

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

27TH JANUARY 2020

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr D A Wilkinson, Deputy Town Mayor
Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon and
Councillors D J Bullock, Miss R S M Fairhurst, Mrs C H Kirkman,
N Maher, Miss M Maley, Miss D J McGeown,
C Reilly, Mrs L M Reilly and J Speight.
Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members of the public.

TC1/2020 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

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

TC2/2020 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 A Morgan – meeting, R M Brennan and Mrs J M Nicholson - Personal Commitments, Mrs M E M O’Riordan and Mrs A M Seddon – work.

TC3/2020 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

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

TC4/2020 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllrs D J Bullock and D A Wilkinson declared interests in Agenda Item No. 6 – To Discuss Planning and Development Matters and to approve any action because they are members of the Bolton Council Planning Committee and reserved the right to speak and vote, and to re-consider their decisions at a Bolton Council Planning Committee, if additional information is presented.

TC5/2020 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

A member of the public gave notice to speak on Agenda Item No. 7 – Request for the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to call in Planning Application No. 04766/18.

**TC6/2020 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:

07635/20 The Town Council supports this Planning Application

07658/20 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning Committee determine the application

07585/19 The Town Council is concerned at the detrimental impact on the neighbouring properties and the hours of operation and it requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning Committee determine the application

07666/20 The Town Council supports this Planning Application

07651/20 The Town Council raised objection to the removal of condition 05 (earth bund) because the earth bund forms an additional corridor for wild life and is required to reduce noise pollution. The Town Council also objected to the proposal to vary conditions 15 and 16 (to amend the date of noise assessment to 13th November, 2019)

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil.

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

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

**TC7/2020 THE TOWN COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THE SECRETARY OF
STATE CALLS IN PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 04766/18 AND FOR
THE APPLICATION TO BE DETERMINED BY A PLANNING INQUIRY
BECAUSE THE APPLICATION IS IN THE GREEN BELT**

The member of the public objected to Planning Application No. 04766/18 and supported the proposal.

Resolved that the Town Council requests that Robert Jenrick M.P., Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government call in Planning Application No. 04766/18 under Section 77 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 because the site is in the Green Belt, there would be significant traffic issues, there would be a detrimental impact on the health and wellbeing of residents because of the increase in traffic, fumes from traffic and vibration to nearby cottages and there would be a detrimental impact on wildlife, birds, flora and fauna

Cllr Bullock left the meeting.

TC8/2020 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 2019

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting and Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 9th December, 2019, as circulated, be approved by the Town Council.

TC9/2020 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 2020

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 13th January, 2020, as circulated, be noted by the Town Council.

TC10/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE PURCHASE OF NEW SPEED SIGNS AT A COST OF £2,766.55 PLUS ELECTRICITY INSTALLATION FEE AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

This item was deferred for further information.

TC11/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR 2020-2021 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

The Town Clerk explained the Draft Revenue Estimates, including the transfer of funds between Committee Budgets, by a resolution, in order to fund three speed signs.

Resolved that the Draft Revenue Estimates for 2020-2021, as circulated, be approved.

TC12/2020 TO APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT FOR 2020 - 2021

Resolved that the Town Council approve a Precept of £149,585.00 for the 2020-2021 Financial Year.

TC13/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF £600 FOR THE TOWN CLERK AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve the purchase of a computer at an approximate cost of £600.

TC14/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE PURCHASE OF 5 PAST MAYOR'S BADGES AT A COST OF £284.71 EACH NET AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Cllr Wilkinson declared an interest.

Resolved that the Town Council approve the purchase of 5 Past Mayor's Badges at a cost of £284.71 each net. This is in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

TC15/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE FIRING OF MAROONS AT THE PRETORIA PIT DISASTER MEMORIAL SERVICE AT A FEE OF £250 PLUS VAT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve the firing of maroons at the Pretoria Pit Disaster Memorial Service at a fee of £250 plus Vat.

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

TC16/2020 TO APPROVE THE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 1.10.2019 – 31.12.2019

Resolved that the Internal Audit Report for 1.10.2019 – 31.12.2019, as circulated, be approved.

TC17/2020 TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS FOR 1.10.2019 – 31.12.2019

Resolved that the Quarterly Accounts for 1.10.2019 - 31.12.2019, as circulated, be approved.

TC18/2020 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 £10,240.77..

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Salaries & HMRC Payments		2,036.50
AP4 C Morris	Re-imbusement Parking Permit	7.15
AP5 N.A.L.C.	D.I.S. Subscription	108.00
AP6 Bolton Council	Election Fee	7,464.12
103 Senior Solutions	Grant	500.00
104 Parish & Town Training	Training Course	25.00
105 Cash	Postage	100.00

Total:		10,240.77

The payment to C Morris is in accordance with the Local Government Rating Act 1997 Section 31. The payment to Senior Solutions is in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

TC19/2020 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk reported that she is moving into an office in Westhoughton Library and future Town Council Meetings and Committee Meetings will take place on the first floor of the Library.

TC20/2020 DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 24th February, 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.