

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

25TH NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr D A Wilkinson, Deputy Town Mayor Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon and Councillors M Cox (arrived 7.08 p.m.), R M Brennan, Miss R S M Fairhurst, Mrs C H Kirkman, N Maher, Miss D J McGeown, A P Morgan, Mrs J M Nicholson, C Reilly, Mrs L M Reilly and J Speight. Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members of the public.

TC184/2019 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Chairman, Cllr D A Wilkinson, explained the Fire Safety Procedure.

TC185/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council: Councillors D J Bullock and T J Hewitt – meeting, Mrs M E M O’Riordan and Mrs A M Seddon – work and Miss M Maley – Personal Commitment.

TC186/2019 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

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

TC187/2019 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr D A Wilkinson declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 11 – 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.

TC188/2019 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

There were no questions.

TC189/2019 THE ATTENDANCE OF A TOTS & TODDLERS OFFICIAL RE A REQUEST FOR A GRANT

The Tots & Toddlers Official explained the Grant Application and answered questions from the Town Council.

**TC190/2019 THE ATTENDANCE OF SENIOR SOLUTIONS OFFICIALS RE
A REQUEST FOR A GRANT**

The Senior Solutions Officials explained the Grant Application and answered questions from the Town Council.

Cllr Cox arrived.

**TC191/2019 THE ATTENDANCE OF A WINGATES TENANTS & RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL RE A REQUEST FOR A GRANT**

A Wingates Tenants & Residents Association official did not attend.

**TC192/2019 THE ATTENDANCE OF A GET ACTIVE WESTHOUGHTON
YOUTH PROJECT OFFICIAL TO PROVIDE AN UPDATED REPORT
ON THE PROJECT AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020-21**

The Team Leader explained the report, answered questions from the Town Council and submitted the requirements for 2020-21.

**TC193/2019 THE ATTENDANCE OF A BOLTON LADS & GIRLS CLUB
OUTREACH & DETACHED PROJECT – WESTHOUGHTON
OFFICIAL TO PROVIDE AN UPDATED REPORT ON THE PROJECT
AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020-21**

Cllr Cox declared an interest in the Bolton Lads & Girls Club.

The Head of Operations explained the report, answered questions from the Town Council and submitted the requirements for 2020-21.

**TC194/2019 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:

07227/19 The Town Council supports this Planning Application

07246/19 The Town Council supports this Planning Application

07253/19 The Town Council requests that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application

07273/19 The Town Council requests that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application. The Town Council is concerned that the proposed apartments are above a restaurant/food outlet. Also, if the application is approved, the Town Council requests that the car park is surfaced with marked parking spaces, which will reduce customer parking in the nearby streets

07254/19 The Town Council supports this Planning Application

- 07276/19 The Town Council requests that the Bolton Council Arboricultural Officer determine the application
- 06860/19 The Town Council requests that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application. The Town Council requests an ecological report relating to wildlife in/near the nearby pond, and a turning head for HGV vehicles
- 07309/19 The Town Council requests that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application. The Town Council is concerned at the impact on the Green Belt and requests an ecological report
- 07224/19 The Town Council requests that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application. The Town Council is concerned that the access is on a bend in the busy Wigan Road and there is no safety barrier for wildlife between the proposed development and Pennington Brook
- 07304/19 The Town Council supports this Planning Application

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil.

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

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

TC195/2019 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 2019

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

TC196/2019 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11th NOVEMBER, 2019

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

TC197/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM TOTS & TODDLERS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve a grant of £350 towards the cost of a Christmas Party.

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

TC198/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM SENIOR SOLUTIONS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve a grant of £500 towards the cost of a Christmas Party.

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

TC199/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM THE WINGATES TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve a grant of £500 towards the cost of a Christmas Party.

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

TC200/2019 DISCUSSION ON FUTURE REMEMBRANCE DAY POLICE SUPPORT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

The Town Clerk had produced a report and will circulate further information when it becomes available.

TC201/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE HIRE OF A P.A.SYSTEM FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020 AT A FEE OF £420 PLUS VAT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve the hire of a P.A. System for Remembrance Day 2020, at a fee of £420 plus VAT.

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

TC202/2019 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 £7,160.21.

	£
Salaries & HMRC payments	2,344.11
AP56 Bolton Council	4,000.00
AP57 Leisuretec (UK) Ltd	504.00
AP58 Greenfield Band	300.00
Bank Charges	12.10

Total:	7,160.21

The payments to Leisuretec (UK) Ltd and Greenfield Band are in accordance with Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972. The payment to Bolton Council is in accordance with the Highways Act 1980.

TC203/2019 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following correspondence was noted by the Town Council.

1. Premises Licence Application
2. Fly the Red Ensign Certificate
3. The Code of Conduct training on 9th December, 2019 is cancelled

TC204/2019 DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 9th December, 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.