

# WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 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, Miss R S M Fairhurst, D J Gradwell, Ms A Graham, K S Jones, Mrs J A Peploe, J Speight, D A Wilkinson, Mrs G F Williams and Mrs L J Winrow-Baker.  
Town Clerk.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Bolton Councillor for the Westhoughton North and Chew Moor Ward Cllr M Cox and Members of the public.

**TC1/2018 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION**

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

**TC2/2018 TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS**

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council: Cllrs J R Ainscough and Mrs C J Harkin – personal commitments.

**TC3/2018 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

**TC4/2018 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED**

Cllr K S Jones declared an interest in Agenda item No. 6 – To Discuss Planning and Development Matters and to approve any action because he is a member of the Bolton Council Planning Committee.

Cllr R A Battersby declared an interest in Planning Application No. 02698/18.

**TC5/2018 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS**

There were no questions.

**TC6/2018 TO DISCUSS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

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

Two members of the public gave notice to speak on Planning Application No. 00997.

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

02621 The Town Council raised no objections on condition that the applicant ensures that the properties, gardens and garages of Nos. 108 and 110 Chorley Road and other properties are not flooded at any time

02613 The Town Council raised no objections

- 02666 The Town Council raised no objections
- 02658 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or Planning Committee determine the application
- 02532 The Town Council raised no objections
- 02246 The Town Council raised no objections
- 02659 The Town Council raised no objections
- 02698 The Town Council raised no objections on condition that the large bins which are currently stored outside on the back street are stored within the curtilage of the site, and provision is made for parking, as visitors to the current restaurant are causing problems for the residents of King Street by parking outside their properties
- 02692 The Town Council raised no objections
- 00997 The Town Council raised objections to Parts A & B because the site is in the Green Belt and the proposed development is in breach of Government and Bolton Council policy, the loss of a Grade 2 historic park which was designed by William Emes who was a famous landscape designer, the loss of green space, hedgerows, trees and wildlife, the demolition of Hulton Cottage – which is an important historic building with a blue plaque, the demolition of Dearden’s farm – which is a family’s livelihood, the massive strain on the surrounding highways – park Road, the A6 and the Chequerbent roundabout are already extremely congested at peak periods, health provision and schools. Bolton Council has stated that there is an oversupply of dwellings ready to be developed for its five year housing plan. There are sufficient brown field sites within the Borough. There is no guarantee that a future Ryder Cup will be held at Over Hulton but a further 70,000 visitors accessing the proposed golf course will place a further strain on the highways network

Cllr Mrs Winrow-Baker left the meeting.

**(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS**

The Inspector’s Decision re land at Lee Hall was noted by the Town Council.

**(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

**TC7/2018 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING,  
HELD ON MONDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, as circulated, be accepted by the Town Council.

**TC8/2018 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE  
& GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON  
MONDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018**

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, as circulated, be noted by the Town Council.

**TC9/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2018-2019  
AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council Budget for 2018-2019, as circulated, be approved.

**TC10/2018 TO APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT FOR 2018-2019**

Resolved that the Town Council approve a Precept of £141,890 for the Financial Year 2018-2019.

**TC11/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE WINTER NEWSLETTER AND TO APPROVE ANY  
ACTION**

Resolved that the Winter Newsletter with one amendment be approved. The Town Clerk will circulate the Newsletter to outlets throughout Westhoughton.

**TC12/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE E-MAIL FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF  
BOLTON COUNCIL RE INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS IN  
WESTHOUGHTON AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that one member from each Political Party (3 members) attend a private meeting with Mr T Oakman, the new Chief Executive of Bolton Council. The Town Clerk is to request that Mr Oakman attends a meeting with the Town Council at a future date.

**TC13/2018 DISCUSSION ON A HOG ROAST EVENT TO COMMEMORATE THE END  
OF WW1 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Cllr Jones explained the proposal. Resolved that the item is deferred for further information.

**TC14/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE FORMER TOWN MAYORESS (2016-17)  
PURCHASING A PAST MAYORESS'S BADGE FROM THE  
TOWN COUNCIL, AT A COST OF £53, DUE TO HER ORIGINAL BADGE  
BEING STOLEN AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the former Town Mayoress purchase a replacement Past Mayoress's Badge from the Town Council, at a cost of £53.

**TC15/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE HIRE OF AN ARTIST FOR THE CIVIC  
AWARDS PRESENTATION AT A FEE OF £150 AND TO APPROVE  
ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Clerk hire an artist for the Civic Awards Presentation at a fee of £150.

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

### **TC16/2018 REVIEW OF POLICY DOCUMENTS**

Resolved that the following Policy Documents be approved by the Town Council:

- (a) Complaints Procedure – approved with amendments
- (b) Grievance Procedure – approved with no amendments
- (c) Financial Regulations – approved with amendments
- (d) Health & Safety and Fire Safety Policy – approved with no amendments

### **TC17/2018 TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS FOR 1.10.17 – 31.12.17**

Resolved that the Quarterly Accounts for 1.10.17 – 31.12.17, as circulated, be approved.

### **TC18/2018 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 £9,215.56

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Salaries & H.M.R.C. Payment	2,524.36
AP100 Bolton Council Grant – Local Nature Reserves	6,000.00
AP101 Shiny Agency Artist – Civic Awards	150.00
AP102 C Morris Re-imburement Parking Permit	7.15
AP103 Walk the Plank Ltd Maroons – Pretoria Pit Disaster Service	288.00
059 Carrs Pasties Pasties – Civic Awards	206.40
DD Talktalk Telephone & internet fee	29.55
Bank Charges	10.10
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TOTAL:	£ 9,215.56
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The payment for Local Nature Reserves is in accordance with the Highways Act 1980.

The payments to Shiny Agency, Carrs Pasties and Walk the Plank Fireworks are in accordance with Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The payment to C Morris – re-imburement Parking Permit is in accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Rating Act 1997.

### **TC19 /2018 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

The following correspondence was noted by the Town Council:

1. Premises Licenses (2)
2. Lancashire County Training Partnership Training Course
3. Letter – Local Government Ombudsman
4. E-mail – GMP Police
5. E – mail – former Councillor P Ashcroft
6. E-mail – member of the public re. the firing of maroons at the Pretoria Pit Disaster Remembrance Service

The Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr R A Battersby, made a speech thanking the Town Clerk for 30 years of service to the Town Council and the Leader of the Council, Cllr A Price, presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

### **TC20/2018 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

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

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

