

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

**PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

14 SEPTEMBER 2020

(REMOTE ZOOM MEETING)

PLANNING MEETING

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Speight as a member of the public.

Cllr D A Wilkinson chaired the meetings.

**PFGP55/2020 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT
REASONS**

There were no apologies for absence.

PFGP56/2020 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

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

**PFGP57/2020 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN
ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED**

Cllr D A Wilkinson declared an interest in Agenda Item No.P5 – 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.

The Town Clerk declared interests in Agenda Items T/C3 (b) Co-option of Town Councillors and T/C14 To approve Salary Increases in accordance with the National Salary Award 2020-21.

Cllr N Maher declared an interest in Planning Application No. 09054/20 and stated that he would not vote on the application.

**PFGP58/2020 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND
ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS**

There were no questions.

PFGP59/2020 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:

09020/20 The Town Council supports the application

08876/20 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Arboricultural Officer determine the application

08914/20 The Town Council supports the application

09053/20 The Town Council supports the application

09054/20 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application. The Town Council and neighbours are concerned at the proposed height of the fence next to a public highway

09090/20 The Town Council supports the application

09142/20 The Town Council supports the application

09150/20 The Town Council supports the application

09147/20 The Town Council supports the application

09130/20 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application by looking at the original historic Planning Application and considering issues around moving manholes

09098/20 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application and noted that there are insufficient parking spaces for staff and visitors

09206/20 The Town Council supports the application

09235/20 The Town Council supports the application

09279/20 The Town Council supports the application

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil.

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

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

PFGP60/2020 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 10th AUGUST, 2020

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 10th August, 2020 as circulated, be approved.

PFGP61/2020 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 12th October, 2020.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr J Speight joined the meeting.

TC57/2020 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 2020

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 10th August, 2020, as circulated, be approved.

TC58/2020 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 2020

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 10th August, 2020 as circulated, be approved.

TC59/2020 THE CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS FOR THE WINGATES AND DAISY HILL WARDS

Proposed and seconded that Mr S Freeborn be co-opted as Town Councillor for the Wingates Ward.

Proposed and seconded that Mr A Price be co-opted as Town Councillor for the Wingates Ward.

A named vote was taken and Councillors voted as follows:

Mr S Freeborn – For – Cllrs Bullock, Brennan, Miss Maley, Reilly, Mrs Reilly, Speight

Against – Cllrs Cox, Hewitt, Morgan, Mrs Eckersley-Fallon, Miss Fairhurst, Mrs Kirkman, Maher, Miss McGeown, Mrs Seddon, Wilkinson

Mr A Price - For – Cllrs Cox, Hewitt, Morgan, Mrs Eckersley-Fallon, Miss Fairhurst,

Mrs Kirkman, Maher, Miss McGeown, Mrs Seddon, Wilkinson

Against - Cllrs Bullock, Brennan, Miss Maley, Reilly, Mrs Reilly, Speight

Resolved that Mr A Price be co-opted as Town Councillor for the Wingates Ward.

Proposed and seconded that Mr J Crook be co-opted as Town Councillor for the Daisy Hill Ward.

Proposed and seconded that Mr A Younge be co-opted as Town Councillor for the Daisy Hill Ward.

A named vote was taken and Councillors voted as follows:

Mr J Crook – For – Cllrs Bullock, Brennan, Miss Maley, Speight

Against – Cllrs Cox, Hewitt, Morgan, Reilly, Mrs Reilly, Mrs Eckersley Fallon, Miss Fairhurst, Mrs Kirkman, Maher, Miss McGeown, Mrs Seddon, Wilkinson

Mr A Younge – For - Cllrs Cox, Hewitt, Morgan, Reilly, Mrs Reilly, Mrs Eckersley - Fallon, Miss Fairhurst, Mrs Kirkman, Maher, Miss McGeown, Mrs Seddon, Wilkinson

Against - Cllrs Bullock, Brennan, Miss Maley, Speight

Resolved that Mr A Younge be co-opted as Town Councillor for the Daisy Hill Ward

TC60/2020 N.A.L.C CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE CURRENT PLANNING SYSTEM AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council supports N.A.L.C. in its observations on the Consultation.

