



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COLNE TOWN COUNCIL
on Tuesday, 18th February 2025 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Colne Town Hall

In attendance: Cllr A. Bell, Cllr N. Butterworth, Cllr A. Chamberlain, Cllr D. Clamp, Cllr D. Clegg, Cllr G. Clegg, Cllr D. Cockburn-Price, Cllr S. Cockburn-Price, Cllr P. Howarth, Cllr D. Lord, Cllr A. Mann, Cllr M. Moffitt, Cllr I. Robinson, Cllr H. Thomas and Cllr M. Thomas.

Officers: Ms. G. Langley (Town Clerk/RFO) and Mr. N. Cutler (Deputy Clerk, Events, Facilities & Administration Officer)

Others in attendance: Cllr A. Sutcliffe (Lancashire County Council), Dr Mark Turner, Linda Turner and Mr William Reynolds.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the February 2025 Full Council meeting of Colne Town Council.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr P. Hannah-Wood and Cllr B. Wildman.

The Council accepted the apologies received.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from Members relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct and/or indicate if S106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

No declarations were received.

4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 14th January 2025. (Decision required)

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 14th January were accepted as a true and accurate record.

*Proposed by Cllr I Robinson
Approved by Council.*

Seconded by Cllr H. Thomas

5. Clerk's Update

To receive an update from the Town Clerk/RFO on any ongoing projects that are not an agenda item for this meeting.

The updates provided by the Clerk/RFO were noted by Members.

Action: For the Town Clerk to send an email to all Councillors regarding locations for the three speed indicator devices.

6. 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 Committee.

The members of the public in attendance had not registered to speak.

7. Reports from the Borough & County Councils

To receive reports from representatives from the Borough and County Councils on any works / projects being delivered in Colne, who have a total, collectively, of 15 minutes to make their representations to the Council. (Information only)

Cllr A. Sutcliffe's main update was on a change of policy decision around gully cleaning. Previously, gullies were split into two groups: either on a twelve-month cycle or responsive. Any gullies placed in the responsive group would only be visited when reported for damage or blockage, however this change of policy will mean that every gully on LCC's asset list will be visited within the next two years, and any required repair or cleaning will be undertaken. All gullies will then be placed on a twelve-month cyclic turnaround to ensure effectiveness.

Cllr A. Sutcliffe also stated that in addition to there being a new interim CEO at Pendle Borough Council, Lancashire County Council are also appointing a new CEO, which he thought the Councillors should be aware of.

The Pendle Borough Councillors in attendance updated Members on the planning decisions made since the last meeting of the Town Council and the progression of the Colne Street Sign project. Members were also informed of an agenda item at the upcoming executive meeting concerning the Colne Market Project.

The updates provided were noted by Councillors.

8. Finances

- a) To receive a schedule of payments from 8th January to 6th February 2025 for approval by the Chairman. (Decision required)

Following a short discussion, the Schedule of Payments to the value of £95,661.32 was presented to Members and duly signed by the Chairman.

***Proposed by Cllr D. Cockburn-Price
Approved by Council.***

Seconded by Cllr I. Robinson

- b) To receive a summary of budget, expenditure, and commitments as of 6th February 2025. (Decision required)

Following a short discussion, the Financial Budget Summary was approved by Members.

***Proposed by Cllr D. Cockburn-Price
Approved by Council.***

Seconded by Cllr I. Robinson

9. Nature Reserve Grant Award

To receive details of a Nature Reserve Grant that was awarded at the last Finance, Employment & Services (FES) Committee meeting. (Information only)

The information received was noted by Members.

10. Event Schedule 2025

To receive a schedule of CTC events that are planned for the forthcoming year. (Information only)

The information received was noted by Members.

11. CTC Financial Risk Register

To consider the document presented, as recommended by the FES Committee. (Decision required)

Following a short discussion, and subject to a few amendments, the presented document was approved by Members.

Proposed by Cllr H. Thomas

Seconded by Cllr D. Cockburn-Price

Approved by Council.

12. CTC Internal Controls

To consider the document presented, as recommended by the FES Committee. (Decision required)

Following a discussion, the presented document was approved by Members.

Proposed by Cllr D. Cockburn-Price

Seconded by Cllr A. Bell

Approved by Council.

13. Colne Street Names Project

To receive an update on the progress of the project. (Information only)

The information received was noted by Members.

14. (a) Colne Junior Council

To receive an update on the proceedings of the last Junior Council meeting. (Information only)

The update provided was noted by Members.

14. (b) The Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival 2025

To receive an update on the progression of the organisation and operational elements for the 2025 Festival. (Information only)

The update provided by the Deputy Clerk, Events & Facilities Officer was noted by Members.

15. Colne Neighbourhood Plan

To receive an update from the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group on the progress of the Project. (Information only)

The update received from the Chairman of the Advisory Committee was noted by Members.

