

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

9TH MARCH 2020

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr D A Wilkinson, M Cox, Miss R S M Fairhurst,
T J Hewitt, Mrs C H Kirkman, N Maher, Miss DJ McGeown,
AP Morgan, C Reilly
Deputy Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT:

A member of the public.

PFGP31/2020 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

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

PFGP32/2020 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 Miss M Maley, Mrs J M Nicholson and Mrs M E M O’Riordan – Personal Commitments, Mrs AB Eckersley-Fallon and Mrs L M Reilly – Meetings, R Brennan and D Bullock – sickness and Mrs A M Seddon - Work.

PFGP33/2020 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

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

PFGP34/2020 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr D A Wilkinson declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 6 – 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.

Cllr Miss D J McGeown declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 9 – Discussion on the approval of the purchase of Daisy Hill in Bloom items totalling £75.15 and to approve any action.

PFGP35/2020 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

There were no questions.

Cllr M Cox entered the meeting

**PFGP36/2020 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

07862/20 The Town Council is concerned the application does not state the type of use or hours of operation and requested that The Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning Committee determine the application.

07842/20 The Town Council raised no objections

07871/20 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning Committee determine the application

07853/20 The Town Council raised concerns at the potential environmental health impact on the neighbouring properties with regard to spray fumes. If viable, an alternative position for the spray booth should be identified on the site.

07870/20 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning Committee determine the application

07908/20 The Town Council raised no objections

07899/20 The Town Council raised no objections

07905/20 The Town Council is concerned the application lacks enough detail to inform any comments and requested that The Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning Committee determine the application

07943/20 The Town Council raised no objections

07947/20 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.

**PFGP37/2020 TO ACCEPT 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, 10^h February, 2020, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP38/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN COUNCIL FUNDING THE PURCHASE, SITING AND MAINTENANCE OF SPEED SIGNS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve the funding of the purchase and siting of three speed signs at a cost of £11,958.73, plus repair and maintenance costs. The signs are to be funded from the 2020-2021 budget – Solar/speed signs £2,500, Office Accommodation £8,000, Additional Contingency £1,458.73.

This is in accordance with the Highways Act 1980

PFGP39/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF DAISY HILL IN BLOOM ITEMS TOTALLING £75.15 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve purchase of Daisy Hill in Bloom items totalling £75.15.

This is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Section 144

PFGP40/2020 THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERVIEW PANEL FOR THE POSITION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR

An interview panel with representation from all parties was appointed.

PFGP41/2020 CONSULTATION ON THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved the Deputy Town Clerk report comments back that the consultation documentation being available on-line and in the Bolton One-Stop Shop would not prove accessible to all. A concern was that many local residents would not use, or struggle with, the on-line facility and equally would not travel to Bolton to access via the One-Stop Shop. Having the documentation available at all libraries within the borough, with photocopies issued on request, will provide additional access and local engagement.

Additionally Cllr TJ Hewitt will also provide feedback on the Town Council observations.

PFGP43/2020 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 £610.83.

AP11	Bolton Council	Share of electrician costs for Christmas crib & tree	£ 469.06
109	D Reeve	D.H.I.B. Items	75.15
DD	Talktalk	Internet & telephone fee	66.62
TOTAL:			----- 610.83 -----

The payment to D Reeve is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Section 144.

PFGP44 /2020 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following correspondence was noted by the Town Council:

1. Reply from Planning Casework Manager re: Land west of Wingates Industrial Estate
2. L.A.L.C Spring Conference

PFGP45/2020 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 20th April, 2020.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.