WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

9TH SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Councillors D J Bullock, M Cox, Miss R S M Fairhurst,

Mrs C H Kirkman, N Maher, Miss M Maley, Miss D J McGeown,

Mrs M E M O'Riordan, C Reilly, Mrs L M Reilly.

Deputy Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT:

A member of the public.

PFGP118/2019 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Chairman, Cllr N Maher, explained the Fire Safety Procedure.

PFGP119/2019 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 D A Wilkinson – Work, Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon – Illness, Councillors – T J Hewitt and A Morgan - Meetings and Councillors R Brennan, Mrs J M Nicholson and Mrs A M Seddon – Personal Commitments.

PFGP120/2019 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr N Maher, read the notice convening the meeting.

PFGP121/2019 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr D J Bullock declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 7 – 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.

PFGP122/2019 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

A member of the public asked a question that was appropriate to Bolton Council.

PFGP123/2019 PRESENTATION BY THE HOMEWATCH LIAISON OFFICER AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

The Homewatch Liaison Officer was unable to attend.

PFGP124/2019 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:

06676/19 The Town Council raised no objections

06689/19 The Town Council raised no objections.

06789/19 The Town Council raised no objections

06753/19 The Town Council raised no objections

06775/19 The Town Council raised no objections

06782/19 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.

PFGP125/2019 TO ACCEPT 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 approved.

PFGP126/2019 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DAISY HILL IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON TUESDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 2019

Resolved that the minutes of the Daisy Hill in Bloom Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday, 20th August, 2019, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP127/2019 DISCUSSION ON PREFERRED PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY TO BE RENOVATED AND FUNDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL'S £4000 BUDGET AND APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council support the recommendation of the Bolton Council Public Rights of Way Officer allocation of funding.

The Deputy Town Clerk to request further details of the 52 paths covered within the recommendation.

This is in accordance with The Highways Act 1980.

PFGP128/2019 DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTIONS FOR THE L.A.L.C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This item is deferred to the Town Council Meeting on Monday 30th September, 2019

PFGP129/2019 THE APPOINTMENT OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE L.A.L.C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This item is deferred to the Town Council Meeting on Monday 30th September, 2019

PFGP130/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF DAISY HILL IN BLOOM ITEMS TOTALLING £96.25 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve Daisy Hill in Bloom items totalling £96.25. This is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Section 144

PFGP131/2019 TO APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 1.8.19 – 31.8.19

Resolved that the Bank Reconciliation for 1.8.19 – 31.8.19, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP132/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

a) Checking, siting and dismantling of Christmas Lights £ 4,900

b) Christmas Trees (Market & Town Hall Balcony) £ 100

c) Energy fee £ 470

There could be a charge for the siting and dismantling of the ChristmasTree on the Town Hall balcony but there has been no charge for the last two years d) The Town Clerk to seek sponsorship

Resolved that the Town Council approve the Christmas Lights items totaling £5,470. Items a + b are in accordance with Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972

PFGP133/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

a) Primary School choirs to perform

b) Prizes for the Town Mayor's Competition £100

c) Refreshments £100

Resolved that the Town Council approve the Community Carol Service items totalling £200.

Items a + b are in accordance with Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972

PFGP134/2019 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 £573.17.

079	Lancashire Football Association	Part Grant – Pretoria FC	£ 340.00*
080	V Swinburne	DHIB items	96.25
081	Cash	Postage	100.00
DD	Talktalk	Internet & telephone	24.87
Bank Charges			12.05
TOTAL:			573.17

^{*}Paid 19th August, 2019 in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.4

PFGP135/2019 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following correspondence was noted by the Town Council:

- 1. Premises Licenses (3)
- 2. E-mail from Mr Hart re siting of portable buildings
- 3. Bolton Council Flooding Advice

PFGP136/2019 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 14th October, 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.