

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

14TH JANUARY 2019

PRESENT: Deputy Town Mayor Cllr K S Jones and Councillors R A Battersby, D A Chadwick, Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon, Miss R S M Fairhurst, D J Gradwell, Ms A Graham, Miss D J McGeown, Mrs J A Peplow, D A Wilkinson , Mrs G F Williams and Mrs L J Winrow-Baker.
Town Clerk.

PFGP1/2019 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

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

PFGP2/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council: Town Mayor Cllr A Price and Cllr J R Ainscough – Personal Commitments..

PFGP3/2019 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

PFGP4/2019 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 and Agenda Items Nos. 8 and 17 Discussion on the request for a grant from Eatock Primary School.

Cllr R A Battersby declared an interest in Agenda Items Nos. 8 and 17 Discussion on the request for a grant from Eatock Primary School

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.

PFGP5/2019 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

There were no members of the public present.

PFGP6/2019 THE ATTENDANCE OF THE TEAM LEADER (PLAY & YOUTH SERVICE) RE THE GET ACTIVE WESTHOUGHTON YOUTH PROJECT 2018-2019 AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019-2020

The Team Leader gave a presentation on the Get Active Westhoughton Youth Project 2018-2019, explained his aspirations for 2019-2020 and answered questions from the Town Council.

PFGP7/2019 THE ATTENDANCE OF A BOLTON LADS & GIRLS CLUB OFFICIAL RE THE WESTHOUGHTON OUTREACH AND DETACHED PROJECT 2018-2019 AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019-2020

Bolton Lads & Girls Club officials gave a presentation on the Westhoughton Outreach and Detached Project 2018-2019, explained their aspirations for 2019-2020 and answered questions from the Town Council.

Cllr D A Chadwick left the Council Chamber.

PFGP8/2019 THE ATTENDANCE OF AN EATOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICIAL RE A REQUEST FOR A GRANT

The Eatock Primary School official explained the Grant Application and answered questions from the Town Council.

Cllr D A Chadwick returned to the Council Chamber.

PFGP9/2019 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:

04979/18 The Fraximus tree already has approval for felling

05047/18 The Town Council raised no objections

05086/18 The Town Council raised no objections

05022/18 The Town Council raised no objections

05165/18 The Town Council raised objection because there is an increase of twenty two houses, starter homes are needed in Westhoughton – not three and four bedroom houses, there would be a detrimental impact on trees and the Local Nature Reserve, there would be an increase in traffic on Bolton Road which is already congested, there are insufficient places at Doctors, Dentists and Schools, and the land is agricultural land

- 05148/18 The Town Council raised no objections
- 05160/18 The Town Council raised no objections
- 05191/18 The Town Council raised objection because the sign has already been sited and it is on the traffic light junction – Wigan Road/The Fairways
- 05201/18 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application
- 05256/19 The Town Council raised no objections

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil.

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

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

PFGP10/2019 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 2018

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 10th December, 2018, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP11/2019 TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR YOUTH PROJECTS 2019-2020

Resolved that funding for the following Youth Projects 2019-2020 be approved:

- (a) Get Active Westhoughton Youth Project £29,300
- (b) Bolton Lads & Girls Club Outreach & Detached Project £14,842

These items are in accordance with the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976
Section 19(d).

PFGP12/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT REVENUE ESTIMATES AND THE PRECEPT FOR 2019-2020 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

This item was deferred until the January Town Council Meeting.

PFGP13/2019 DISCUSSION ON TOWN COUNCIL AWARDS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

(a) YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Resolved that the nominee will receive a Certificate of Achievement

(b) ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Nil

PFGP14/2019 TO APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR

1.12.2018 – 31.12.2018

Resolved that the Bank Reconciliation for 1.12.2018 – 31.12.2018, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP15/2019 NOMINATION OF THE TOWN MAYOR FOR THE BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY

Resolved that the Town Mayor, Cllr A Price, be nominated to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

PFGP16/2019 DISCUSSION OF THE NAMING OF NEW STREETS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved the Town Clerk inform the Development Technician, Bolton Council that the Town Council prefers Hillcrest Way instead of The Brambles, and a road named The Grove already exists in Westhoughton.

Cllr D A Chadwick left the Council Chamber.

PFGP17/2019 DISCUSSION OF THE REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM EATOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve a grant of £545 towards the cost of a school trip to The Globe at London.

This is in accordance with the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 Section 19(d).

Cllr D A Chadwick returned to the Council Chamber.

PFGP18/2019 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 £19,208.61.

			£
AP1	Lads & Girls Club	Outreach & Detached Project	2,672.00
AP2	ADT Fire & Security PLC	CCTV Maintenance	1,164.88
AP3	Bolton Council	Christmas Lights 2018/19	5,880.00
AP4	Canon	Photocopying fee	74.70
AP5	C Morris	Refund Parking Permit	7.15
AP6	C Morris	Refund Stationery	48.86
AP7	C Morris	Refund Stationery	219.78
AP8	Canon	Photocopier Lease	153.22
164	Bolton Council	Lottery Licence renewal	20.00
165	Tuesday Club	Grant	500.00
166	Wingates Tenants & Residents Association	Grant	500.00
167	Westhoughton Sports & Social Club	Grant	500.00
168	Bolton Council	Get Active Youth Project	7,325.00
169	Petty Cash	Postage	100.00
DD	Talktalk	Internet & telephone fee	25.57
	Bank Charges		17.45

TOTAL: -----
19,208.61

The payments to the Lads & Girls Club and for the Get Active Westhoughton Youth Project are in accordance with the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 Section 19(d). The payment to ADT Fire & Security is in accordance with the Local Government Rating Act 1997 Section 31. The payments to the Tuesday Club, Wingates Tenants & Residents Association and Westhoughton Sports & Social Club are in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137. The payment for Christmas Lights is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Section 144.

PFGP19/2019 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following correspondence was noted by the Town Council:

1. Premises Licenses (3)
2. Parish and Town Training Lancashire Finance Workshop

PFGP20/2019 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 11th February, 2019.

Resolved that the next item be discussed excluding press and public in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (5) (a)

The Town Clerk left the Council Chamber

PFGP21/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF SALARY AWARDS FOR 2019-2020 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the following Salary Awards be approved from 1st April, 2019:

- (a) Town Clerk – STC 42 pro rata
- (b) Deputy Town Clerk – 2/3rd of the Town Clerk's hourly rate
- (c) Homewatch Liaison Officer – 2% increase

The Town Clerk returned to the Council Chamber.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.