TC61/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF A TOWN COUNCIL DEBIT CARD FOR USE BY THE TOWN CLERK AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council authorise the Town Clerk to obtain a Debit Card for use by the Town Clerk.

Cllr Miss Fairhurst left the meeting.

TC62/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF A GRANT TOWARDS THE COST OF RENOVATING WESTHOUGHTON LOCAL NATURE RESERVES AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve a grant of £7,000 towards the cost of renovating Westhoughton Local Nature Reserves with the inclusion of removing rubbish from under bridges between Bolton Road to Park Road.

This is in accordance with the Highways Act 1980.

TC63/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EXPENSES AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve:

(a) Checking, siting and dismantling costs	£4,900
(b) Energy costs	£150
(c) Siting of Crib	£500
(d) Share of electrician fee	£400
(e) 2 x Christmas Trees	£100 (1 dependant on access to Town Hall)

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

TC64/2020 BOROUGHWIDE ALCOHOL PSPO REVIEW CONSULTATION AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council supports the renewal of a Boroughwide Alcohol PSPO .

TC65/2020 DISCUSSION ON POLICING MATTERS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Clerk contact Beverley Hughes, Deputy Mayor of Manchester and local Police Officers regarding problems with youths in Daisy Hill and Westhoughton Town Centre, and the lack of Police presence. Also, request 10 Officers and an additional Neighbourhood Police Officer from the 350 new Officers which are being allocated to Greater Manchester Police in 2021.

TC66/2020 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF FINANCING THE REFURBISHMENT OF MIRY LANE AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve the refurbishment of the tarmac section of Miry Lane at cost of £425. The Town Clerk is to obtain a cost for scraping off and re-stoning the 70m length of Miry Lane as additional work. This is in accordance with the Highways Act 1980.

TC67/2020 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 £18,205.21.

AP19	C Buckley	Re-imburement Computer	642.00
AP20	C Morris	Re-imburement Petty Cash	100.00
Salaries & HMRC Payments			1,958.31
AP23	Bolton Council	Get Active Youth Project	7,325.00
AP24	Lads & Girls Club	Westhoughton Youth Project	3,460.50
AP25	James Hallam Ltd	Insurance 2020-21	3,294.49
AP26	C Morris	Re-imburement - stationery	139.00
AP27	ADT Fire & Security	CCTV Maintenance	1,210.90
AP28	C Morris	Re-imburement - stationery	27.98
DD	Talktalk	Telephone & internet fee	26.14
DD	C Morris	Re-imburement – Zoom fee	14.39
Bank Charges			6.50
TOTAL:			£18,205.21

The payments to Bolton Council and the Lads & Girls Club are in accordance with the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 S 19 (d). The payment to ADT Fire & Security is in accordance with the Local Government Rating Act 1997 S31.

TC68/2020 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following correspondence was noted by the Town Council:

1. E-mail - G Langley re Greater Manchester Cycling Strategy
2. E-mail – S Godley re Greater Manchester Spatial Framework
3. Public Rights of Way to be cut back

The Town Clerk will organise a test run for paperless meetings

TC69/2020 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 12th October, 2020.

Resolved that the next item is discussed excluding press and public in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 S100A (2)

TC70/2020 TO APPROVE SALARY INCREASES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL SALARY AWARD 2020-21

Resolved that salary increases be approved:

- (a) Town Clerk S42 Pro Rata
- (b) Deputy Town Clerk 2/3 of Town Clerk's hourly rate
- (c) Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer 2.75% increase (when appointed)

A named vote was taken and Councillors voted as follows:

For – Cllrs Cox, Hewitt, Morgan, Reilly, Mrs Reilly, Mrs Eckersley-Fallon, Mrs Kirkman, Maher, Miss McGeown, Mrs Seddon, Wilkinson.

Abstentions – Cllrs Bullock, Brennan, Miss Maley, Speight

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.