

## **CLITHEROE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 15 January 2024  
In the Council Chamber, Clitheroe Town Hall**

**PRESENT:- The Town Mayor, Cllr Jonathan Hill, in the Chair  
Councillors Ian Brown, Ryan Corney, Mark French, Michael Graveston,  
Gaynor Hibbert, Mary Robinson, Town Clerk**

### **01.24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Cllrs Donna O'Rourke, Simon O'Rourke, Stewart Fletcher**

### **02.24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**There was no public participation.**

### **03.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Cllr Ryan Corney declared an interest in the application for financial assistance submitted by Ribble Valley Amateur Boxing Club**

### **04.24 MINUTES**

**The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13 November 2023 were signed and approved.**

### **05.24 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

### **06.24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 08, 15, 22 December 2023 and 05, 12 January 2024**

### **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:-  
3/2023/0920, 0931, 0945, 0965, 1031**
- (2) That Ribble Valley BC be advised that, in respect of applications 0920, 0931, 0945 and 0965, any works should be sympathetic to the preservation of the conservation area and in sympathy with the townscape.**

#### **07.24 SPIDS AND ROAD SAFETY ISSUES**

The Town Clerk advised that payment had been made to LCC for the licence for the lighting column and contact had been made regarding the fitting of the mounting bracket. Further liaison was required with LCC and Altham PC regarding the specifics and dates for fitting. Requests for further "Slow down, save lives" banners were noted.

#### **08.24 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2023**

The Town Clerk advised that 100 businesses had participated in the artificial tree scheme which was an increase on Christmas 2022. There had been a poor take-up of artificial trees from those businesses who previously had natural trees but it was thought this could be due to a misunderstanding of the electrical requirements.

It was suggested that there be a meeting of the Decorative Clitheroe Committee in the coming weeks to discuss arrangements for Christmas lights in future years as it was known that the contractor had some different ideas for lights which he wanted to discuss with the Council.

**Resolved:** THAT a meeting of the Decorative Clitheroe Committee be convened to discuss future Christmas lights arrangements in more detail.

#### **09.24 ACCOUNTS PAID DECEMBER 2023**

Accounts paid in December 2023 were tabled. It was noted that there were several items of expenditure relating to the Mayor's visits to the residential homes.

The Town Clerk advised that another large water bill had been received in respect of the Hayhurst St allotment site. The Allotments' Manager had attended the site and turned the water supply off but had advised that there could be a problem with the meter again. It was agreed that a plumber should be called as soon as practicable to investigate whether there was another leak. It was also explained that Water Plus had been to take an actual reading as opposed to an estimated reading so there could be an element of undercharging to recover in the large bill.

#### **Part II**

**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

#### **85.23 STAFF LEAVE AND ABSENCE REPORT**

Nothing to report

#### **86.23 STAFF APPRAISALS 2023**

It was agreed to defer consideration of this item until the next meeting.

**Signed:** .....  
**Chair**

**The meeting closed at 20.00 pm.**