

## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 23 MAY 2017**

**PRESENT:** The Town Mayor, Councillor Maureen Fenton, in the Chair;  
The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Pam Dowson  
Councillors Ian Brown, Stewart Fletcher, Mark French and Paul Robinson  
Cathy Holmes, Town Clerk

*The Town Mayor asked Members to observe one minute's silence as a mark of respect for the victims of the bomb in Manchester on 22 May 2017*

### **11.17 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence, together with reasons, were received from Councillors Kerry Fletcher, Allan Knox, Susan Knox and Mary Robinson.

### **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 03 April 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **15.17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 05, 12 and 19 May 2017.

#### **RESOLVED:**

(1) That no objections be raised to the following applications :-  
3/2017/0333; 3083; 00182; 0365; 0406; 0391;

2) That Ribble Valley Borough Council be informed that, in relation to 3/2017/0274, a request be made for the planting of four trees in an appropriate location to replace the three trees to be felled as part of the application;

3) That the Town Council objects to application 3/2017/0422 on the following grounds:  
Poor access which would compromise highway safety; visual amenity as the scale and design of the proposed dwellings is not in keeping with the surrounding locality.

### **16.17 ACCOUNTS PAID APRIL 2017.**

The Town Clerk submitted details of accounts paid during April 2017 for approval.  
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**RESOLVED:** That the accounts paid during April 2017 be approved.

### **17.17 CHANGES TO BANK MANDATE**

Members considered suggested changes to the signatories for Town Council cheques.

**RESOLVED:**

1) That any two of the following be authorised signatories for cheques drawn on behalf of the Town Council :-

Councillor Maureen Fenton (Town Mayor)  
Councillor Pam Dowson (Deputy Town Mayor)  
Councillor Mary Robinson (Town Council Leader)

2) That the Town Mayor, Councillor Maureen Fenton, be the authorised signatory for cheques drawn on behalf of the Mayor of Clitheroe Welfare Fund and

3) That the Town Mayor, Councillor Mark Fenton, be the authorised signator for cheques drawn on behalf of the Decorative Clitheroe Committee.

The Town Clerk was further requested to liaise with Barclays Bank regarding a reduction in their bank charges and to also explore the option of moving the Town Council accounts to another provider.

**18.17 MAYOR OF CLITHEROE WELFARE FUND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2017**

The Town Clerk submitted the Mayor of Clitheroe Welfare Fund statement of accounts for the period ended 31 March 2017 and provided an update as of May 2017. The Fund had a balance of £7,890 but the Town Clerk advised that no monies had been paid out of the account since May 2015 and that this sum therefore included monies which should have been transferred to the current account, out of which payment for Christmas parcels 2015 and 2016 had been made. Monies raised during the year 2016/17 were detailed and it was noted that these would usually be distributed to charities chosen by the former Mayor. The Town Clerk was requested to produce a report showing the situation if monies were reimbursed to the current account after which the amount of money available for distribution to the charities would be confirmed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Clerk produce a further report on the Mayor of Clitheroe Welfare Fund to confirm the monies available for distribution to charities

**19.17 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – RIBBLESDALE WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB**

The Town Clerk submitted a request for financial assistance from the Ribblesdale Wanderers Cricket and Bowling Club to help towards costs of new mobile nets/cages.

**RESOLVED:** That a decision as to whether to grant assistance be deferred pending the conclusion of further work on the Mayor of Clitheroe Welfare Fund account

**20.17 PARISH LENGTHSMAN'S REPORT.**

Members received the Parish Lengthsman's general report for the month of April 2017.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Lengthsman's report be noted.

**21.17 RVBC HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN – CONSULTATION**

The Town Clerk advised that documents regarding the consultation were available on the RVBC website but that the Council had also been sent a hard copy pack. The consultation period would expire on 09 June 2017.

**RESOLVED:** That no collective response be sent to RVBC from the Town Council but that Members could make their own comments as individuals if they so wished.

**22.17 HERITAGE OPEN DAYS - SEPTEMBER 2017**

The Town Mayor provided an update on the activities planned for later in the year. An update also provided on the arrangements for Civic Sunday on 25 June 2017. It was noted that arrangements for a procession on the road had been rendered more complex due to the requirement to involve an event management company.

The meeting finished at 8.00pm .

Signed .....

Chairman.