



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COLNE TOWN COUNCIL

on Tuesday, 21st October 2025 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Colne Town Hall

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

Officers: Mr. N Cutler (Events & Facilities / Deputy Clerk) and Mr. S Brayne (Finance Officer)

Others in attendance: Mr. William Stephenson (Chairman of Gib Hill Guardians)

1. Welcome

Cllr. M Thomas, Chairman, welcomed all to the September 2025 Full Council meeting of Colne Town Council.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A. Bell, Cllr D. Clamp, Cllr S. Cockburn-Price, Cllr. D Lord, Cllr. P Hannah-Wood, Cllr. B Wildman 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.

No declarations of interest.

4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16th September 2025.
(Decision required)

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16th September, were accepted as a true and accurate record.

***Proposed by Cllr N Butterworth
Approved by Council.***

Seconded by Cllr I Robinson

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.
(Information only)

No public in attendance.

6. Gib Hill Guardians

To receive an update from the Chairman of the Gib Hill Guardians on the progress of how the funding provided by Colne Town Council is being spent.

The Council received an update from the Chairman of Gib Hill Guardians, Mr. William Stephenson, about the work that the group have done and their future plans.

Cllr. I Robinson questioned why there were no representatives from the Town Council in the group as this was a condition of the funding from the Town Council.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to circulate the PowerPoint to Councillors.

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 Council received a brief update from Cllr. D Cockburn-Price on what has been happening at the Borough Council.

8. Finances

- a) To receive a schedule of payments from 10th September to 14th October 2025 for approval by the Chairman. (Decision required)

Following a short discussion, the Schedule of Payments to the value of £177,254.80 was presented to Members and duly signed by the Chairman.

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

Seconded by: Cllr. H Thomas

- b) To receive a summary of budget, expenditure, and commitments as of 14th October 2025. (Decision required)

The Financial Budget Summary was approved by Members.

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

Seconded by: Cllr. H Thomas

9. Colne In Bloom

To receive an update from the Chairman of Colne In Bloom on the work that the Charity has been undertaking this month.

Cllr. A Mann, Chairman of Colne in Bloom, gave a verbal update to the Council on what Colne in Bloom have been up to and what they plan to do over the next few weeks.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to circulate the report from Colne in Bloom to Councillors.

10. Colne Junior Council

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

Cllr. S Cockburn-Price gave an update on the proceedings of the last Junior Council meeting. The Council were informed that an additional school, Primet Primary, had now joined the Junior Council and a new Headteachers Challenge had been issued to the Junior Council.

11. Treasure Our Town

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

Cllr. S Cockburn-Price gave a brief update on the last Treasure our Town session, the Council were also informed by the Deputy Clerk that the November Treasure our Town session has been cancelled due to interviewing for the Administration Assistant happening on the same day.

12. The Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival 2026

To receive an update on the progression of the organisation and operational elements for the 2026 Festival.

The Deputy Clerk gave a verbal update on the 2026 Blues Festival and this was noted by Members.

13. Colne Neighbourhood Plan

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

Cllr. S Cockburn-Price gave a verbal update on the progress of the Colne Neighbourhood Plan. Members were also informed that our current consultant, Mr. Michael Wellock, has retired and therefore Cllr. S Cockburn-Price has worked with the Town Clerk to gather quotations for a new consultant.

14. 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	25/0030/REFUSE 25/0338/FUL (APPEAL – INFO ONLY)	Mr Culligan	Prospect Farm Caravan Site, Lenches Rd, Colne	Full: Siting of an additional 5 no. static park homes. Information Only – No comment required
2	25/0611/TCA (INFO ONLY)	Mr Dax Umberside	Standroyd, Skipton Old Rd, Colne	REMOVE one lime tree in rear garden, there is a large cavity at the base of the stem and with a probe can be pushed deep into the root ball. Information Only – No comment required

3	25/0622/TPO (INFO ONLY)	Marie Knights	Cobble Cottage, Greenfield Rd, Colne	<p>T1 lime, remove epicormic growth on the main stem up to 1st limb for general maintenance of tree and reduce 1 elongated branch protruding over property/driveway by 1.5m to weight reduce for safety.</p> <p>Information Only – No comment required</p>
4	25/0569/FUL	Mr P Gregson	Land Off Laithe Street, Colne	<p>Full: (Major): Erection of 11 no. dwellings with altered vehicular access and parking.</p> <p>CTC Comment: The Town Council feel this is a good opportunity to regenerate housing and welcome the development.</p>
5	25/0630/FUL	Miss Rebecca Yates	Land At The Junction With Whitewalls Drive, Greenfield Rd, Colne	<p>Full: Erection of a drive thru restaurant associated with car parking and landscaping.</p> <p>CTC Comments: The Town Council has concerns about several issues relating to the proposed development. Councillors have raised concerns regarding the environmental impacts including noise pollution, pollution from car exhaust from idling whilst going round the drive thru and parking up to eat. There is also concerns on the impact on residents on the increase of anti-social behavior and littering.</p> <p>The Town Council also recommends that a Health Impact Assessment is completed.</p>
6	25/0657/TPO (INFO ONLY)	Mrs Alison Rushton	Pennystones, 14 Netherheys Close, Colne	<p>T1+T2 Ash in rear garden. Removal of major deadwood. Crown lift both tree to 5m. Reduce back house side of both trees by approx. 2.5m to improve clearance to the house and reduce overhang to garden. Selective reduce back other parts of crown back by under 2.5m where necessary to bring back in to shape and reduce some end weigh on overextending limbs.</p>

				Information Only – No comment required
7	25/0659/TPO (INFO ONLY)	Mr Stephen Boothman	Blakey Hall Farm, Red Lane, Colne	T1 Black Hybrid Poplar – Prune tree to leave standing stem approx. 0.5m above where first primary branches occur, approx. 5m above ground level, leaving fort like structure. Primary branch with cavity to encourage habitat potential. Information Only – No comment required.
8	25/0677/TPO (INFO ONLY)	Mrs Karen Livesey	2 Castle Court, Colne	T1 – Fern Leaf Beech Tree Crown lift to 3.5-4m drooping foliage T2 – White Beam Crown lift to 4m. Information Only – No comment required

15. Correspondence Received

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

Councillors were presented with 2 pieces of correspondence including:

- *Lancashire County Council's improvements to War Memorials*
- *Lancashire County Council's Bus Service Improvement Scheme consultation.*

16. 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 Council raised the following items for a future month's agenda:

- Asset Transfer

17. Date & Time of Next Regular Meeting

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

Meeting concluded at 8.23pm