

CLITHEROE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 05 December 2022
In the Council Chamber, Clitheroe Town Hall**

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

83.22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mark French and Mary Robinson

84.22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

85.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ian Brown declared an interest in planning application 3/2022/0947

86.22 MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14 November 2022 were approved and signed.

87.22 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

88.22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 18 & 25 November 2022 and 02 December 2022.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:-
3/2022/0862, 0984, 1029, 1046, 1054 & 1079.**

That the Town Council informs Ribble Valley Borough Council that it does not object to application 3/2022/0947 but that it has the following concerns regarding

the application; firstly, the suitability of this type of business in a prime sporting location and secondly, why it did not occur to those running this business that they would need planning permission for the structure concerned.

89.22 ESTIMATES 2022/23 AND DRAFT ESTIMATES 2023/24 AND PRECEPT 2023/24

After further consideration of the estimates scheduled for 2022/23 & 2023/24 it was agreed that a precept of £133,029.47 be requested from Ribble Valley Borough Council. It was noted that this represented the 2022/23 precept figure being raised by 10.1% (the latest RPI figure available) as was consistent with precept demands in the past. The Town Clerk advised that expensive quotations had been received for annual gas and electricity charges for 2023/24 and it was suggested an alternative supplier be investigated.

RESOLVED: THAT a precept of £133,029.47 be requested of Ribble Valley Borough Council

90.22 TOWN AWARDS

It was agreed to form a sub-Committee to review the categories of Town Award that would be publicised in 2023. Councillors Jenni Schumann, Donna O'Rourke and Gaynor Hibbert agreed to be on the Committee and to make recommendations to the next Council meeting in January 2023.

RESOLVED: THAT a sub-Committee of Councillors Schumann, Donna O'Rourke and Hibbert be tasked with reviewing the categories of Town Award and reporting to the next Council meeting in January 2023.

91.22 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2022

The Town Clerk reported that numbers of artificial and natural trees were down compared to Christmas 2021. It was noted that this could be due to the general economic situation but also the number of empty business premises now in the town. It was suggested that the number of trees on Moor Lane was disappointing and it was agreed that the Town Council would pay the contractor to put up some more trees on empty properties only on this road, at his discretion. The lack of lights on Whalley Road at the roundabout was discussed and it was agreed that, in future years, there should be plans for lights at this location as it was one of the main entrances to town.

92.22 ACCOUNT BALANCES AND ACCOUNTS PAID – NOVEMBER 2022

The account balances as of 30 November 2022 were tabled and noted. The accounts paid in November 2022 were also approved.

RESOLVED: THAT the accounts paid in November 2022 be approved

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That by virtue of the fact that the following items of business be exempt information under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be now excluded from the meeting

Signed:
Chair

The meeting closed at 20.10 pm.