the lengthsman used for health and safety reasons.