

CLITHEROE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 18 January 2018

**PRESENT:- The Town Mayor, Councillor Maureen Fenton in the Chair
The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Pam Dowson
Councillors Ian Brown, Kerry Fletcher, Stewart Fletcher, Mary Robinson,
Paul Robinson
The Town Clerk**

01.18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**Apologies for absence, together with reasons, had been received from
Cllrs Allan Knox, Sue Knox and Mark French.**

02.18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

03.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**Councillors Ian Brown, Pam Dowson and Stewart Fletcher declared an interest in Agenda
Item 6, Planning Applications, applications 3/2017/1203 & 1221 and 3/2018/0008.**

04.18 MINUTES

**The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on 20 November 2017 were approved and
signed by the Chairman.**

05.18 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 advised that visiting various residential homes in Clitheroe on Christmas
Day had been an enjoyable experience and had been appreciated by staff and residents of
the homes.**

06.18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ending 15 December
2017, 22 December 2017, 12 January 2018 and 19 January 2018.**

RESOLVED:

- 1. That no objections be raised to the following applications:-
3/2017/1086, 1087, 1078, 1079, 1181, 1182, 1176, 0877, 1076, 1179, 1202,
1153 & 1156 and 3/2018/0003, 0004 and 0023.**
- 2. That no objections be raised to 3/2017/1158 & 1160 provided access for
community groups using the buildings within the grounds is maintained.**
- 3. That no objections be raised to 3/2017/1204 but concerns were raised about the
size of the extensions relative to the property.**
- 4. That an objection be raised and reported to Ribble Valley Borough Council
regarding 3/2017/1155 on the basis that an illuminated sign is out of character
with the townscape and there is not a proliferation of other illuminated signs in
the town centre.**
- 5. That an objection be raised and reported to Ribble Valley Borough Council
regarding 3/2017/1030 on the basis of over-intensive development of the site.**
- 6. That an objection be raised and reported to Ribble Valley Borough Council
regarding 3/2018/0008 on the basis of over-intensive development of the site
and poor access issues.**
- 7. That objections be raised and reported to Ribble Valley Borough Council
regarding 3/2017/1203 & 1221 on the basis of access to the development would
be by vehicle leading to a further increase in vehicular traffic on an already busy
road.**

07.18 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2017

The report of the Town Clerk was considered and the contents noted. It was explained that the invoice for illumination of St Mary's Church had been received and there was discussion over the items for which the Town Council should be paying and those for which the Church should meet the costs. It was suggested that a meeting be held with a representative of the Church to discuss the matter further. It was noted that the contract for the provision of Christmas lighting expired in 2018 and the Town Clerk was requested to initiate a tendering process for the awarding of a contract to run from 2018.

08.18 PARISH LENGTHSMAN'S REPORTS

General Report

Members received a report detailing the work undertaken by the Parish Lengthsman during November and December 2017.

It was noted that the lengthsman had reported having to deal on numerous occasions with repairing the net and sorting out music at the Christmas crib and he had indicated that the damage was obviously intentional so assumed the music must be irritating a nearby premises. It was agreed that for Christmas 2018 the crib would not have music, other than

on special occasions, to avoid the need for constant repair work. It was reported that the lengthsman had been requested to assist with the tidying up of the youth shelter on Henthorn Road.

Play Areas Report

Members received a detailed report on the maintenance of the two Play Areas owned by the Town Council.

It was noted that the issue regarding a replacement platform for the slide from Playdale remained outstanding but the lengthsman had advised that the slide was usable and replacement was not an urgent priority.

Allotment Report

Members were advised that notices had been placed at the West View allotments requesting that allotment holders take various measures to tackle the increase in rats at the location reported by local residents.

09.18 ACCOUNTS PAID

a) Accounts Paid December 2017

The Town Clerk submitted details of accounts paid during December 2017 noting in particular payment for roofing repairs and a new stairlift at the Town Hall. The roof repairs appeared to have been successful as no further water ingress had occurred since the work was undertaken. It was noted that a problem with a cistern has led to an increased water bill for the Town Hall but the issue had been discovered and rectified.

RESOLVED:

THAT the accounts paid in December 2017 be approved.

10.18 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Town Clerk submitted a request for financial assistance from Ribblesdale Wanderers Cricket and Bowling Club towards the costs of the installation of CCTV at the ground following a spate of vandalism. The work done by Ribblesdale Wanderers both in and for the community was commended. Subject to confirmation of the amount of shortfall outstanding for the project and confirmation as to whether any grant had been obtained from the police it was agreed that a grant of £500.00 be made to the Club.

It was suggested that the Town Council application form should be revised to make certain questions clearer and there should also be discussions regarding whether more than one application could be made within a certain timeframe.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council contribute £500.00 towards the cost of the project.

