

CLITHEROE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 18 November 2019

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

73.19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

74.19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

75.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

76.19 MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21 October 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**77.19 ESTIMATES 2019/20, DRAFT ESTIMATES 2020/21 AND PRECEPT
2020/21**

Members considered the recommendations from the Estimates Committee held on 21 October 2019 in relation to the Revised Estimates 2019/20, the Draft Estimates 2020/21 and the Precept for 2020/21.

The Town Clerk advised that since the meeting on 21 October 2019 various matters had arisen which would necessitate additional expenditure under certain budget heads and these were outlined and agreed.

RESOLVED:

That the level of Precept for 2020/21 be agreed as £116,845.

78.19 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Details of official duties undertaken by the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor since the last Town Council meeting were submitted for information. The Town Mayor reported that it had been a busy month for engagements, the most significant of which had been the Remembrance Sunday commemorations in Clitheroe.

79.19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ending 25 October, 01 November, 08 November and 15 November 2019.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That no objections be raised to the following applications:-
3/2019/0928, 0930, 0943, 0951, 0971, 0983, 1000, 1030.**
- 2. That Ribble Valley Borough Council be informed that the Town Council wishes to object to application 3/2019/0954 on the grounds of highway safety. The entrance to the development is situated on an already dangerous bend in the road and the amount of traffic along Primrose Road to Woone Lane has already increased significantly due to the new developments so there is a high potential for an accident at the proposed development's entrance.**
- 3. That Ribble Valley Borough Council be informed that the Town Council wishes to object to application 3/2019/0964 on the grounds that the residential amenity of the occupants of 6 Parson Lane will be compromised due to the entrance to the apartments being situate adjacent to their own entrance which, to date, has enjoyed a degree of privacy. The Town Council also wishes to express concerns regarding parking provision for the occupants of the apartments as free car parking is only available on a nearby car park at certain times and on-street parking is also subject to time restrictions.**
- 4. That Ribble Valley Borough Council be informed that the Town Council wishes to object to application 3/2019/0970 on the grounds that it is in a conservation area and there is a proposal to replace timber doors with new UvPC doors. There are also concerns regarding parking and it is submitted that there should be double yellow lines on the highway to prevent inappropriate parking.**
- 5. That Ribble Valley Borough Council be informed that the Town Council wishes to object to application 3/2019/0997 as it is considered contrary to Policies DMG2 and DMH3 of the Ribble Valley Core Strategy in that approval would lead to the creation of new residential dwellings in the defined open countryside. It would be located outside of a defined settlement boundary, without sufficient justification insofar that it has not been adequately demonstrated that the proposal is for that of local needs housing that meets a current identified and evidenced outstanding need.**

The Town Council has serious highways concerns about the impact of the development on Henthorn Road; in particular it notes that in the developer's own Traffic Assessment for application 3/2013/0711 for 140 houses (approved) they admit in para 6.10.12 that in the peak pm hour the Henthorn Road / Thorn St / Eshton Terrace junction will operate in excess of its capacity.

The Council also notes the highways comment for application 3/2018/0688 (110 houses approved on appeal) that the Highway authority commented that issues at the junction were “locally managed by highway users on a courtesy basis”.

Consequently, the Town Council would respectfully ask that Ribble Valley Borough Council carried out an Independent Traffic Survey and that such Survey is undertaken both during school term time and on a day when the Henthorn Road recycling centre is open.

Notwithstanding the Town Council’s objection to the application 3/2019/0997, if Ribble Valley Borough Council were minded to approve, the Town Council would expect to see the following conditions:

- A financial contribution for school places
- A financial contribution to leisure facilities
- A financial contribution to Primrose Lodge
- A 5-year financial contribution towards ensuring the site is connected to the town centre by bus services
- The town council would also like to see the pavement in front of the site connect with 3-1-FP 17 where it crosses Henthorn Road.

80.19 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2019

The Town Clerk summarised Remembrance Sunday 2019 commemorations. It was noted that engaging the services of an external audio company had significantly improved the sound quality of the service at the war memorial and it was agreed the company should be hired in future years. There needed to be improvements in allowing the mayoral party and wreath layers to access the war memorial once they had arrived at the Castle Grounds and the Town Clerk advised she would approach the army cadets and see if next year they could form a guard of honour to hold back the crowd and allow the party through. Service sheet distribution at the war memorial also needed to be improved and the Town Band should be asked to play some different pieces in 2020.

81.19 ACCOUNTS PAID OCTOBER 2019

The Town Clerk submitted details of the accounts paid in October 2019 for approval. It was noted that the second part of the annual donation to the Ribble Valley CAB had been paid in October 2019.

82.19 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

i) Muck or Nettles CIC

The Town Clerk submitted details of an application for financial assistance from Muck or Nettles CIC who were requesting £1300.00 towards the costs of traffic management for the Snow Moon Festival in February 2020. It was confirmed that applications had successfully also been made to other local organisations. It was agreed that other organisations who had requested support with traffic management costs had received a scaled down amount and it was therefore agreed that a reduced amount of support should be given to Muck or Nettles CIC.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Town Council contributes the sum of £250.00 to Muck or Nettles CIC.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Signed:
Chair