

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

12TH NOVEMBER 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT:

One member of the public.

The Town Council thanked the Town Clerk for organising the Centenary Anniversary of the end of WW1 Remembrance Day Parade.

Resolved that the Town Council present a Certificate of Achievement to PC Paul Griffiths, who is retiring, in recognition of his many years of service in Westhoughton.

PFGP159/2018 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

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

PFGP160/2018 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 D J Gradwell and Mrs G F Williams – sick and T D Robinson – work.

PFGP161/2018 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

PFGP162/2018 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr D A Chadwick 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 and he will not participate in the discussions.

Cllr D A Wilkinson 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 and reserved the right to speak and vote, and to re-consider his decision at a Bolton Council Planning Committee, if additional information is presented.

Cllr R A Battersby declared interests in Accounts for Payment – cheques 160 & 161 and Planning Application No. 04766/18.

PFGP163/2018 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

A member of the public asked if the railings on the pavement near to the War Memorial can be cleaned for the Remembrance Day Service, 2019.

PFGP164/2018 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:

04738/18 The Town Council raised no objections

04766/18 This item was deferred and the Town Council requested that a Planning Officer attend a future Town Council Meeting in order to explain the plan

04785/18 The Town Council raised no objections

04744/18 The Town Council raised no objections

04795/18 The Town Council made no comments on the application

04767/18 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning Committee determine the application

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Planning Appeal No. APP/N4205/W/18/3193664- Hartley's Farm, Wingates Lane, Westhoughton was noted by the Town Council.

Resolved that the Town Clerk inquire if Bolton Council has any proposal to change Ditchers Farm, Westhoughton from Protected Open Space to Green Belt.

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

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

PFGP165/2018 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 2018

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 8th October, 2018, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP166/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2019 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Calendar of Meetings 2019, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP167/2018 TO APPROVE THE AUDIT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1.7.18 – 30.9.18

Resolved that the Audit Report for the period 1.7.18 – 30.9.18, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP168/2018 TO APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 1.10.18 – 31.10.18

Resolved that the Bank Reconciliation for 1.10.18 – 31.10.18, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP169/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE HIRE OF GREENFIELD BAND AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve the hire of Greenfield Band for the following events:

(a) Mayoral Sunday Service, 19th May, 2019 - £300

(b) Remembrance Day Parade, Sunday, 10th November, 2019 - £300
This is in accordance with Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972.

PFGP170/2018 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 £877.34

			£
AP56	Parsons Royle & Co	Audit Fee	129.60
AP57	Signs of the Times Ltd	Remembrance Plaque	250.80
AP58	C Morris	Stationery	103.87
AP59	C Morris	2 x Christmas Trees	116.00
159	Cancelled		
160	R.B.L.I. Poppy Appeal	Donation instead of soldier silhouettes	200.00
161	R.B.L.I. Poppy Appeal	2 x Poppy Wreaths	50.00
DD	Talktalk	Telephone & Internet Fee	27.07
TOTAL:			<u>877.34</u>

The payment to Signs of the Times and the donation to the RBLI Poppy Appeal are in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the payment for Poppy Wreaths is in accordance with Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972, the payment for Christmas Trees is in accordance with Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972.

PFGP171/2018 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following documents were noted by the Town Council:

1. Premises Licences - 2

PFGP172/2018 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 10th December, 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.