16. Planning

To provide the opportunity to comment on Planning Applications lodged in Colne and environs since the last Full Council meeting. (Decision required)

	Application Number	Applicant	Location	Proposal
1	25/0018/FUL (Extension granted – please send comments on 19/2/25)	Mrs M Grucamp	Church Rooms, Saint Bartholomews Church, Colne	<p>Full: Demolition of outbuildings and the erection of a 2-storey extension to the Parish rooms with an access ramp including minor internal alterations and improvements.</p> <p>CTC Comment: The Town Council supports this project for a community building to be brought into 21st Century, but must object to the application as it currently stands. The Town Councillors must ensure that the important archaeology and heritage is preserved. This is an extremely sensitive site, lying, as it does, between a Grade 1 Listed church and a Grade II Listed former Grammar School and directly over a medieval chanel house. The Town Council hopes that a satisfactory solution can be reached in a future iteration of this scheme.</p>
2	25/0019/LBC (Extension granted – please send comments on 19/2/25)	Mrs M Grucamp	Church Rooms, Saint Bartholomews Church, Colne	<p>Listed Building Consent: Demolition of outbuildings and the erection of a 2-storey extension to the Parish rooms with an access ramp including minor internal alterations and improvements.</p> <p>CTC Comment: The Town Council supports this project for a community building to be brought into 21st Century, but must object to the application as it currently stands. The Town Councillors must ensure that the archaeology and heritage is preserved. This is an extremely sensitive site, lying, as it does between a Grade 1 Listed church and a Grade II Listed former Grammar School and directly over a medieval chanel house. The Town Council hopes that a satisfactory solution can be reached in a future iteration of this scheme.</p>
3	25/0027/FUL <i>(Extension requested)</i>	Dr Mark Turner	Access track to Higher Standroyd, Bent Lane, Colne	<p>Full: Construction of a mortar filled stone wall (1.25m high) to replace existing dilapidated fencing, erection of new gate posts with improvements to the track.</p>

				<p>CTC Comment: The Town Council welcomes this application, which improves the ecology of the area, the boundary to the Lidgett Triangle (a Local Green Space designated in our Neighbourhood Plan) and a well used footpath in the Lidgett and Bents Conservation Area.</p>
4	25/0030/FUL <i>(Extension granted, please send comments 19/2/25)</i>	Mr Keith Lawson	265-267 Burnley Rd, Colne	<p>Full: Erection of a single storey rear and side extension to existing vehicle sales building and installation of roller shutters.</p> <p>CTC Comment: Town Councillors raise concerns on the practical access and egress to and from this property, owing to its location on a main road. Councillors are also not content with the piecemeal, haphazard design, most especially the roller shutter, given its prominent position. Town councillors feel that a more cohesive and comprehensive design approach would serve both the site and the business on the site, better.</p>
5	25/0040/FUL <i>(Extension granted, please send comments by 19/2/25)</i>	Cornerstone	52 Market Street, Colne	<p>Full: Replacement of 3 no. existing antennas with 6 no. upgraded antennas together with the installation of 1 no. 300mm dish and 1 no. 600mm dish to replace existing, upgrading existing cabin and associated ancillary works.</p> <p>CTC Comment: No comment.</p>
6	25/0036/LHE	Mr Damian Tiplady	25 Wordsworth Rd, Colne	<p>Permitted Development Notification: (Proposed Larger Home Extension): Erection of a single storey rear extension (6.00 length, 3.20 height and 2.85 eaves height).</p> <p>CTC Comment: No comment.</p>
7	25/0041/VAR	Mr Shamrais Ansar	1 Windy Bank, Colne	<p>Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Plans) of Planning Permission 21/0687/FUL</p> <p>CTC Comment: Councillors object to both the removal of the parking and the removal of the provision of cycle storage. These aspects were considered important elements in the original application. The Town Council also objects to the aluminium framed windows on heritage grounds. This property, formerly the Red Lion and then the Walton Arms, is one of the oldest in Colne and it is no 12 of the Non-Designated Heritage Assets within the Town Council's Neighbourhood Plan. The citation reads: "Comprising two parts – lower height link section higher up the hill, which contains the</p>

