

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

26TH MARCH 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, DJ Gradwell, Mrs C J Harkin, Miss DJ McGeown, Mrs J A Peploe, J Speight, D A Wilkinson, Mrs GF Williams and Mrs L J Winrow-Baker.
Deputy Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

TC38/2018 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

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

TC39/2018 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 – personal commitments, Cllr KS Jones – meeting and Cllr T D Robinson – work.

TC40/2018 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

TC41/2018 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

There were no declarations of interest

TC42/2018 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

There were no questions.

TC43/2018 PRESENTATION BY MR R CUNNINGHAM ON THE RED LION APARTMENTS.

Mr Cunningham could not attend due to work commitments

TC44/2018 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:

03039/18 The Town Council raised no objections

03046/18 The Town Council raised no objections

03064/18 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or Planning Committee determine the application

03106/18 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or Planning Committee determine the application

03055/18 The Town Council raised no objections

03058/18 The Town Council raised no objections subject to concerns regarding the limited number of parking spaces available and the potential impact of this on the rest of the site being addressed.

03062/18 The Town Council raised no objections subject to the trees and hedgerows being planted as detailed in the previous planning application. Car parking bays to be marked out to ensure space is fully utilised and shutters to be powder coated to better blend in with the surroundings.

(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.

TC45/2018 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 2018

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 26th February, 2018 as circulated, be accepted by the Town Council.

TC46/2018 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 12TH MARCH, 2018

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

TC47/2018 DISCUSSION ON ITEMS RAISED UNDER PUBLIC QUESTION TIME, PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 12th MARCH, 2018 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve the following statement which had been compiled by the Town Clerk:

(a) Can the Town Council explain why Westhoughton is like The Bronx?

Answer: The Town Council as a corporate body has never stated that Westhoughton is like The Bronx and it is therefore unable to answer the question

(b) Does Westhoughton Town Council have a Social Media and Communications Policy to counteract fake news and lies?

Answer: The Town Council does not have a Social Media and Communications Policy to counteract fake news and lies. All official press releases, e-mails, letters and information relating to the activities of the Town Council as a corporate body are issued, as instructed, by the Town Clerk who is the Town Council's Proper Officer, in accordance with her Job Description and Contract of Employment. The Town Clerk has certainly never circulated any fake news or lies.

Any complaints about individual Town Councillors should be made to the Bolton Council Monitoring Officer, in accordance with the Town Councils Complaints Procedure, which can be found on the Westhoughton Town Council web site

The Town Council also referred to minute TC26/2018 – The attendance of Sergeant L Lister re Policing in Westhoughton when Sergeant Lister reported that there is no significant increase in crime in Westhoughton.

TC48/2018 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 £8,202.35

	£
Salaries & H.M.R.C. Payment	2,881.73
AP117 Emerson Ltd CCTV Monitoring	4,200.00
AP118 ADT Fire & Security CCTV Maintenance	1,120.62

TOTAL:	£8,202.35

TC49 /2018 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following correspondence was noted by the Town Council:

1. Premises licenses (2)
2. Lancashire & Merseyside County Training Partnership Planning Workshop
3. L.A.L.C Spring Conference 2018

TC50/2018 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 30th April, 2018

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.