

## **CLITHEROE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 11 January 2021**

**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,  
Donna O'Rourke, Jenni Schumann and the Town Clerk**

### **01.21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Cllr Mary Robinson**

### **02.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**There was no public participation.**

### **03.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**None**

### **04.21 MINUTES**

**The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16 November 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.**

### **05.21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 11 December 2020 and 18 December 2020.**

### **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:-  
3/2020/0902, 0934, 0936, 0944, 0953, 1035, 1040, 1064, 1066, 1072 and  
3/2021/0015**
- (2) That Ribble Valley Borough Council be informed that Clitheroe Town Council do not wish to object to 3/2020/1096 but would appreciate advice as to intended parking provision for the proposed apartments.**

**06.21 TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS 2021**

The Town Clerk advised that, due to the ongoing restrictions caused by the pandemic situation, it may be advisable to consider how to plan for annual Town Council events as it was unlikely certain events could take place in their usual format.

It was agreed that it was unlikely the mayor-making ceremony, scheduled for early May 2021, would be able to involve parades and a large indoor gathering. It was suggested that the ceremony in May 2021 be conducted virtually and involve only the minimum number of people legally required to be there. Later in the year there could be a celebration of mayor-making when circumstances permitted. Similarly, it was suggested Civic Sunday be moved to a later date when it was likely to be permissible in its usual format. It was suggested that the Last Night of the Proms event and Sunday afternoon bandstand concert be scheduled as normal with the proviso that they could be cancelled if circumstances dictated.

**07.21 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2020**

The Town Clerk advised that the initial uptake of small Christmas trees with lights had, not unexpectedly, been down on previous years with approximately two-thirds of the usual number of businesses wanting a tree. The Town Council had therefore decided to purchase extra trees which were specifically put up in areas of the town where there were few other trees and this course of action had made an appreciable difference to the overall display of Christmas lights. There had been no complaints about small or large trees nor about cross-street decorations, as had occurred in some previous years.

**08.21 ACCOUNTS PAID DECEMBER 2020**

The Town Clerk submitted details of the accounts paid in December 2020 for approval. It was noted that an excessive water bill had been received for the West View allotments. There had been a number of leaks from taps at the site which the Allotments Manager had dealt with. The Town Clerk also advised that she would investigate the provision of lockable or secure taps for the site, in conjunction with the Allotments Manager.

The meeting closed at 19.37pm.

Signed: .....  
Chair

