

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

19TH AUGUST 2019

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr D A Wilkinson, Deputy Town Mayor
Cllr Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon and Councillors R M Brennan,
D J Bullock, Miss R S M Fairhurst, Mrs C H Kirkman, Miss M Maley,
Miss D J McGeown, Mrs J M Nicholson, Mrs M E M O'Riordan, C Reilly
and J Speight.
Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members of the public.

TC137/2019 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Town Mayor, Cllr D A Wilkinson, explained the Fire Safety procedure.

TC138/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council: Cllrs M Cox, and Mrs L C Reilly - meetings and Cllrs T J Hewitt, N Maher, A P Morgan and Mrs A M Seddon - Personal Commitments.

TC139/2019 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr D A Wilkinson, read the notice convening the meeting.

TC140/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllrs D J Bullock, Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon and D A Wilkinson declared interests in Agenda Item No. 7 - To Discuss Planning and Development Matters and to approve any action because they are members of the Bolton Council Planning Committee and they reserved the right to speak and vote and to reconsider their decisions at a Bolton Council Planning Committee, if additional information is presented.

Cllrs Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon, Miss R S M Fairhurst, Mrs C H Kirkman, Miss D J McGeown, Mrs M E M O'Riordan and J Speight declared interests in Agenda Item No. 5 The attendance of Mr A Price re the siting of a memorial bench in memory of Tony Berry and to approve any action.

Cllr J Speight declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 10 Discussion on the resolution re Fairtrade and to approve any action.

TC141/2019 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

Cllr Speight made an irrelevant statement regarding minutes.
The Town Mayor stated that Cllr Speight was using the agenda item for a personal statement regarding minutes. In future statements from Councillors regarding minutes must be an Agenda Item and explained that Public Question Time is specifically for members of the public to ask questions. This action is within the Chairman's powers.

**TC142/2019 THE ATTENDANCE OF MR PRICE RE THE SITING OF
MEMORIAL BENCH IN MEMORY OF TONY BERRY
AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Mr Price asked the Town Council to consider funding the purchase and the siting of a memorial bench, near to Ditchfield Garden, in memory of Tony Berry of the Houghton Weavers, who had raised thousands of pounds for charity. The Town Council considered three designs and costings which had been provided by the Town Clerk.

Resolved that the Town Council fund a memorial bench including siting near to Ditchfield Garden, at a cost of £1,087 plus £250 fitting.

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

**TC143/2019 TO DISCUSS PLANNING AND 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:

06629/19 The Town Council raised no objections

06605/19 The Town Council raised no objections

06642/19 The Town Council raised no objections

06589/19 The Town Council raised no objections

06657/19 The Town Council expressed concerns about the noise and pollution from the motorway, the narrow access from Wingates Lane and the flooding of nearby houses on Faucetts Fold. The Town Council requires assurances that all drainage issues will be addressed during building and afterwards, and that the root system of the trees on the nearby Bolton Council owned woodland are protected during construction

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

There were no Planning Appeals.

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

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

**TC144/2019 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING,
HELD ON MONDAY, 29TH JULY, 2019**

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 29th July, 2019, as circulated, be approved by the Town Council.

**TC145/2019 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE &
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON
MONDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 2019**

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 12th August, 2019, as circulated, be noted by the Town Council.

TC 146/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE RESOLUTION RE FAIRTRADE AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

This item was deferred.

TC 147/2019 DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTIONS FOR THE L.A.L.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This item was deferred.

TC 148/2019 THE APPOINTMENT OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE L.A.L.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This item was deferred.

TC 149/2019 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 £2,518.49.

Salaries & H.M.R.C. Payments	£	2,414.49
AP35 C Morris	Spectacles	104.00
TOTAL:		<u>2,518.49</u>

TC150/2019 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following correspondence was noted by the Town Council:

1. Premises Licences (1)

TC151/2019 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 30th September, 2019.

The Meeting closed at 7.30 p,m,