

## **Extract From Full Council Minutes – April 2021**

### **5. Public Forum**

To consider questions, statements or petitions from members of the public who are welcome to the meeting and have a total, collectively of 15 minutes to make their representations to the Council. (For information only)

*This item is for the public to address the Council and present petitions to the Council, it is not a discussion forum and is for information only. Please be aware that there are 7 members of the public who have registered to speak and as per the Council's standing order 3f, there are 15 minutes allocated to this item.*

*It was proposed at this point to waive Standing Order 3f – 'The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) above shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chairman of the meeting', to allow an additional 5 minutes to conclude the meeting. Making a total of 20 minutes for public forum to allow each speaker to make their point which will then be held over to the meeting in June without further debate. This does not preclude any speaker from speaking again at the June meeting.*

**Proposed by Cllr. B Wildman**  
**Approved by Council.**

**Seconded by Cllr. N Butterworth**

*Mr. J Hartley addressed the Council on the Colne Neighbourhood plan and requested that there is not a delay on the project so that the Pendle Plan II does not overtake the Town Council plan to help protect Colne.*

*Dr. A Birkinshaw addressed the Council on the Colne Neighbourhood plan, she stated she is a trustee of Liggett & Beyond and that the Colne plan is critical to Colne and must progress as it is and must not go back to Regulation 14 consultation.*

*Mr. A Sutcliffe addressed the Council in support on the Colne Neighbourhood Plan and was dismayed that there maybe a delay on the project with Councillors wanting to add parcels of land at this late stage of the project.*

*Mr. J Birchenough addressed the Council on the Colne Neighbourhood Plan and that the draft plan which went out for consultation was good for the whole of Colne and is in the home straight and it is now a race against the Pendle Plan II. Also, that the Colne Neighbourhood Plan is the way forward for protecting Colne.*

*Mr. A Ashworth addressed the Council on the Colne Neighbourhood Plan as a resident of Waterside. He is trying to protect the fields in that area and now Gib Hill in more recent times. He had 2 questions he wished Councillors to consider at the June meeting.*

*How can not having a neighborhood plan in place give better protection for areas like Lenches and the rough and would we not just be at the mercy of the developers and planning department?*

*How much has the work on the Colne Neighbourhood plan cost Colne Town Council and Pendle Borough Council Planning department?*

*Mr. P Foxley addressed the Council on the Colne Neighbourhood plan. He would like to see this project continue on its current course without delay as it is for the benefit of Colne and going back to Regulation 14 would delay the project.*

*Dr. C S Palmer addressed the Council on the Colne Neighbourhood Plan in support of protecting the land at Lenches. She stated that the area is valuable for its unusual and significant species of wildlife and felt that it should be protected in the best way that we can.*