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**Mission Statement**

Endeavour, through foresight and leadership, to enhance quality of life for Longridge residents and visitors.

Working to enrich facilities and nurture opportunity,

to protect and improve the built and natural environment, and promote community pride.

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Proceedings of meeting held at Station Buildings, Longridge, 2nd February 2023.

Present: Cllr. N Stubbs

 Cllr. D Little

 Cllr. L Jameson

 Cllr. J Rogerson

 Cllr. R Adamson

 Cllr. R Walker

 Cllr. E Baines

 Cllr. H Gee

 Cllr. S Rainford

 Cllr. R Beacham

Cllr. K Spencer

 Miss J Dibble (Town Clerk)

+6 Observers

+1 Speaker

**Min 0825 Mayor's Welcome**

Meeting opened at 19:00

Cllr. N Stubbs welcomed all members of Council and members of the public to the meeting.

**Min 0826 Apologies Received**

Cllr. S Ashcroft

**Min 0827 Declarations of Interests**

None declared

**Min 0828 Public Time**

*Meeting closed at 18:17*

It was agreed that after Cllr. L Jameson opened up discussions surrounding the planning application on the agenda, Council would revert back to open public time.

*Meeting opened 18:18*

*Cllr. K Spencer joined the meeting 18:18*

**Min 0829 Consideration of Planning & Licence Applications- Namely, Dominos Pizza Uk & Ireland Limited (2/2023/0055)**

Cllr. L Jameson opened discussions regarding the Dominos application.

He introduced himself to the room and advised that he would be firstly providing a personal statement.

Cllr. L Jameson stated that as an independent he posted a status on the Facebook regarding the application (2/2023/0055) and unfortunately was subjected to abusive, homophobic and derogatory comments surrounding his work.

He then gave thanks to the administrators of the Facebook page who removed the hurtful comments. He also gave thanks to fellow Councillors who were aware of the intolerable comments for the support they had shown.

Cllr. L Jameson then proceeded to explain to Council and members of the public that the application was actually deemed invalid. Therefore, there was no live application to submit comments on at this stage.

Cllr Jameson explained that the site plans, parking plans and information relating to the extraction fans was not correct and therefore without the correct information, this invalidated the application.

He confirmed that following a discussion with the planning officer, the revised plans will be resubmitted. He then explained that in his experience, this could take around two weeks before the application is live again.

Reference was made to the planning application relating to The British Legion Building which was subsequently refused by RVBC. It was noted that one of the reasons for refusal related to parking. Cllr Jameson advised parking would be a huge concern for our Highstreet if Dominos were successful with their application.

Cllr. L Jameson advised the shop was within a conservation area and that the signage would not suit the heritage and charm of Berry Lane. Furter concerns were then raised regarding additional litter and potential increase Anti-Social behaviour.

Cllr. L Jameson closed his report by advising that he is minded to ask fellow Councillors to refuse the application on the grounds of parking, litter, noise pollution, pollution and ASB.

Cllr. S Rainford advised she fully supports Cllr Jameson’s comments. Cllr. Rainford then expressed her concerns regarding the parking on and around the proposed unit and how this may impact the parking at Booths.

Cllr. Rainford reiterated the concerns surrounding litter advising that Towneley Gardens was an area we want to develop.

Cllr. R Walker confirmed that Warwick Street is a heavily congested area. It was agreed that if, (best case) deliveries are scheduled, there will still be accessibility issues.

Cllr. J Rogerson noted that he was struggling to see grounds for refusal and that he felt our role should be to encourage the use of independent businesses where possible.

Cllr. D little commented that we are facing difficulties in the town with an increase in ASB, and the boarded up public toilets showcase this. Cllr. D Little commented further to say, he felt that anything that will potentially exacerbate the vandalism and ASB will be a huge risk to the community.

Cllr. K Spencer raised further concerns over parking advising that Dominos staff, delivery drivers and consumers will create congestion on the roads, we need to keep an open mind for additional parking requirements for takeaway drivers such as ‘Just Eat, Uber Eats and Deliveroo’.

Cllr. S Rainford expressed concern relating to delivery trucks, drivers and consumers potentially using Berry Lane to park on. She explained that the roads are very narrow and pram users and wheelchair users struggle to pass when cars / lorries are loading/ unloading.

Cllr. R Adamson advised she felt strongly towards the Environment and both the noise pollution and extraction pollution will be very high. It was further noted that Longridge is considered a single use plastic free Town and that this should be included in our response.

*Meeting Closed 18:40*

*1 observer left 18:40*

*Public time reopened 18:41*

A request was made from an observer to speak. He explained that our Highstreet already has national chains occupying our shops such as Betfred, Co-Operative and YMCA to name a few. Therefore, another national chain wanting to join the high street was not a reason for refusal.

He suggested that if the Town Council wish to refuse the application, we will need to make sure the arguments we put forward are legitimate reasons for refusal.

*Public time closed: 18:43*

*Meeting opened 18:43*

Cllr. L Jameson proposed to write a letter of refusal to Ribble Valley Borough Council once the revised application has been resubmitted.

Cllr. S Rainford seconded the proposal.

It was agreed by majority vote that the Town Council will be raising objections in relation to application **2/2023/0055**. Town Clerk and Cllr. L Jameson to draft a letter with comments to the nominated planning officer.

*4 observers and 1 speaker left 18:51*

**Min 0830 – Staffing Committee**

The Chairman, Cllr. N Stubbs advised that as Cllr. R Adamson had recently resigned from the Staffing Committee.

Th Chairman then confirmed to Councillors that Cllr. E Baines had declared an interest in joining the Staffing Committee.

The Chairman advised that the proposed members were now Cllr. L Jameson, Cllr. S Rainford, Cllr. R Walker and Cllr. E Baines.

Proposer: Cllr. N Stubbs

Seconder: Cllr. S Rainford.

*1 observer left 18:52*

*Cllr. K Spencer left the meeting 18:52*

Cllr. Stubbs proposed that Council were to move in to Part II – Confidential Items.

Cllr. S Rainford seconded the motion.

*Cllr. K Spencer returned to the meeting 18:54*

**Min 0831 Part II Confidential Items**

In Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Paragraph 1, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It was proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business which was transacted the minutes will not be published to the press and public.