

**WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

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

**PRESENT:** Town Mayor Cllr Mrs L M Reilly, Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Miss D J McGeown and Councillors M Cox, Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon, T J Hewitt, Mrs C H Kirkman, N Maher, A P Morgan, A Price, C Reilly, and A Younge. Town Clerk.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the public.

**PFGP49/2021 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION**

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

**PFGP50/2021 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS**

Miss R S M Fairhurst – shielding, R Brennan, Mrs A Seddon and J Speight (Town Council only) - work, Cllr D A Wilkinson – self isolating and Cllr D J Bullock – Personal Commitment.

Cllr Miss Maley had informed the Town Clerk that she will not be attending further meetings whilst the Coronavirus is active as she does not believe precautions taken to be sufficient.

**PFGP51/2021 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

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

**PFGP52/2021 PRESENTATION OF CHARITY CHEQUES BY Cllr WILKINSON**

Cllr Wilkinson was self-isolating and the Deputy Town Mayor presented Charity Cheques to representatives from Senior Solutions and the Bolton Lads & Girls Club, Westhoughton.

**PFGP53/2021 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED**

Cllr A P Morgan declared an interest in Planning Application No. 11316/21.

**PFGP54/2021 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

**PFGP55/2021 THE ATTENDANCE OF CLLR A GALLOWAY AND MS B BROWN  
RE THE RECENT STABBING AND SAFEGUARDING**

Ms Brown explained that G.M. Police, Youth Services and Bolton Lads & Girls Club are working together to engage with young people in schools and outside school to dissuade them from carrying knives and explaining the consequences. The knife problem is not drug or gang related and more girls are now carrying knives for protection. There is an increase in knife issues with more young people carrying knives both inside school and outside school. The agencies will collate insight into the problems in September and discuss how to progress, and then Ms Brown and Cllr Galloway will attend another Town Council Meeting. Ms Brown also reported that sexual assaults and rape in the Bolton area are the highest in Greater Manchester. Also, adult physical abuse is a problem which is increasing. Ms Brown answered questions from the Town Council.

**PFGP56/2021 TO DISCUSS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

**(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:

- 11403/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11304/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11316/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application because the Applicant is a Bolton Councillor
- 11338/21 The Town Council supports the application.
- 11341/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application
- 11348/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application
- 11349/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application
- 11356/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11372/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application
- 11331/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application
- 11352/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11388/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application

- 11392/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application
- 11417/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application
- 11418/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11430/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11490/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application
- 11409/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11442/21 The Town Council supports the application

**(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS**

Nil

**(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS**

There were no Planning Decisions

**PFGP57/2021 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2021**

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, as circulated, be approved.

**PFGP58/2021 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs L M Reilly chaired the Town Council Meeting.

### **TC80/2021 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2021**

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, as circulated, be noted.

### **TC81/2021 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2021**

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, as circulated, be approved.

Cllr Speight arrived at 7.55 p.m.

### **TC82/2021 DISCUSSION ON THE FORMATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP, COMPRISING OF TOWN COUNCILLORS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM ORGANISATIONS AND BUSINESSES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

The Town Council discussed a report prepared by the Town Clerk.

Resolved that the Town Clerk invite a Bolton Council Officer to a future meeting in order to give initial advice on the proposal and then Town Council members will be appointed to a Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group. Representatives from organisations, businesses and members of the public will then be invited to join by the Steering Group.

### **TC83/2021 DISCUSSION ON THE NAMING OF NEW STREETS – LAND ADJACENT TO 62A CHORLEY ROAD, WESTHOUGHTON AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council accepts the new street names for land adjacent to 62A Chorley Road, Westhoughton.

### **TC84/2021 DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN COUNCIL ASKING BOLTON COUNCIL TO LIST THE BETHEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH AS A COMMUNITY ASSET AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

This item was deferred.

### **TC85/2021 THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE/S TO THE PEEL COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that Councillors wishing to represent the Town Council should inform the Town Clerk.:

**TC86/2021 DISCUSSION ON RE-ADVERTISING THE POSITION OF  
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH LIAISON OFFICER  
AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Clerk contact Cllr Wilkinson re. the Job Description and the Person Description and then re-advertise the position.

**TC87/2021 TO APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATIONS 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2021 –  
30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2021**

Resolved that the Bank Reconciliations for 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 – 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, as circulated be approved.

**TC88/2021 DISCUSSION ON THE REMEMBRANCE DAY RISK ASSESSMENT  
AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Remembrance Day Risk Assessment, as circulated, be approved.

**TC89/2021 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Resolved that the Town Council approve the payment of the following accounts:

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AP16	Thomas Fattorini Ltd	Civic Medals	1,724.46
AP18	Lads & Girls Club	BLGC Westhoughton Outreach	3,460.50
AP19	Bolton Council	Get Active Youth Project	7,452.50
AP20	V Swinburne	D.H.I.B. Item	6.90
AP21	Oaklands Nursery	DHIB plants	262.50
	Salaries & HMRC payment		2,350.60
AP25	Canon	Photocopying Fee	3.92
DD	Talktalk	Internet & telephone	29.00
DD	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee	35.00
DD	Zoom	Zoom Fee	14.39
	Bank Charges		7.00
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TOTAL:			16,609.73
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The payments to Bolton Council Get Active Youth Project and Lads & Girls Club are in accordance with the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 Section 19(d)

The payments to V Swinburne and Thomas Fattorini are in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**TC90/2021 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

1. The Town Council cannot legally organise or fund a public demonstration event or literature opposing the development of green spaces or development in the Green Belt
2. E-mail from Inspector Johnson

**TC/2021 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting and Town Council Meeting Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

The Town Clerk was asked to inquire to Bolton Council about the future of Westhoughton Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.25p.m.