

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

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

8 MARCH 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, Mrs C H Kirkman, N Maher, Miss D J McGeown, A P Morgan, A Price, C Reilly, Mrs L M Reilly, Mrs A M Seddon and A Younge.

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

PFGP14/2021 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon - sick and
Cllrs Miss M Maley - I.T. problems and TJ Hewitt - Meeting.

PFGP15/2021 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

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

PFGP16/2021 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr D A Wilkinson and Cllr A P Morgan declared interests in Agenda Item No. P5 - To Discuss Planning and Development Matters and to Approve Any Actions because they are members of the Bolton Council Planning Committee and reserved the right to speak and vote, and to re-consider their decision at a Bolton Council Planning Committee, if additional information is presented.

PFGP17/21 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Speight asked a question on procedures which was not relevant to the Agenda item.

PFGP18/2021 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:

- 10405/21 The Town Council supported the application
- 10404/21 The Town Council supported the application provided that a Mining Risk Assessment Report is produced
- 10408/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Arboricultural Officer determine the application
- 10409/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Arboricultural Officer determine the Application

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no Planning Decisions

PFGP19/2021 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 22nd February, 2021, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP20/2021 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 12th April, 2021 (Dependent on the Coronavirus lockdown and the Town Clerk regaining access to her office)

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Cllr Speight joined the meeting.

TC21/2021 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 2021.

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 22nd February, 2021 as circulated, be approved.

TC22/2021 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 2021.

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 22nd February, 2021, as circulated, be noted by the Town Council.

TC23/2021 DISCUSSION ON THE FILLING, WATERING AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANTERS, BASKETS AND TUBS

Resolved that the Town Council approve:

(a) Railing Planters and Beehive Planters £3,395.95

(b) 18 x Hanging Baskets £4,662

This is in accordance with Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Hanging Baskets will be funded from the Savings from 2020-21 Budget.

The Town Clerk is to inquire if other operators can be involved to do the work in future years. The Town Council will consider the effectiveness of the display and the financial implications later in the year. Heaton Fold Garden Centre may be affected if a private company carries out the work as it currently provides the plants.

Cllr Cox arrived.

TC24/2021 DISCUSSION ON POLICING ISSUES INCLUDING THE RECENT STABBINGS AND PREVIOUS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ISSUES AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

The Town Council discussed the recent stabbing, problems with gangs of youths and anti-social behaviour issues which have occurred although senior police officers previously stated that policing matters would be taken seriously.

Resolved that the Town Clerk ask Children’s Services for information on Safeguarding Issues with children, contact the Bolton Lads and Girls Club, Bolton Council Get Active Officers and Westhoughton High School regarding problems with youths and invite a Police Officer and Children’s Services Officer to attend a future Zoom Meeting.

TC25/2021 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

| | | | £ |
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| AP64 | Bolton Council | Siting of Crib | 618.00 |
| AP65 | C Morris | Re-imburement Account Support | 55.00 |
| AP66 | Bolton Council | Christmas Lights & Electricity | 6,240.00 |
| AP67 | J Aldred | Re-imburement D.H.I.B. items | 121.40 |
| DD | Zoom | Zoom Fee | 14.39 |
| Bank Charges | | | 7.00 |
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| TOTAL | | | £7,055.79 |
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The Payments for Christmas Lights, the siting of the crib and the re-imburement of D.H.I.B. items are in accordance with Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972.

TC26/2021 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

10th May, 2021 Annual Town Meeting (Town Mayor's Inauguration)

16th May, 2021 Mayoral Sunday Service, Parish Church of St Bartholomew

TC27/2021 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 12th April, 2021 (Dependent on the Coronavirus lockdown and the Town Clerk regaining access to her office).

The Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

