

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

10TH FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr D A Wilkinson and Councillors D J Bullock,
Miss R S M Fairhurst, Mrs C H Kirkman, N Maher, Miss D J McGeown,
C Reilly, Mrs L M Reilly and Mrs A M Seddon.
Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT: A member of the public.

The Town Council and the member of the public observed one minute's silence in respect of the Bolton Councillor for Westhoughton North, Councillor Mrs C Wild deceased.

PFGP17/2020 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Town Clerk explained the Fire Safety Procedure.

PFGP18/2020 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council: Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon and Cllr Miss M Maley – work, Cllrs R M Brennan, Mrs J M Nicholson and Mrs M E M O'Riordan– Personal Commitments and Cllrs M Cox, T J Hewitt, A P Morgan – Meetings.

PFGP19/2020 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

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

PFGP20/2020 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllrs D A Wilkinson and D J Bullock declared interests in 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.

PFGP21/2020 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

There were no questions.

PFGP22/2020 THE ATTENDANCE OF A HOWFEN RUNNERS OFFICIAL RE A REQUEST FOR A GRANT

The Howfen Runners Official explained the Grant Application.

PFGP23/2020 TO DISCUSS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

The Town Council requested that its comments on the following Planning Applications are placed before the Planning Committee:

(a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

07681/20 The Town Council supports this application

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07751/20 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning committee determine the application

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

There were no Planning Appeals.

(c) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no Planning decisions.

PFGP24/2020 TO ACCEPT 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 approved.

PFGP25/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council Newsletter, with an amendment to the attendance chart, be approved. The Town Clerk will circulate the Newsletter to outlets throughout Westhoughton.

PFGP26/2020 DISCUSSION ON LOCATIONS FOR THE SITING OF SPEED SIGNS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council propose the following locations:

- 1) Manchester Road, near to The White Horse public house, for traffic travelling towards Wingates
- 2) Wigan Road, between Dobb Brow and the bus shelter near to Firwoods, for traffic travelling towards Westhoughton
- 3) Park Road, south of the zebra crossing at Captain Lees Road, for traffic travelling towards Westhoughton

The Town Clerk will ask the Technician, Bolton Council for the cost of siting the above speed signs, clarify maintenance costs and inquire if the Town Council will be charged for the removal of three obsolete speed signs.

**PFGP27/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM
HOWFEN RUNNERS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Cllr Mrs A M Seddon left the meeting.

Resolved that the Town Council approve a grant of £510 for Howfen Runners.
This is in accordance with Section 19(d) of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976.

Cllr Mrs A M Seddon returned to the meeting.

PFGP28/2020 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 £6,517.60.

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AP7	Bolton Council	Christmas Lights	5,880.00
AP8	Parsons Royle & Co	Audit Fee	132.00
AP9	C Morris	Re-imburement stationery	310.00
106	Shaw & Sons	Stationery	195.60
TOTAL:			<u>£6,517.60</u>

The payment to Bolton Council is in accordance with Section 137 of the
Local Government Act 1972.

PFGP29/2020 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Nil

**PFGP30/2020 DATE OF NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL
PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, 9th March, 2020

The Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.