				<p>entrance, mullioned windows, simple Victorian sashes above and projecting corbels above that to hold up the rainwater goods. Next door, lower down the hill, is a gable fronted building whose façade is pierced by four regularly spaced Victorian sashes (original to the 19th century). Planning permission has recently been granted to convert the building into five one-bedroomed and bedsit flats with a small retail outlet. However, the building's foundation is Georgian or pre-Georgian. It was known as The Red Lion until The New Red Lion was opened in Market Street in 1793. At that point, it became The Walton Arms, as apocryphally, it was owned by The Revd. Walton. The Walton Arms closed in 1969. The building's cellars are held by popular belief to have run through to St. Bartholomew's, but this cannot be verified, because they are now blocked up with concrete."</p>
8	25/0043/FUL	Ms Pia Vinther	Land to the West of West Lynn, Barrowford Rd, Colne	<p>Full: Erection of 4 no. additional stables, storage and a menage with timber gates.</p> <p>CTC Comment: CTC raises concerns on the scale of this development compared with the modest pair of timber stables on the site currently. Councillors noted that a condition of the approval of the previous application was that there could be no commercial use of the site and therefore seek to ensure that this proposed development would be for private use solely.</p>
9	25/0080/TPO	Atherley	Peel Gardens Nursing Home, Vivary Way, Colne	<p>4 no. XL Ash trees that are very tall & have dead wood and hanging through the crowns. Tree No. 3 has an inclusion at the crown break which is showing signs of possible separation. Reduce trees.</p> <p>CTC Comment: CTC has no objection to this application, but the Town Councillors, aware of the limited life span of the ash trees, would like to see some new saplings planted now, so there are mature trees on this site when the dead ash trees are removed.</p>
10	25/0024/HHO	Ms Susan Duerden	Sunny Brae, Cotton Tree Lane, Colne	<p>Full: Erection of an orangery to the rear of the existing bungalow.</p> <p>CTC Comment: CTC supports this application.</p>

11	25/0091/FUL	Mr Nikki Antemes	16 Lidgett, Skipton Old Road, Colne	<p>Full: Erection of a single storey rear extension.</p> <p>CTC Comment: CTC has no objection to the application however, it should be noted that the property is a Non Designated Heritage Asset (number 56) in the Colne Neighbourhood Plan: "Of Anglo-Saxon origin, Lidgett means "animal or livestock gateway" and it was traditionally an area on the very fringe of settlements and pasture land. Along with the nearby settlement of Bents, Lidgett is designated as a Conservation Area and the two hamlets are described in the appraisal as "a very attractive rural place at the edge of Colne". Within Lidgett we can see the Grade II Listed buildings of the Turnpike House, adjacent to the roundabout and, higher up on the opposite side of the road, the 1749 former Lidgett Hall, surrounded by handloom weavers' cottages. Several of these cottages are three storey, with pairs of loom shop windows to the first and second floors. Although the form of the cottages as they climb away from Colne is pleasing, with random natural stone walls and lintels, the cottages have been heavily modernised, with no original joinery remaining. The cottages are fronted by a narrow, flagstone path that is presumably early nineteenth century and the higher ones overlook the pasture land of the Lidgett Triangle. This grazing land beyond Lidgett would have supplied the wool for the handlooms. Asset Type: Houses Conservation Area: In a Conservation Area Selection Criteria: 1. Largely built before 1840 and surviving unchanged externally, bar the joinery. 15. Buildings with an important association with the history of the area's local economic development, specifically agriculture and handloom weaving. 18. These buildings contribute significantly to the townscape, street scene or appearance of the area."</p>
12	25/0009/ADV	Mr Reece Farrar	1 Arcadia, Market St, Colne	<p>Advertisement Consent: Display of 2 no. non-illuminated fascia signs and 4 no. sticker vinyl and 1 no. fascia vinyl to side elevation.</p> <p>CTC Comment: Town Councillors feel these designs are not appropriate for the Albert Road Conservation Area. They feel that these designs do not respect the structure of the façade of the Market Arcade. All town councillors disliked the vinyl on the stallriser. They also felt that the depth of the over window advertisement on the</p>

				front façade would unbalance the double fronted façade of the Market Arcade, as it is of double depth, taking up its section of the entablature that currently runs across the building's full width. Town councillors believe that the shop signage should be confined to the top window sections of the shop, both at the front and down the sides.
13	25/0004/AP/E NFORC	Mr Gregory Whiteoak	Pine Garth Farm, Coal Pit Lane, Colne	Appeal against Enforcement Notice: Without listed building consent, the removal of external wooden framed windows and replacement of those with UPVC windows, in a Grade II Listed Building known as Coal Pit Farmhouse and attached barn. CTC Comment: Noted
14	25/0109/PNT		Byron Rd, Colne (North East of Community Centre)	Prior Approval Notification (Telecoms): Installation of a 2m high slim-line monopole, supporting 6 no. antennas, 2 no. transmission dishes, 2 no. equipment cabinets, 1 no. electric meter cabinet and ancillary development thereto including 6 no. paving slabs. CTC Comment: No comment.

17. Correspondence Received

Details of any correspondence that the Full Council has received that requires presenting or reviewing at Full Council.

- Geoff Crambie Tour of Colne #2 – All Members were happy to go with the date put forward, and gave delegated authority to the Deputy Clerk, Events & Facilities Officer to make the necessary arrangements to implement the project.

18. Items for a future month's Agenda

Points raised under this item are for information only. Any debate should be limited to five minutes. Points raised will be considered for inclusion as an agenda item at a future meeting.

- *The opening up of the recesses on the first floor of the Town Hall (to be brought forward in six months' time)*
- *Investigations into the efficiency of the Town Hall building*

19. Date & Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next Full Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 18th March at 7.00 p.m.

This meeting concluded at 9.10 p.m.