



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COLNE TOWN COUNCIL
on Tuesday, 19th August 2025 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Colne Town Hall

In attendance: Cllr N. Butterworth, Cllr D. Clegg, Cllr G. Clegg, Cllr D. Cockburn-Price, Cllr P. Hannah-Wood, Cllr D. Lord, Cllr A. Mann, Cllr M. Moffitt, Cllr I. Robinson, Cllr H. Thomas, Cllr M. Thomas and Cllr B. Wildman.

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

Others in Attendance: Sharon Dale, Alan Bedford, John Birchenough and various members of the public.

1. Welcome

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

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A. Bell, Cllr A. Chamberlain, Cllr D. Clamp, Cllr S. Cockburn-Price and Cllr P. Howarth.

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.

Cllr D. Cockburn Price declared a pecuniary interest in item 11 (1) on the agenda, as Trustee & Treasurer of Colne Youth Action Group. He Also declared a registered interest as Chairman of the Lidgett & Beyond Group.

Cllr D. Cockburn-Price has been granted a dispensation by the Monitoring Officer to speak and vote on Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG) matters.

4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 15th July 2025.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 15th July were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr N Butterworth
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.

Due to the Clerk having just been on leave, no update was given at the meeting.

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.

Sharon Dale, Alan Bedford and John Birchenough all registered to speak regarding Item 11 Ref: 25/0479/FUL.

The main concerns raised were:

The excessive operational hours and the change of use to a commercial enterprise.

Excessive noise pollution, foul language and an increase in anti-social behaviour and security risks.

Excessive light pollution from the proposed floodlights affecting both residents and the local wildlife.

Environmental concerns relating to the rubber crumb used in 3G Pitches and the adverse effect on community health and safety.

The impact on the long-range views in the area.

The inconsistencies lying within the submission documents.

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)

The Borough Council report received was noted by Members.

8. Finances

- a) To receive a schedule of payments from 9th July to 12th August 2025 for approval by the Chairman.
(Decision required)

Following a short discussion, the Schedule of Payments to the value of £145,412.22 was presented to Members and duly signed by the Chairman.

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

Seconded by Cllr P. Hannah-Wood

- b) To receive a summary of budget, expenditure, and commitments as at 12th August 2025. (Decision required)

The Financial Budget Summary was approved by Members.

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

Seconded by Cllr P. Hannah-Wood

9. Treasure Our Town

To receive an update on the current month's session held by the Treasure Our Town Group. (Information only)

The update received was noted by Members.

10. The Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival 2025

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

The update received from the Deputy Clerk was noted by Members.

11. Planning

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

	Application Number	Applicant	Location	Proposal
1	25/0479/FUL (Extension for comments granted)	Helen Scholey	Park High School, Venables Avenue, Colne	Full: (Major): Erection of a 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) with perimeter fencing, hardstanding area to side of pitch, 1 no. storage container, 6 no. floodlights, an access footpath; sports hall extension; creation of a long/triple jump; conversion of the shale sports pitch to natural grass. CTC Comments: The Town Council has concerns about a number of issues relating to the proposed development, as do the local residents. This application, in its current form, will lead to excessive light and noise pollution affecting both local residents and wildlife on the upper rough. Councillors also expressed concerns about emerging evidence of environmental damage and potential health impact to both humans and animals of the materials used for the 3G Pitch, namely microplastics and rubber crumb. The Town Council also recommends that a full consultation with residents be undertaken to review operational issues and to help look for ways to reduce the noise and light pollution for homeowners living in the vicinity.
2	25/0233/FUL (Extension for comments NOT granted)	Mr Adil Rais	8 Cumberland Street, Colne	Full: Part demolition and part rebuild to former workshop (Amendment to previous application). Already decided – no comment required.

3	25/0481/FUL	Mr Drew Ingham	Land to the West of Garfield, Keighley Rd, Colne	Full: Erection of a detached dwelling. CTC Comment: No comment.
4	25/0499/TPO (Info Only)	Mrs Julie Bradley	Heirs House Farm, Heirs House Lane, Colne	T1 Horse Chestnut – Crown Reduce to monolith. Information Only – No comment required
5	25/0488/ADV	Mr Neil Simpson	Boundary Garage, Burnley Road, Colne	Advertisement Consent: Removal of existing signage, display of 5 no. illuminated fascia signs, 1 no. illuminated pylon sign & new illuminated entrance portal. CTC Comment: No comment.
6	25/0477/ADV	Mr Henry Quick	Union Hotel, Market Street, Colne	Advertisement Consent: Display of 1 no. illuminated fascia sign to North Elevation. CTC Comment: No comment.
7	25/0328/FUL	Mr Scott Edmondson	Whitemoor View, Red Lane, Colne	Full: Erection of 3 no. holiday lodges with associated parking. CTC Comment: Colne Town Council has no objections to this development but would ask that sympathetic materials be used to allow the buildings to remain in keeping with the surrounding environment.

12. Correspondence Received

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

The correspondence received relating to Item 11 Ref: 25/0479/FUL was presented to and noted by Members.

13. 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.

- *Grounds Maintenance Contract*
- *Colne In Bloom Management Agreement*
- *Asset Transfer (Private Item)*

14. Date & Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next Full Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 16th September at 7.00 p.m.

This meeting concluded at 9 p.m.