

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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

35.19 APOLOGIES

Councillors Mark French, Simon O'Rourke and Mary Robinson

36.19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

37.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was no declaration of interest.

38.19 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.

39.19 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.

40.19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 06 September, 13 and 20 September 2019.

RESOLVED:

- (1)** That no objections be raised to the following applications:-
3/2019/0802, 0805, 0847, 0819, 0839 and 0848.
- (2)** That Ribble Valley Borough Council be advised that the Town Council wishes to express its concerns regarding 3/2019/0829 particularly the adequacy of the Construction Management Plan and also wishes to see any revised plans include the rebuilding of the principal façade with the original materials as previously envisaged.

41.19 ALLOTMENT COMPETITION TROPHIES

A report of the Town Clerk regarding the allotment competition trophies was considered. It was noted that the winner of the gardens' section of the competition was presented with a large trophy at the prize-giving but, for insurance reasons, was unable to take this trophy home. The winner of the pigeons' section received a smaller trophy which they could retain for a year. It was agreed that a smaller trophy could be purchased and engraved as necessary which could be presented to the winner of the gardens' section of the competition and could be retained at home for a year.

RESOLVED:

THAT a smaller trophy be purchased and engraved as necessary and this trophy could be given each year to the winner of the gardens' section of the allotment competition.

42.19 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2019

The Town Clerk submitted a report on possible additional lighting features for the Christmas period, especially for streets with a poor take-up of small trees. It was noted that there had been savings made in the appropriate budget for 2019/20 as the town centre planters, for a variety of reasons, had not been ordered for 2019. It was agreed that two of the Christmas features suggested should be adopted for Christmas 2019.

RESOLVED:

THAT lighting features for the Salford triangle trees and Chatburn Road roundabout be purchased for Christmas 2019.

43.19 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2019

The Town Clerk updated members on arrangements for Remembrance Sunday 2019. It was noted that the first procession would begin at 9.10 am, followed by the service at St Mary's Church from 9.30 am to 10.30 am, followed by a short service at the war memorial at 10.45 am which would incorporate the silence at 11.00 am. Refreshments would be served at the United Reform Church at the top of Moor Lane. It was noted there had been no complaints about the earlier timescale in 2018. The traffic management company had been booked and would officiate at two parades as it was not necessary to have a third parade to go to the United Reform Church.

44.19 ACCOUNT BALANCES AND ACCOUNTS PAID AUGUST 2019

The Town Clerk submitted details of the account balances as at 31 August 2019 and the accounts paid in August 2019 for approval. It was noted that most of the expenses relating to the Last Night of the Proms concert had been paid during August 2019.

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

45.19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Mayor reported that he had received a request from the Clitheroe Stroke Club for the donation of a Christmas present for their Christmas dinner. It was agreed that a donation of £50.00 should be made to enable the Club to buy their own suitable presents for members.

RESOLVED:

THAT a donation of £50.00 be made to the Clitheroe Stroke Club to enable the purchase of presents for their Christmas dinner.

The meeting finished at 7.33pm

Signed
Chairman