

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

12TH MARCH 2018

PRESENT: Deputy Town Mayor Cllr A Price and Councillors R A Battersby, D A Chadwick, Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon, D J Gradwell, Mrs C J Harkin, K S Jones, Miss D J McGeown, D A Wilkinson, Mrs G F Williams and Mrs L J Winrow-Baker.
Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT:

Bolton Councillor for Westhoughton South, Cllr Mrs A M Watters and members of the public.

The Chairman, Cllr K S Jones welcomed the newly elected Town Councillor Miss D J McGeown on behalf of the Town Council.

PFGP35/2018 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Chairman explained the Fire Safety Procedure.

PFGP36/2018 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council: Town Mayor Cllr Miss S Watkin and Cllrs J R Ainscough - Personal Commitments, Cllr Miss R S M Fairhurst – meeting and Cllr T D Robinson – work.

PFGP37/2018 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

PFGP38/2018 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr K S Jones declared an interest in Agenda item No. 8 – To Discuss Planning and Development Matters and to approve any action because he is a member of the Bolton Council Planning Committee.

PFGP39/2018 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

Bolton Councillor Mrs A M Watters asked:

- a) The Town Council to explain why Westhoughton is like The Bronx
- b) Does Westhoughton Town Council have a social media and communications policy to counteract fake news and lies?

The questions will be discussed at the March Town Council Meeting.

A member of the public asked a question which was irrelevant to the Town Council.

PFGP40/2018 THE ATTENDANCE OF A BOLTON LADS & GIRLS CLUB REPRESENTATIVE RE FUNDING FOR THE WESTHOUGHTON LADS & GIRLS CLUB OUTREACH AND DETACHED PROGRAMME 2018-2019

Two representatives reported on the Westhoughton Lads & Girls Club Outreach and Detached Programme 2017 – 2018, explained the proposals for the 2018-2019 Programme and discussed the project with the Town Council. The Town Council congratulated the representatives on the range of activities provided and the success of the project.

PFGP41/2018 THE ATTENDANCE OF A BOLTON COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE RE FUNDING FOR THE GET ACTIVE WESTHOUGHTON YOUTH PROJECT 2018-2019

Three Bolton Council Officers reported on the range of activities provided in the 2017-2018 project and proposals to continue with the project in 2018-2019. The Town Council thanked the Officers for providing the large range of activities and the success of the project.

The Town Council is very fortunate that both the Westhoughton Lads & Girls Club Outreach and Detached Programme and the Get Active Westhoughton Youth Project are very successful and that it is able to fund both projects.

Cllr Mrs Winrow-Baker left the meeting.

PFGP42/2018 TO DISCUSS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

(a) TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Council requested that its comments on the following Planning Applications are placed before the Bolton Council Planning Committee:

02965/18 The Town Council raised no objections

03015/18 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or Planning Committee determine the application

02963/18 The Town Council raised no objections subject to the concerns of the Northern Peak Footpaths Association being addressed and Footpath No. 187 is not impinged upon

02982/18 The Town Council raised no objections

03000/18 The Town Council raised objections because of the loss of wildlife and the detrimental effect on the environment, the access road, Wingates Lane, is very narrow with several twists and many parked vehicles, the proposed access to the site is on a blind bend, the loss of green space, the area is prone to flooding, residents would be subjected to noise and nitrogen dioxide from the motorway M61, the crime impact statement is incorrect, this is the same application as in 2017 which is subject to appeal and the Town Council considers the current application to be an attempt to coerce Bolton Council

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

There were no Planning Appeals.

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

Resolved that the Planning Decisions, as circulated, be received and noted.

**PFGP43/2018 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 2018**

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 12th February, 2018, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP44/2018 TO APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 1.2.18. – 28.2.18.

Resolved that the Bank Reconciliation for 1.2.18 – 28.2.18, as circulated, be approved.

**PFGP45/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF DAISY HILL IN BLOOM ITEMS
TOTALLING £90.31**

Resolved that the Town Council approve Daisy Hill in Bloom Items totalling £90.31. This is in accordance with Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**PFGP46/2018 TO APPROVE A DONATION TOWARDS THE COST OF THE
TOWN MAYOR'S INAUGURATION**

Resolved that the Town Council approve a donation of £350 towards the cost of the Town Mayor's Inauguration.

This is in accordance with Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**PFGP47/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE PURCHASE OF 5 X PAST MAYORESS'S
STICK PINS AT A COST OF £201.86 EACH, PLUS VAT,
PLUS CARRIAGE AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council approve the purchase of 5 x Past Mayoress's Stick Pins at a cost of £201.86 each, plus VAT, plus carriage.

This is in accordance with 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**PFGP 48/2018 DISCUSSION ON FUNDING FOR THE BOLTON LADS & GIRLS CLUB
WESTHOUGHTON OUTREACH AND DETACHED PROGRAMME
2018-2019 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council approve £10,688 funding for the Bolton Lads & Girls Club Westhoughton Outreach and Detached Programme 2018-2019.

This is in accordance with Section 19 (d) of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976.

**PFGP 49/2018 DISCUSSION ON FUNDING FOR THE GET ACTIVE WESTHOUGHTON
YOUTH PROJECT 2018-2019 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council approve £29,300 funding for the Get Active Westhoughton Youth Project 2018-2019.

This is in accordance with Section 19 (d) of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976.

PFGP50/2018 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that approval be given to the signing by two members and the Town Clerk of an authorisation for payment of accounts totalling £1,121.11.

			£
123	Westhoughton Town Council Charities Account	Donation towards drinks for Civic Guests at the Mayor's Ball	100.00
124	Eatock Primary School	Grant	500.00
125	V Swinburne	Re-imbusement D.H.I.B. Items	10.97
126	J Aldred	Re-imbusement D.H.I.B. Items	79.34
127	Cash	Postage	400.00
DD	Talktalk	Internet & telephone fee	30.80
TOTAL:			----- £1,121.11 -----

The payment to Eatock Primary School is in accordance with Section 19 (d) of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976. The payment for Daisy Hill in Bloom Items is in accordance with Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972. The payment to Westhoughton Town Council Charities Account is in accordance with Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972.

PFGP51/2018 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following documents were noted by the Town Council:

1. Premises Licenses
2. Town Mayor's Charity Ball information

PFGP52/2018 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 9th April, 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.