

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

24TH FEBRUARY 2020

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

TC21/2020 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Town Mayor explained the Fire safety procedure.

TC22/2020 TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council: Councillors M Cox, Miss R S M Fairhurst, T J Hewitt, A P Morgan, Mrs J M Nicholson and Mrs M E M O'Riordan – Personal Commitments.

TC23/2020 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

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

TC24/2020 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllrs D J Bullock and D A Wilkinson declared interests in Agenda item No. 6 – To Discuss Planning & 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 Planning Decisions at a Bolton Council Planning Meeting, if additional information is presented.

Cllr Miss D J McGeown declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 9 – To accept the minutes of the Daisy Hill in Bloom Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 17th February, 2020.

TC25/2020 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

TC26/2020 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:

07795/20 The Town Council supports the application

07817/20 The Town Council supports the application

07759/20 The Town Council requests that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning Committee determine the application

07747/20 The Town Council requests that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning Committee determine the application

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil.

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

Nil

TC27/2020 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 2020

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 27th January, 2020, as circulated, be approved.

TC28/2020 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 2020

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 10th February, 2020, as circulated, be noted by the Town Council.

TC29/2020 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DAISY HILL IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 2020

Resolved that the minutes of the Daisy Hill in Bloom Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 17th February, 2020, as circulated, be approved.

TC30/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF WESTHOUGHTON TOWN HALL AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Clerk write to the Chief Executive, Bolton Council regarding Bolton Council's future plans for Westhoughton Town Hall, the historic Council Chamber, murals and furniture, inquire if some public services will be returned to the Town Hall, ask when the Town Council will return to the Council Chamber, request that no work takes place to remove the historic features or furniture from the Council chamber and request a reply within 14 days.

The Town Council observed one minute's silence in respect of the former Westhoughton Urban District Councillor Mr Terry Riley, deceased.

TC31/2020 CONSULTATION ON STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

This item was deferred.

TC32/2020 REVIEW OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S RISK ASSESSMENT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council's Risk Assessment be approved with two deletions.

TC33/2020 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 £345.00.

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AP10	Investors in Publishing Job Advertisement	90.00
107	Cash Postage	200.00
108	Tarki Technology Account Support	55.00
Total:		<u>£345.00</u>

TC34/2020 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Nil

TC35/2020 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 30th March, 2020.