

CLITHEROE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 19 February 2024
In the Council Chamber, Clitheroe Town Hall**

PRESENT:- The Town Mayor, Cllr Jonathan Hill, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Donna O'Rourke
Councillors Ian Brown, Ryan Corney, Stewart Fletcher, Mark French,
Mike Graveston, Gaynor Hibbert, Simon O'Rourke, Mary Robinson, Town
Clerk, three members of the public

01.24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

02.24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Josh Mordue provided background information in support of the application for financial assistance for Ribblesdale Wanderers to be considered later in the meeting.

03.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

04.24 MINUTES

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 04 December 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 19 & 26 January, 02, 09 & 16 February 2024.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:-
3/2023/1022 and 3/2024/0109**

- (2) That Ribble Valley BC be informed that the Town Council does not wish to object to 3/2023/0071 but that the works carried out should be sympathetic to the preservation of the conservation area and in accordance with the townscape;
- (3) That Ribble Valley BC be informed that the Town Council wishes to object to 3/2023/1011 on the grounds of over-intensification of development, lack of car parking and lack of provision of waste storage;
- (4) That Ribble Valley BC be informed that the Town Council wishes to object to 3/2023/1035 on the same grounds identified in a calling-in notice sent by Cllr Ryan Corney to RVBC on 31 January 2024.

07.24 ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

The Town Clerk advised of the latest situation regarding the hiring of the SpID noting that progress had been hampered by the illness of one of the external parties involved. Possible places to site "Slow down, save lives" banners were again discussed and it was emphasised that photographs of intended locations must be sent to Lancashire Highways before permission for the banners would be granted.

08.24 HYDE, WHIPP AND BRAY CHARITY

The Town Clerk explained the most important points in her report on the Charity, noting that one of the Trustees could now be replaced and it would be advisable to once again promote the existence of the Charity to specified organisations.

09.24 ACCOUNTS PAID – JANUARY 2024

The accounts paid in January 2024 were noted. It was explained that the largest expenditure related to Christmas lighting for 2023

RESOLVED: THAT the accounts paid in January 2024 be noted.

10.24 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – RIBBLESDALE WANDERERS

An application for financial assistance was considered from Ribblesdale Wanderers for funds towards the hosting of a national crown green bowling competition for seniors and juniors.

RESOLVED THAT a contribution of £1,000 be made towards the costs of the competition but that it is requested that the funding be used towards the costs of equipment rather than used as prize money and that a request be made that appropriate publicity be given to the Town Council's donation in due course.

Part II

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

11.24 STAFF ABSENCE AND LEAVE REPORT

It was noted that there had been no absences but that leave had been taken by staff as appropriate.

12.24 STAFF APPRAISALS

It was suggested that the recent method of conducting staff appraisals had proved to be unsatisfactory, so alternatives should be tried. After discussion it was agreed that future appraisals would be conducted by the Town Council Leader and one other Councillor, to be determined according to availability.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.