

CLITHEROE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday 24 July 2023
In the Council Chamber, Clitheroe Town Hall**

**PRESENT:- The Town Mayor, Councillor Jonathan Hill, in the Chair
The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Donna O'Rourke
Councillors Ian Brown, Ryan Corney, Stewart Fletcher, Gaynor Hibbert,
Simon O'Rourke, Mary Robinson, Town Clerk**

24.23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Mark French and Mike Graveston

25.23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

26.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

27.23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 22 May 2023 were not available so would be signed at a later date.

28.23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 23 and 30 June, 07, 14 & 21 July 2023.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:-
3/2023/0439, 0440, 0463, 0492, 0495, 0506 & 07, 0518 and 0554**

29.23 CENTENARY OF CLITHEROE WAR MEMORIAL

It was explained that the centenary of the Clitheroe war memorial would fall on 18 August 2023 and the Town Council had been asked to organise a commemorative event. The Town Clerk advised that, in conjunction with John Spencer of Clitheroe Civic Society, proposals for a short ceremony had been devised. It was stressed that the commemoration was not intended to replicate Remembrance Sunday and that some individuals had been disappointed with this news. It was agreed that the Town Clerk and John Spencer continue with the arrangements for the centenary commemoration and that appropriate publicity be arranged in due course.

RESOLVED: THAT the Town Clerk and John Spencer continue with arrangements for the commemoration of the war memorial on 18 August 2023.

30.23 SPEED CAMERAS AND SPEEDING ISSUES, HENTHORN ROAD

A summary of recent discussions regarding SpIDs and the contents of emails from Cllrs Corney and Graveston was provided. It was agreed that there needed to be progress on this issue as soon as possible. It was agreed that Altham PC be commissioned to undertake speed surveys on Henthorn Road. It was further agreed that the Town Council should purchase its own SpID for Henthorn Road and also buy another SpID which could be moved to other locations around the town. It was noted that the position regarding existing mounting plates and their suitability for modern SpIDs needed to be assessed.

RESOLVED: THAT Altham PC be commissioned to undertake speed surveys on Henthorn Road and the Town Council purchase its own SpIDs, subject to further investigation as to suitability, for use on Henthorn Road and at other locations in the town.

31.23 TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS' MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk explained that requests had been made for an Allotments Management Committee to be held in the near future. After discussion it was agreed that a meeting be held on Friday 18 August 2023 at 12 noon. It was acknowledged that it would be impossible to choose a date suitable for every possible attendee so a date had been chosen which most councillors could attend.

RESOLVED: THAT An Allotments' Management Committee be held on Friday 18 August 2023 at 12 noon.

32.23 ACCOUNTS PAID JUNE 2023

It was noted that the total expenditure in June 2023 had been high as the annual grant of £12,500 had been paid to Roefield Leisure and the expenses for mayor making had also been paid.

Resolved: THAT the accounts paid in June 2023 be approved.

33.23 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

i) Ribblesdale Wanderers Cricket and Bowling Club

An application for financial assistance had been received from Ribblesdale Wanderers towards the cost of a modern electric mower for the grounds. It was agreed this was a worthy cause with positive environmental benefits and should be supported. It was also noted that Ribblesdale Wanderers provided social and sporting opportunities for a variety of people in Clitheroe and the club was run by a team of volunteers, rather than paid staff.

RESOLVED: THAT a donation of £1,000 be made to Ribblesdale Wanderers

34.23 PARISH LENGTHSMAN'S REPORT

The parish lengthsmen's report for June 2023 was noted. A request was made for the lengthsmen to trim the footpath next to the Spar on Edisford Road. It was also reported

that RVBC had taken over responsibility for strimming the footpath next to the rugby club which the Town Council had formerly dealt with.

RESOLVED: THAT the parish lengthsman's report be noted.

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

35.23 STAFF ABSENCE REPORT

It was reported that all members of staff had taken annual leave since the previous meeting in June 2023. A member of staff had been absent for three days in July 2023 due to sickness.

RESOLVED: THAT the staff leave and absence report be noted.

The meeting closed at 20.30 pm.

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Chair