

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

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

22 FEBRUARY 2021

(REMOTE ZOOM MEETING)

PLANNING MEETING

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr D A Wilkinson and Councillors R M Brennan, D J Bullock, M Cox (arrived 7.50 p.m.), Miss R S M Fairhurst, T J Hewitt, Mrs C H Kirkman, N Maher, Miss M Maley, Miss D J McGeown, A Price, C Reilly, Mrs L M Reilly and A Younge.

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr J Speight as a member of the public and other members of the public.

Cllr Speight explained that Cllr Miss Maley had been absent from Council Meetings since September, 2020 because she could not access Zoom but she is in attendance tonight.

PFGP7/2021 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon – sick,
Cllrs A P Morgan - Personal Commitment and Mrs A M Seddon - work (via e-mail)

PFGP8/2021 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

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

PFGP9/2021 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 Actions 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.

PFGP10/21 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public inquired about the regeneration of Westhoughton Town Centre. Councillor Wilkinson explained the current position and suggested that she attend the Town Centre Steering Group Meeting at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 24th February, 2021.

PFGP11/2021 TO DISCUSS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

(a) TOWN COUNCIL'S COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

09989/20 The Town Council was concerned at potential parking problems and requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application

10314/21 The Town Council supports the application

10323/21 The Town Council supports the application

10292/21 The Town Council supports the application

10303/21 The Town Council supports the application

10343/21 The Town Council supports the application

10352/21 The Town Council supports the application

10380/21 The Town Council supports the application

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no Planning Decisions

PFGP12/2021 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 11th January, 2021, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP13/2021 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 8th March, 2021 (Dependent on the Coronavirus lockdown and the Town Clerk regaining access to her office)

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Speight joined the meeting.

TC13/2021 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11th JANUARY, 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 11th January, 2021 as circulated, be approved.

Cllr Speight referred to TC3/21 (b) and stated that he had asked for a letter of congratulation to be sent to the nominee. The Town Clerk explained that there had been no such proposal and the Agenda Item is to approve the accuracy of the minutes only with no discussion on the minutes of the meeting.

Cllr Speight may raise the matter again in 6 months, in accordance with Standing Orders.

TC14/2021 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 11th JANUARY, 2021.

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 11th January, 2021, as circulated, be approved.

TC152021 DISCUSSION ON STREET NAMES AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

(a) Bernstein Group, Great Bank Way, Westhoughton

Resolved that the Town Council supports the name - Units 1,2 & 3 Panattoni Park, Great Bank Road, Westhoughton.

(b) Land at Bowlands Hey, Westhoughton (9 streets)

Resolved that the Town Council propose the name Kingsman Darren Deady Way for the principal route, in honour of Kingsman Darren Deady who lost his life as a result of the conflict in Afghanistan, and providing that his family supports the proposal, and Old Lane Court. Councillors with other proposals should inform the Town Clerk.

Cllr Cox arrived.

TC16/2021 DISCUSSION OF THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL LITTER BINS ACROSS WESTHOUGHTON AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Clerk ask Bolton Council to consider placing additional large litter bins around Westhoughton, where they will have the best impact, with the Town Council contributing towards the cost.

TC17/2021 DISCUSSION OF AN ANTI-LITTER ARTWORK CAMPAIGN WITH SCHOOLS AND POSSIBLE SIGNS/POSTERS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Clerk ask Primary Schools if they wish to take part in an Anti-Litter Artwork Competition for pupils anytime in the future, with the Town Council providing prizes and with posters made from the winning entries to be displayed in shop windows.

TC18/2021 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that the Town Council approve the payment of the following Accounts for Payment:

			£
DD	Zoom	Zoom Fee	14.39
DD	Talktalk	Internet & telephone	27.00
	Bank Charges		7.00

TOTAL			48.39

TC19/2021 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Nil

TC20/2021 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 8th March, 2021 (Dependent on the Coronavirus lockdown and the Town Clerk regaining access to her office).

The Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.