

CLITHEROE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday 15 February 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,
Mary Robinson, Donna O'Rourke, Jenni Schumann, Town Clerk and one
member of the public

01.21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

02.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

03.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

04.21 MINUTES

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 07 December 2020 were approved and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

05.21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 15, 22, 29 January 2021 and 05 February 2021.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:-
3/2020/1098, 3/2021/0012, 0019, 0063, 0079**

- (2) That the Town Council would leave the determination of 3/2021/0030 to Ribble Valley Borough Council.**

06.21 ALLOTMENT ACCOUNTS 2019/20

The Town Clerk reviewed the allotment accounts for 2019/20 and explained that the outstanding amount of £31.13 had arisen due to the vacation of the plot in question which had not been re-let in the year due to an access issue.

07.21 CLITHEROE SHOP WATCH SCHEME

The Clerk advised that a formal request had been received from Ribble Valley Borough Council ("RVBC") on 08 January 2021 for the Town Council to take over the license and related duties of the Clitheroe Shop Watch Scheme. A series of questions had been asked of RVBC relating to the Scheme and the responses had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that the Town Council had had no involvement in the Scheme prior to this request and would also encounter the same problems with having a named individual on the license as RVBC and the police.

Resolved:

THAT the Town Council decline the request to take over the license for the Clitheroe Shop Watch Scheme.

08.21 MAYOR-MAKING 2021

Cllrs Simon and Donna O'Rourke outlined potential options for the mayor-making scheduled for 04 May 2021. It was accepted that the situation regarding restrictions could have altered by that date but it was unknown what would be permissible or not so organisation of the event could end up following similar lines to Remembrance Sunday.

After due discussion it was suggested that, as a public authority, the Town Council would have to abide by whatever rules were in force and should not be seen to be promoting gatherings of any size if these were not deemed appropriate. It was also suggested that contact be made with Ribble Valley Borough Council to enquire how they would be handling their mayor-making in 2021.

09.21 HYDE, WHIPP & BRAY CHARITY

The Town Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from the Charities Commission regarding the above charity which had been inactive for several years. The Commission had suggested various options for consideration to re-vitalise the charity. It was suggested that enquiries be made as to what was permissible by the objects of the trust deed with a view to applying the income to such causes. The Town Clerk advised that enquiries would also need to be made of Barclays as to who the signatories on the account were as it was so long since any distribution was made. Cllr Mary Robinson recalled that a distribution had last been made in 2000.

Resolved:

THAT enquiries be made as to how the income of the charity could be distributed in accordance with the objects of the trust deed and that enquiries also be made of Barclays Bank to determine who the signatories on the appropriate account are.

10.21 CHESTER AVENUE PLAY AREA

It was reported that Cllrs Fletcher, Simon O'Rourke and Donna O'Rourke had met with a representative of Playdale and two residents to discuss the potential re-development of the play area with the S106 monies due. The Playdale representative was to send through a suggested re-development plan in the coming weeks. The residents had also requested that the hedges be trimmed to a much lower level and various other remedial works be undertaken and the Town Clerk advised she would contact the lengthsman or Ribble Valley Borough Council as appropriate to request the works be done.

11.21 ACCOUNTS PAID JANUARY 2021

The Town Clerk submitted details of the accounts paid in January 2021 for approval. It was noted that several invoices for items relating to Christmas 2020 had been paid in January, including the Christmas lights invoice which had been in line with budget.

Resolved:

THAT the accounts paid in January 2021 are approved.

The meeting closed at 19.53pm.

Signed:
Chair