

# WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

**PRESENT:** Town Mayor Cllr A Price, Deputy Town Mayor Cllr K S Jones and Councillors D A Chadwick, Miss R S M Fairhurst, D J Gradwell, Miss D J McGeown, J Speight, D A Wilkinson, Mrs G F Williams and Mrs L J Winrow-Baker.  
Town Clerk.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Members of the public.

**TC180/2018 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION**

The Chairman, Cllr A Price, explained the Fire Safety procedure.

**TC181/2018 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, Ms A Graham and Mrs C J Harkin - Personal Commitments and Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon, Mrs J Peploe and T D Robinson - work

**TC182/2018 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

**TC183/2018 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED**

Cllr D A Chadwick declared an interest in Agenda item No. 9 – 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. 9 – 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

**TC184/2018 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS**

There were no questions.

**TC185/2018 THE ATTENDANCE OF A WESTHOUGHTON AGE SUPPORT PROJECT OFFICIAL RE A REQUEST FOR A GRANT**

The Westhoughton Age Support Project Official did not attend.

**TC186/2018 THE ATTENDANCE OF A SENIOR SOLUTIONS OFFICIAL RE A REQUEST FOR A GRANT**

The Senior Solutions Official explained the Grant Application.

**TC187/2018 THE ATTENDANCE OF A WINGATES TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL RE A REQUEST FOR A GRANT**

The Wingates Tenants & Residents Association Official explained the Grant Application.

**TC188/2018 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:

04766/18 The Town Council raised objection because the proposed development is in the Green Belt, countryside for residents of Westhoughton is already diminishing and in the Greater Manchester Spatial Plan developers propose more development in a large area of the Green Belt, there are already empty industrial units on the Wingates Industrial estate, there would be a detrimental impact on the highway due to the increase in traffic, particularly Heavy Goods Vehicles, there would be a detrimental impact on the health and wellbeing of residents because of the increase in traffic, fumes from traffic and vibration to nearby cottages, there would be a detrimental impact on the Douglas Valley waterway, ponds would be lost, there would be a detrimental impact on wildlife, birds, flora a fauna

04885/18 The Town Council raised no objections

04884/18 The Town Council raised no objections

04894/18 The Town Council raised no objections

04696/18 The Town Council raised no objections

04871/18 The Town Council raised no objections

04775/18 The Town Council raised objection because of the overdevelopment of the site, insufficient parking, the detrimental impact on adjoining residents and the Town Council is concerned about the fire risk and the safety of residents in the loft conversion flats

04907/18 The Town Council raised no objections

04883/18 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application.

**(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS**

Nil

**(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

**TC189/2018 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2018**

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

**TC190/2018 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018**

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

**TC191/2018 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DAISY HILL IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON TUESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018**

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

Cllr Mrs Winrow-Baker left the meeting.

**TC192/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE QUESTION RAISED AT PUBLIC QUESTION TIME, AT THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

**Can the railings on the pavement in front of the War Memorial be cleaned for Remembrance Day, 2019?**

Resolved that the Town Clerk contact the Service Manager, Corporate Property Services, Bolton Council.

**TC193/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE HIRE OF A P.A. SYSTEM AT A FEE OF £420 PLUS VAT FOR THE REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE, 2019 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council approve the hire of a P.A. System at a fee of £420 plus VAT for the Remembrance Day Parade, 2019.

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

**TC194/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM THE WESTHOUGHTON AGE SUPPORT PROJECT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council approve a grant of £500 towards the cost of the Westhoughton Age Support Project Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

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

**TC195/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM SENIOR SOLUTIONS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Cllr D A Chadwick declared an Interest and left the Council Chamber.

Resolved that the Town Council approve a grant of £500 towards the cost of the Senior Solutions Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

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

Cllr D A Chadwick returned to the Council Chamber.

**TC196/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM THE WINGATES TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council approve a grant of £500 towards the cost of the Wingates Tenants & Residents Association Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

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

**TC197/2018 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 £3,532.21.

		£
Salaries & H.M.R.C. Payment		2,496.46
AP63	C Morris                      Travel Expenses	20.00
AP64	Leisuretec (UK) Ltd      Hire of P.A. System	504.00
AP65	Greenfield Band              Remembrance Day Parade	300.00
162	Cash                              Postage	200.00
Bank Charges		11.75
TOTAL:		----- 3,532.21 -----

The payments to Leisuretec (UK) Ltd and Greenfield Band are in accordance with Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**TC198/2018 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

The following correspondence was noted by the Town Council:

1. Premises Licences (2)
2. E-mail re Greater Manchester Spatial Plan/Ditchers Farm
3. L.A.L.C. Resolutions

**TC199/2018 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

