

## **CLITHEROE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday 07 December 2020**

**PRESENT:-** The Town Mayor, Councillor Stewart Fletcher, in the Chair  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Simon O'Rourke  
Councillors Ian Brown, Mark French, Jonathan Hill, Allan Knox, Sue Knox,  
Mary Robinson, Donna O'Rourke and the Town Clerk

### **30.20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Jenni Schumann

### **31.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

### **32.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Ian Brown declared an interest in Agenda Item 5, Planning Applications, as regards an application concerning Pendle Primary School. Cllrs Ian Brown and Stewart Fletcher declared an interest in Agenda Item 6, Town Wells.

### **39.20 MINUTES**

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 28 September 2020 were approved and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

### **40.20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 20 November 2020, 27 November 2020 and 04 December 2020.

### **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:-  
3/2020/0880, 0886, 0925, 0934, 0970, 0972, 0979, 0991, 0993, 1004.**
- (2) That Ribble Valley Borough Council be informed that Clitheroe Town Council wish to express a concern regarding application 3/2020/0820. The concern relates to possible noise disturbance from flags. If the Planning Authority is minded to approve the application it is requested that the flagpoles should have appropriate safeguards to minimise any rattling noise for local residents.**

#### **41.20 TOWN WELLS 2020**

The presentation on the town wells which was given at the Council meeting on 16 November 2020 was discussed, as was the request by the Civic Society for the support of the Town Council in working to preserve the town wells. It was agreed that the Town Council would support the Society, in principle, to preserve the wells as heritage assets for the town and would encourage co-operation between the Society and Ribble Valley BC regarding the determination of ownership of the wells.

**Resolved:**

**THAT** the Town Council would, in principle, support the Society's aspirations to preserve the wells as heritage assets for the future of the town. The Town Council would also be willing to assist, if possible, in encouraging further dialogue and co-operation between the Civic Society and Ribble Valley Borough Council regarding the determination of ownership of the wells.

#### **42.20 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2020**

The Clerk advised that a total of 73 small artificial trees had been purchased this year which was approximately 25 down on the usual total. It was noted that certain parts of the town centre lacked lights and it was agreed that the Town Council pay for some trees to be erected to solve this problem. It was agreed that empty shop units and businesses which had been obliged to close completely during second lockdown be prioritised.

It was reported that the Christmas crib had kindly been given a home this year by the landlady of The Rose & Crown. The new location had been predominantly well-received although there had been some negative comments on social media. An offer had been made by a local business to construct a new, secure crib for 2021 and it was agreed this offer should be explored further with plans and costs being brought for discussion to a future Council meeting.

**Resolved:**

**THAT** the Town Council pay for additional Christmas trees as deemed necessary to light up areas of town with priority being given to empty shop units and businesses which had been obliged to close completely during lockdown.

**THAT** the Town Council discuss further the offer of construction of a new Christmas crib for 2021.

#### **43.20 ACCOUNT BALANCES AND ACCOUNTS PAID NOVEMBER 2020**

The Town Clerk submitted details of the accounts paid in November 2020 for approval. It was noted that several invoices for services provided on Remembrance Day had been received.

#### **44.20 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – RIBBLESDALE WANDERERS**

An application for financial assistance from Ribblesdale Wanderers, together with supporting documentation, was considered. It was noted that the application related to a

large project and the Club would therefore have made applications for financial assistance to other organisations. It was also noted that the Town Council aimed to support all three of the town's cricket clubs so to make a large donation to one could lead to expectations that the other clubs would be similarly supported.

**Resolved:**

**THAT** the sum of £250.00 be granted to Ribblesdale Wanderers in support of their project.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Chair**