

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

25TH FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr A Price, Deputy Town Mayor Cllr K S Jones and Councillors Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon, Miss D McGeown J Speight, D A Wilkinson, Mrs G F Williams and Mrs L J Winrow-Baker. Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Public.

TC21/2019 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

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

TC22/2019 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, R A Battersby, Miss R S M Fairhurst, Mrs C J Harkin and Miss D J McGeown - Personal Commitments, D J Gradwell - work and Ms A Graham – sick.

TC23/2019 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

TC24/2019 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

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 K S Jones declared an interest in Planning Application number 05462/19.

TC25/2019 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

There were no questions.

TC26/2019 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 Application is placed before the Bolton Council Planning Committee:

Cllr Jones left the Council Chamber.

05462/19 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning Committee determine the application and it raised concerns on whether or not the static caravan is permanent or temporary, if it is to be used permanently, temporarily or occasionally, if it is to be connected to water and sewers, if utilities and Council Tax will be paid, and if gas bottles will be used as they can be hazardous

Cllr Jones returned to the Council Chamber.

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

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

TC27/2019 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2019.

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 28th January, 2019 as circulated, be approved by the Town Council.

TC28/2019 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2019

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 11th February, 2019 as circulated, be noted by the Town Council.

TC29/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE REQUEST FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL TO FUND A HIRE CAR TO BE USED AS A POLICING TEAM VEHICLE IN 2019-2020 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve £5,000 funding for the hire of a car to be used as a Policing Team Vehicle in 2019-2020.

This is in accordance with the Local Government Rating Act 1997 Section 31.

The funding is from the Additional Contingency Budget.

The Town Clerk is to ask the Police to explain the value of the hire car, and its benefits and impact on the efficiency of Policing in Westhoughton.

TC30/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN COUNCIL RENEWING A TWO YEAR B.T. LINE RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE TOWN CENTRE CCTV SYSTEM AT A FEE OF £6,568.32 NET PER ANNUM AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve the renewal of a two year B.T.Line Rental Agreement for the Town Centre CCTV System at a fee of £6,568.32 net per annum. This is in accordance with the Local Government Rating Act 1997 Section 31.

Cllr Speight left the meeting.

TC31/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN COUNCIL FUNDING THE FILLING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TOWN CENTRE PLANTERS 2019-2020 AT A COST OF £3,395.95 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve the funding of the filling and maintenance of the Town Centre planters 2019-2020 at a cost of £3,395.95.

This is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Section 44.

The Town Council requires a greater variety of plants.

TC32/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FOR THE BOLTON LADS AND GIRLS CLUB WESTHOUGHTON OUTREACH & DETACHED PROJECT 2019-2020 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve the Service Level Agreement for the Bolton Lads and Girls Club Westhoughton Outreach & Detached Project 2019-2020.

The Town Council was aware of problems with groups of young people during the half-term holiday and the Town Clerk is to ask the Youth Workers to do more outreach work.

TC33/2019 DISCUSSION ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TOWN MAYOR'S INAUGURATION 2019 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Clerk book the Westhoughton Sports & Social Club function room, at a returnable fee of £100. The remaining Inauguration Budget of £250 plus the £100, when returned, will then be given to the newly appointed Town Mayor.

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

TC34/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE SHREDDING OF DOCUMENTS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the list of documents for shredding be noted by the Town Council.

TC35/2019 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 £4,603.71.

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Salaries & H.M.R.C. payment		2,315.31
AP24 N.A.L.C.	D.I.S. Subscription	108.00
AP25 Bolton Council	Siting of 2 x WW1 benches	373.90
AP26 Tarki Technology Ltd	Account Support	55.00
172 W.A.S.P.	Grant	500.00
173 Senior Solutions	Grant	500.00
174 Eatock Primary School	Grant	545.00
175 Town Council Charity A/C	Donation – drinks Mayor’s Ball	100.00
176 Cash	Postage	100.00
Bank Charges		6.50
TOTAL:		£4,603.71

The payments to Bolton Council, W.A.S.P. and Senior Solutions are in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137. The payment to Eatock Primary School is in accordance with the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 Section 19 (d). The payment to the Town Council Charity Account is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Section 145.

TC36/2019 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following correspondence was noted by the Town Council:

1. Premises Licences (2)
- 2 Parish & Town Training Chairmanship Workshop and Planning Workshop.

TC37/2019 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 25th March, 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

