

**WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the Public.

**TC38/2019 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION**

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

**TC39/2019 TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS**

Resolved that the following apology for absence and reason be accepted by the Town Council: Cllr J R Ainscough - Personal Commitment.

**TC40/2019 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

**TC41/2019 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 Mrs G F Williams declared an interest in Agenda item No.10 – Discussion on the approval of Daisy Hill in Bloom Items and to approve any action.

**TC42/2019 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS**

There were no questions.

**TC43/2019 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 Applications are placed before the Bolton Council Planning Committee:

05524/19 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application

05571/19 The Town Council raised no objections

05603/19 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application

05615/19 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Arboricultural Officer determine the application

05624/19 The Town Council raised no objections

05644/19 The Town Council raised no objections

05659/19 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.

**TC44/2019 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019.**

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 as circulated, be approved by the Town Council.

**TC45/2019 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2019**

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

**TC46/2019 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DAISY HILL IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON TUESDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2019**

Resolved that the minutes of the Daisy Hill in Bloom Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, as circulated, be approved.

Cllr Mrs Williams left the Council Chamber

**TC47/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS FOR DAISY HILL IN BLOOM AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council approve the cost of items totalling £112.68 for Daisy Hill in Bloom.

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

Cllr Mrs Williams returned to the Council Chamber.

**TC48/2019 TO APPROVE THE ROUTE AND ORDER OF PROCESSION FOR THE REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE**

Resolved that the Route and Order of Procession for the Remembrance Day Parade, as circulated, be approved.

**TC49/2019 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 £4,384.40

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Salaries & H.M.R.C. Payment	2,835.20
AP33 ADT	1,164.88
AP34 C Morris	56.64
178 V Swinburne	55.68
179 G F Williams	57.00
180 Cash	200.00
Bank Charges	15.00
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TOTAL:	£4,384.40
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The payments to V Swinburne and G F Williams are in accordance with Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Cllr Wilkinson pointed out that Cllr Speight regularly abstains when minutes, Accounts for Payment, Quarterly Accounts and Annual Accounts are presented for approval by the Town Clerk although the minutes are correct and Town Council's Accounts are independently audited and are correct, as had happened at the current meeting, and he believed that a Town Councillor should not be acting in this manner.

Cllr Chadwick agreed and was also disappointed in Cllr Speight's behaviour.

Cllr Price asked Cllr Speight to clarify the reasons for his regular abstentions but Cllr Speight refused to answer, except that he is "exercising his democratic right".

Cllr Price did not believe this explanation to be good enough and he asked for the discussion to be minuted.

**TC50/2019 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

The following correspondence was noted by the Town Council:

1. Premises Licences (2)
- 2 Letter – Westhoughton Age Support Project

**TC51/2019 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

