

# WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

**PRESENT:** Town Mayor Cllr Miss S Watkin, Deputy Town Mayor Cllr A Price and Councillors R A Battersby, D A Chadwick, Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon, Ms A Graham, Mrs C J Harkin, Mrs J A Peplow, J Speight, D A Wilkinson, and Mrs L J Winrow-Baker.  
Town Clerk.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

A member of the public.

**TC21/2018 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION**

The Chairman, Cllr Miss S Watkin, explained the Fire Safety procedure.

**TC22/2018 TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS**

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council: Cllr J R Ainscough, Miss RSM Fairhurst and Mrs GF Williams – personal commitments and DJ Gradwell and T D Robinson – work.

**TC23/2018 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

**TC24/2018 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED**

Cllr DA Chadwick declared an interest in Agenda Items 8 and 14 – the request for a grant for Eatock Primary School

**TC25/2018 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS**

There were no questions.

**TC26/2018 THE ATTENDANCE OF SERGEANT LARAIN LISTER RE POLICING IN WESTHOUGHTON.**

Sergeant Lister and the Town Council discussed local crime levels which had shown no significant increase, the method of recording crime and the benefit of the Town Council's CCTV system and the Town Council funded hire car which is used as a Neighbourhood Policing Team Vehicle. The Police do not require a second hire car.

The Town Council thanked the Police Constables and the Community Police Support Officers for their work in Westhoughton.

**TC27/2018 PRESENTATION BY THE HOMEWATCH LIAISON OFFICER**

The Homewatch Liaison Officer explained the new system which will enable Homewatch Co-ordinators to liaise with each other and Police Officers will also link in. These are currently 150 Homewatch schemes in Westhoughton and the Homewatch Liaison Officer will check that details are up to date and schemes are still operating. The Town Council will be informed when the new system is in place.

Cllr Chadwick left the Council Chamber.

**TC28/2018 THE ATTENDANCE OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EATOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A GRANT**

The Deputy Head Teacher explained the grant application and answered questions from the Town Council.

Cllr Chadwick returned to the Council Chamber

Cllr Mrs Winrow-Baker left the meeting

**TC29/2018 TO DISCUSS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

**(a) TOWN COUNCIL'S COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

02837 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or Planning Committee determine the application

02785 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or Planning Committee determine the application

02781 The Town Council raised objection because the proposed development does not comply with Bolton Council's Core Strategy, the loss of green space, Greater Manchester Police and Green Space have objected, the additional traffic on Collingwood Way will have a detrimental affect on the residents, the additional traffic on Church Street and The Firways/Wigan Road junction will create more pressure on the highways network, the loss of green open space will have a detrimental impact on wildlife and ecology, the detrimental impact on Pennington Brook, there is no mention of re-routing the Public Footpath to the Golf Club, there have been no archaeological, bat or wildlife surveys, there is currently a shortage of school places, Doctors and Dentists are not accepting new patients, and the Town Council believes that the developer is submitting staged applications in an attempt to avoid obligations to provide highway improvements and play areas.

02847 The Town Council raised no objections

02879 The Town Council raised no objections

02845 The Town Council raised no objection on condition that the garage design is suitable to the farm and screening is planted.

02848 The Town Council raised no objections on condition that the proposed extension does not impact on neighbouring properties

02907 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or Planning Committee determine the application

02889 The Town Council raised no objections

02902 The Town Council raised no objections on condition that there is sufficient parking inside the curtilage of the property

**(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.

**TC30/2018 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018**

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 as circulated, be accepted by the Town Council.

**TC31/2018 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018**

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, as circulated, be noted by the Town Council.

**TC32/2018 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DAISY HILL IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018**

Resolved that the minutes of the Daisy Hill in Bloom Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, as circulated, be accepted by the Town Council.

**TC33/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE PURCHASE OF 5 CIVIC MEDALS AT A COST OF £1,255.50, PLUS VAT, PLUS CARRIAGE AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council approve the purchase of 5 Civic Medals at a cost of £1,255.50, plus VAT, plus carriage.

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

Cllr Chadwick left the chamber.

**TC34/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM EATOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council approves a grant of £500 towards the cost of a trip to the ballet for Eatock Primary School pupils.

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

**TC35/2018 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 £2,541.74

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Salaries & H.M.R.C. Payment	2,346.77
AP112 C Morris	119.52
122 Redstone Computers	66.00
Bank Charges	9.45
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TOTAL:	£2,541.74
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**TC36 /2018 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

The following correspondence was noted by the Town Council:

1. N.A.L.C Circular – Reporting Personal Data Breaches
2. E-Mail from P.C. Griffiths
3. List of years in which the Town Council funded a hire car which was used as a Policing Team Vehicle

**TC37/2018 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

The meeting closed at 8 00 p.m.

