

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

9TH JULY 2018

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr A Price, Deputy Town Mayor Cllr K S Jones and Councillors R A Battersby, Miss R S M Fairhurst, Ms A Graham, Mrs C J Harkin, Miss S Watkin, D A Wilkinson, Mrs G F Williams and Mrs L J Winrow-Baker.
Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT:

A member of the public.

PFGP90/2018 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Chairman, Cllr K S Jones, explained the Fire Safety Procedure.

PFGP91/2018 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council: Cllrs J R Ainscough, D A Chadwick and Miss D J McGeown - Personal Commitments and Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon, D J Gradwell and T D Robinson – work.

PFGP92/2018 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

PFGP93/2018 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr D A Wilkinson declared an interest in Agenda item No. 7 – To Discuss Planning and Development Matters and to approve any action because he is a member of the Bolton Council Planning Committee and reserved the right to speak and vote, and to re-consider his decision at the Bolton Council Planning Committee Meeting, if additional information is presented.

PFGP94/2018 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

There were no questions.

PFGP95/2018 THE ATTENDANCE OF THE TREE & ASSET OFFICER, GREENSPACE RE TOWN COUNCIL FUNDING TOWARDS THE COST OF THE RENOVATION OF LOCAL NATURE RESERVES

The Tree & Asset Officer reported on the renovation work which had been completed on Local Nature Reserves in Westhoughton in 2017-18 and explained his proposals for the 2018-19 Financial Year.

**PFGP96/2018 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:

03839/18 The Town Council raised no objections

03881/18 The Town Council raised no objections

03873/18 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application

03702/18 The Town Council raised no objections

(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.

**PFGP97/2018 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE
& GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 11TH JUNE, 2018**

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 11th June, 2018, as circulated, be approved.

**PFGP98/2018 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DAISY HILL IN BLOOM
COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON TUESDAY, 26TH JUNE, 2018**

Resolved that the minutes of the Daisy Hill in Bloom Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday, 26th June, 2018, as circulated, be approved.

Cllr Mrs L J Winrow-Baker left the meeting.

**PFGP99/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FOR THE
GET ACTIVE WESTHOUGHTON YOUTH PROJECT AND TO
APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Service Level Agreement for the Get Active Westhoughton Youth Project, as circulated, be approved.

**PFGP100/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE REMOVAL OF CURTAINS AND THE
GENERAL STATE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND TO
APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Clerk write to the Leader of Bolton Council and the Chief Executive, requesting an indication on when the refurbishment of Westhoughton Town Hall will commence, using the £2m which has been allocated, and expressing the Town Council's disappointment and frustration at the lack of action.

**PFGP101/2018 DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTIONS FOR THE L.A.L.C. ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

This item was deferred until the July Town Council Meeting.

**PFGP102/2018 THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE L.A.L.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This item was deferred until the July Town Council Meeting.

**PFGP103/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF DAISY HILL IN BLOOM ITEMS
TOTALLING £41.80 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council approve Daisy Hill in Bloom items totalling £41.80.

This is in accordance with Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**PFGP104/2018 DISCUSSION ON TOWN COUNCIL FUNDING TOWARDS THE
COST OF THE RENOVATION OF LOCAL NATURE RESERVES**

Resolved that the Town Clerk thank the Tree & Asset Officer for attending the meeting and the Town Council approve £7,000 funding towards the cost of the renovation of Local Nature Reserves in Westhoughton in the 2018-19 Financial Year.

This is in accordance with the Highways Act 1980.

PFGP105/2018 TO APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 1.6.18 – 30.6.18

Resolved that the Bank Reconciliation for 1.6.18 – 30.6.18, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP106/2018 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 £10,138.80.

AP25	Lads & Girls Club	Westhoughton Outreach Project	2,672.00
144	Bolton Council	Get Active Youth Project	7,325.00
145	D.H.I.B. Comm. Member	D.H.I.B. Items	41.80
146	Cash	Postage	100.00
TOTAL:			<u>£10,138.80</u>

The payments to Bolton Council – Get Active Youth Project and the Lads & Girls Club are in accordance with Section 19(d) of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976. The Payment to a D.H.I.B. Committee Member is in accordance with Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972.

PFGP107/2018 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following documents were noted by the Town Council:

1. Premises Licenses
2. The Town Clerk reported on the arrangements for the Remembrance Day Service and Parade

**PFGP108/2018 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL
PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, 13th August, 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.