



QUALITY
TOWN
COUNCIL

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL 2016 - 2017

1. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

From May 2016 to April 2017 the Town Council held 11 Town Council Meetings, 12 Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meetings, 1 Annual Meeting and 1 Annual Town Meeting.
Councillors attended meetings as follows and received no payments or expenses:

COUNCILLOR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL
	AM P ATM AM	P TC	P TC	P TC	P TC	P TC	P TC	P&TC	P TC	P TC	P TC	P TC
CONSERVATIVE												
P J Ashcroft	0 0 1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 0	0 1	1 0	0	0 1	1 1	1 1	1 1
Mrs L J Winrow-Baker	1 1 0 0	1 0	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1	1 1	0 1	1 1	1 0
INDEPENDENT												
J Speight	1 1 1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	0 1	1 1	1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1
LABOUR												
R A Battersby	1 1 1 1	1 0	1 1	0 1	1 0	1 1	1 1	0	1 1	1 1	1 1	0 1
T P Brennen	0 1 0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	R S M	Fairhurst		1 1 1	1 1
D A Chadwick	1 1 1 1	0 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	0 1	1 1	0	0 0	1 1	1 1	1 1
Mrs B J Dodds	0 1 0 0	1 1	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	A B	Eckersley-	Fallon	1 0 0	1 1
Ms A Graham	1 1 1 1	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	1 0	1	1 1	0 1	1 1	1 1
Mrs C J Harkin	1 1 0 0	1 0	1 0	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	0	1 1	1 1	1 1	0 1
K S Jones	1 1 0 0	0 1	1 0	1 0	1 1	1 0	1 0	1	0 1	1 0	1 0	0 1
Mrs J A Peploe	1 1 1 1	1 0	0 1	1 1	1 1	1 0	1 1	1	0 0	0 1	0 0	1 1
A Price	1 1 0 0	0 1	1 0	1 1	1 0	1 1	1 0	1	1 0	1 0	1 1	1 1
T D Robinson	1 1 0 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	0 0	1 0	0	1 1	0 0	1 0	1 1
Miss S Watkin	1 1 1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 0	0	1 1	0 1	1 1	1 1
Mrs G F Williams	0 0 0 0	1 1	1 0	1 1	1 1	0 1	0 1	0	0 1	1 1	1 1	1 1
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT												
J R Ainscough	0 1 0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	0	0 0	0 1	1 0	1 0
D J Gradwell	1 1 0 0	1 1	0 1	1 0	1 1	1 1	1 1	0	0 1	1 0	1 1	1 1
D A Wilkinson	1 0 1 1	1 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	1 1	1 0	0	0 1	1 1	1 1	1 1

In addition, some Town Councillors were appointed to the Daisy Hill in Bloom Committee and regular Meetings have been held.

THE FOLLOWING TOWN COUNCILLORS MAY BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY

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2. CIVIC MATTERS

During the year, the Town Mayor has attended numerous official functions by invitation. The Mayoral Sunday Service, the Remembrance Day Parade, the Pretoria Pit Disaster Memorial Services and the annual Carol Service were well supported.

3. The Town Council has continued to consider all Planning Applications during the year and has tried in every case to obtain the best decisions for the people of the town.
The Town Council has been active with Bolton Council on various highway, environmental, Town Centre issues and other relevant matters affecting the town. The Town Council has vigorously objected to the proposed Greater Manchester Spatial Plan, which proposes that 4,500 houses are built in Westhoughton. The Town Council has also objected to the proposed developments at Bowlands Hey and off Platt Lane
4. The Town Council has made grants to a number of deserving causes, as listed in the 2016-2017 accounts.
5. The Town Council repeated its successful Christmas Lights initiative along Market Street, with a donation of £250 from Bolton Council, and provided Christmas Trees for the Town Hall balcony and Westhoughton Market.
6. The Westhoughton Town Council web site address is: www.bolton.gov.uk/westhoughton
7. The Town Council continues to maintain liaison with the Police.
8. The Homewatch Liaison Officer has encouraged the formation of new Homewatch Schemes and Bolton Council funds and sites the Homewatch Signs.
9. The Town Council supports the Market Traders and the retention and improvement of the Market Hall.
10. The Westhoughton Town Council funds the Westhoughton Town Centre CCTV scheme.
11. With the co-operation of Bolton Council and BTCV the Town Council has donated £3,000 towards the repair of footpaths which are part of the Definitive Footpath Network.
12. In the interest of highway safety, the Town Council's two Solar Powered Driver Feedback signs and a sign on loan from Bolton Council have been sited at various locations in Westhoughton.
13. The Town Council's digital camera has been used on Town Council business and on civic occasions. A Code of Conduct has been established to govern the use of the camera and personal use is prohibited.
14. The Town Council has donated £6,000 towards the cost renovating Westhoughton Local Nature Reserves.

