

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council held on the 23 January, 2017.

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor Mark French in the Chair;
The Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Maureen Fenton;
Councillors Ian Brown, Pam Dowson, Stewart Fletcher, Susan Knox, Allan Knox,
Mary Robinson and Paul Robinson.
Ian Woolstencroft Temporary Town Clerk.

Apologies- an apology was received , together with the reason, from Councillor Kerry Fletcher.

RESOLVED: That the apology be accepted.

1.17 WORKPLACE PENSIONS.

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Member Working Group established to discuss various workplace pensions options together with the financial implications for the Town Council .

In dealing with this matter the Town Council had regard to the contents of a letter received from the Mayor's Secretary/ Admin Officer .

Reference was made to the fact that a sum of £2,200 had been included in the 2017/18 revenue budget to meet the Town Council's costs under a workplace pension.

RESOLVED : (1) That the Town Council adopt the NEST Scheme with effect from February, 2017; and

(2) That a contribution of 7.5% be applied to the gross salary of the of the Mayor's Secretary/ Admin Officer and, subject to the qualifying criteria being met the position of Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

2.17 PLANNING APPLICATION 3/2016/ 1185- FORMER CLITHEROE HOSPITAL , CHATBURN ROAD, CLITHEROE.

Consideration was given to the planning application 3/2016/ 1185 – former Clitheroe Hospital, Chatburn Road, Clitheroe for outline planning permission with all matters reserved except access for the demolition of existing structures and construction of up to 50 dwellings (Class C3) with associated parking and landscaping .

RESOLVED: That Ribble Valley Borough Council be informed that the Town Council wish to object to this application for the following reasons:-

- The Town Council note that during the previous applications in 2008 and 2012 a spokesman for Historic England's predecessor said " the former workhouse has now become a much loved and respected landmark on the eastern edge of Clitheroe and it displays a well designed Italianate symmetrical front elevation that is almost domestic in scale . They are classed as non- designated Heritage Assists and are recorded on the National Record of the Historic Environment (Ref : 1435994) and the Lancashire Historic Environment Record (Ref PRN 30402) and therefore on thos grounds the Town Council oppose the demolition.
- Furthermore, the Town Council wish to object on highway and traffic grounds.

The meeting finished at 7.40pm