

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 17 JULY 2017

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Councillor Maureen Fenton, in the Chair;
The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Pam Dowson
Councillors Ian Brown, Kerry Fletcher, Stewart Fletcher, Allan Knox,
Susan Knox, Mary Robinson and Paul Robinson
Cathy Holmes, Town Clerk

11.17 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence, together with reasons, had been received from Councillor Mark French.

12.17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There was no public participation.

13.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest.

14.17 MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 May 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

15.17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 23 and 30 June and 07 July 2017

RESOLVED:

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications :-
3/2017/0546; 0495; 0586; 0595; 0596; 0599; 0601

16.17 PLANNING APPLICATION 3/2017/0573 – LAND OFF HENTHORN ROAD, CLITHEROE

Consideration was given to the above planning application for 36 single and 2 storey dwellings (including 11 affordable units), car parking, landscaping and new access from Union Street.

It was noted that the Town Council had objected to two previous applications for developments at this site and it was proposed that an objection should also be lodged to 3/2017/0573 on the same grounds as previously. It was proposed that if the application were to be approved by Ribble Valley Borough Council that a condition be requested, namely an improvement in the condition of Footpath 17 and the provision of a commuted sum for the lengthsman to maintain this footpath to a satisfactory standard.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That an objection be lodged with Ribble Valley Borough Council on the grounds of over-intensive development in a village location and pressure on highways.
(2) That, if the application were to be approved by Ribble Valley Borough Council,

a condition be requested, namely an improvement in the condition of Footpath 17 and the provision of a commuted sum for the lengthsman to maintain this footpath to a satisfactory standard.

17.17 PLANNING APPLICATION 3/2017/0433 – LAND OFF HENTHORN ROAD, CLITHEROE

Consideration was given to the above planning application for outline planning permission for 25 new dwellings and associated infrastructure on land behind 115 Kemple View, Clitheroe, including access via Henthorn Road.

RESOLVED:

THAT an objection be lodged to this application on the grounds of over-intensity of development in this location and road safety issues, in particular that the Eshton Terrace junction was already operating in excess of its capacity.

18.17 PLANNING APPLICATION 3/2017/0616 FORMER CLITHEROE HOSPITAL, CHATBURN ROAD, CLITHEROE

Consideration was given to the above planning application for the proposed demolition of existing buildings and the construction of 60 dwellings and associated infrastructure. It was noted that the Town Council had objected to a previous application for development on the same site

RESOLVED:

THAT the same objections as submitted previously should be raised again, principally arising from the fact that the building was considered a non-designated heritage asset. In addition, there would be highways and traffic issues arising from further development in the town.

19.17 HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

The Town Mayor provided an update on Heritage Open Days, noting in particular that the new website had gone live earlier in the week.

20.17 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS (“PSPOs”)

Consideration was given to proposals received from Ribble Valley Borough Council regarding PSPOs and dog control measures.

RESOLVED:

(1) THAT the most effective means of tackling issues relating to dog fouling would be for Ribble Valley BC to employ two full-time dog wardens rather than adopt further regulations which could be difficult to enforce.

(2) THAT the status of the grassed area of the Castle Grounds under the new Orders be ascertained as it was agreed that owners should be permitted to allow their dogs off the lead in this area and that if this was not to be permitted in the future an objection should be lodged.

21.17 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- (i) Foundation for Ribble Valley Families**

The Town Clerk submitted a request for financial assistance from the Foundation for Ribble Valley Families towards the costs of re-establishing the popular baby massage group formerly held at Ribblesdale Children's Centre.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council contribute £250.00 towards the cost of the project.

(ii) Clitheroe Town Band

The Town Clerk submitted a request for financial assistance from Clitheroe Town Band towards the ongoing costs of the Band.

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

22.17 ACCOUNTS PAID IN JUNE 2017

The Town Clerk submitted details of the accounts paid in June 2017 for approval.

RESOLVED:

THAT the accounts paid in June 2017 be approved.

The meeting finished at 8.07pm .

Signed

Chairman.