15. The Town Council has helped the youth of the town by providing finance for youth/sporting and recreational facilities.
16. The Town Council has funded the Get Active Westhoughton Youth Project. This exciting initiative is a partnership scheme between the Town Council and Bolton Council and is providing schemes and activities for the youth of the town. The Town Council has also funded Youth Workers and transport for the Bolton Lads & Girls Club Westhoughton Outreach and Detached Programme.
17. The Town Council produces a Newsletter, which is circulated quarterly to shops and outlets throughout the Town.
18. The Town Council awarded a Civic Medal to Mrs D E Mills in recognition of her outstanding charitable works and great service to Westhoughton. Members of the public nominated the recipient.
19. The Town Council awarded Environmental Award Certificates and £25 each to Mr M Dutton and Mr E Swarbrick in recognition of their outstanding environmental work in Hall Lee Bank Park.
20. Town Councillors regularly attend the Westhoughton with Chew Moor Area Forum.
21. In 2010, the Pretoria Pit Disaster Centenary Memorial was sited in Ditchfield Garden by the Town Council and is a permanent memorial to the 344 victims of the Pretoria Pit Disaster of 21st December, 1910.
On 21st December, 2016, the Town Council organised two special Anniversary Services of Remembrance - at the Pretoria Pit Disaster Centenary Memorial in Ditchfield Garden at 7.45 a.m. and at the Parish Church of St Bartholomew at 10.00 a.m.
22. The Annual Accounts for 2015-2016 were duly signed off and no items were raised by the auditor.
23. The Town Council has appointed a Daisy Hill in Bloom Committee which comprises of Town Councillors and members of the public. The Committee has a £1,000 budget from the Town Council and is to be congratulated on working hard to improve Daisy Hill Village by arranging litter-picks and planting out baskets and tubs.
24. In the interest of security and in order to comply with the Data Protection Act, the Town Council has a high security level shredder for the Town Clerk, and the shredder is also available for Town Councillors' use. The Town Council is committed to recycling and all paper is recycled.
25. The Town Council Notice Board is sited on the pavement at the front of Westhoughton Town Hall and Town Council Agendas, Minutes and information are regularly displayed.
26. In order to support the Police, the Town Council has funded a hire car for 12 months, which is used as a Policing Team vehicle in Westhoughton.

27. The Town Council funded the installation of a feeder pillar and double socket, and a PA System for the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.
 28. In February, 2016, Historic England added the Westhoughton War Memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Historic Architectural or Historic Interest and the War Memorial is now listed at Grade 11.
 29. The Town Council has organised an Anti-Litter Artwork Competition for Primary School pupils.
 30. In the summer of 2015, Bolton Council funded the siting of planters and plants in the Town Centre. The Town Council has ensured that the Town Centre is bright and cheerful again in summer, 2016 by taking over the planting and maintenance costs.
 31. Thanks are due to the retiring Town Mayor and Town Mayoress, Cllr Ms Anne Graham and Mrs Shauneen Riddsdale for their efforts on behalf of the town in the past year. Their charity fundraising will see the presentation of funds to the Fortalice and Daytrippers (Bolton).
 32. Town Council Officers:
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- Mr K Jackson, Homewatch Liaison Officer, Tel: 0790 403 8176.

SECTION 137 PAYMENTS

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish Councils to spend up to the product of £7.42 per head of electorate in 2016/17 for the benefit of people in the Westhoughton Parish area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. (Electorate approximately 18,982)

The following payments were made in 2016/17:

GENERAL GRANTS

28/03/17	Hindley's & Clough Farm Residents Ass.	375.81
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SENIOR CITIZEN GRANTS

10/01/17	Wingates Residents Association	988.00
30/01/17	Tuesday Club	927.95
30/01/17	W.A.S.P.	1,500.00
13/03/17	Senior Solutions	1,500.00

PRETORIA PIT MEMORIAL

30/01/17	Clean & check memorial	70.00
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CIVIC MEDALS/YOUNG CITIZEN/ENV. AWARD

10/01/17	Environmental Award	50.00

NET TOTAL:		£5,411.76
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BANK RECONCILIATION AT 31ST MARCH 2017

CURRENT ACCOUNT	15,024.62
 UNCLEARED PAYMENTS	
Bacs	407.69-
Chq 007	115.60-
Chq 008	68.95-
Chq 009	375.81-
Chq 010	50.00-
Chq 011	48.00-

	1,066.05-
 CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	 13,958.57
LIQUIDITY MANAGER RESERVE ACCOUNT	30,901.78
LIQUIDITY MANAGER CAPITAL FUND	8,016.27

 TOTAL:	 52,876.62

GRANTS 2016-17

25.04.16	Park Veterans Bowling Club	Planters	500.00
13.06.16	W.A.C.O.	It's a Knock Out items	1,150.00
10.10.16	Friends of Eatock Lodge	Family Fun Day	1,000.00
09.01.17	Wingates Tenants & Residents Association	Christmas Party	988.00
31.01.17	W.A.S.P.	Christmas Party	1,500.00
13.03.17	Senior Solutions	Christmas Party	1,500.00
27.03.17	H.A.C.F.R.A.	Christmas Party	375.81

BALANCE SHEET 2016– 2017

Total Assets	54,586.10
 Funds:	
Prepayments	5,837.24
Liquidity Manager Reserve Account	30,901.78
Liquidity Manager Capital Fund	8,016.27
Current Account	13,958.57
VAT to be reclaimed	3,078.24

	61,792.10
 Creditors (outstanding invoices)	 7,206.00-

	54,586.10

CHARITIES ACCOUNT

BANK RECONCILIATION AT 31ST MARCH, 2017 CONFIRMED BANK BALANCES

Current Account	1,257	
Reserve Account	00	
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SUMMARY 2016-17		
Balances Forward		
Current Account	5,701	
Reserve Account	00	

	5,701	
Add Total Receipts	2,146+	
Less Total Payments	6,590-	

Balance shown in Receipts & Payments	1,257	

TOWN MAYOR'S CHARITY 2016/17

The former Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs Lynda J Winrow-Baker has made the following charitable donations from the funds which she raised during her Mayoral Year 2015-16:

Bolton Dementia Support	£2,515.33
Legacy Rainbow House	£2,515.34

