

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

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

9TH AUGUST 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 D J Bullock, A Price, C Reilly, A Younge
and D A Wilkinson.
Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes
Committee, the Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs L M Reilly, chaired the meeting.

PFGP59/2021 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs L M Reilly, explained the Fire Safety procedure.

**PFGP60/2021 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT
REASONS**

Cllrs Mrs Eckersley-Fallon, Mrs Kirkman and Morgan are not attending meetings
until after the funeral of the Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr David Greenhalgh,
Miss R S M Fairhurst – shielding, R Brennan, Mrs A Seddon and T J Hewitt –
Personal Commitments and N Maher – sick.

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.

PFGP61/2021 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Town Mayor read the notice convening the meeting.

The Town Council and members of the public stood for one minutes silence in
respect of the Leader of Bolton Council, Councillor David Greenhalgh, deceased.

**PFGP62/2021 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO
BE DISCUSSED**

Cllr D A Wilkinson declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 7 – To Discuss Planning
& 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 at a
Bolton Council Planning Committee, if additional information is presented.

Cllr Wilkinson also stated that he will not be taking part in the discussion or the
voting on Planning Applications 11567/21 and 11568/21.

The Town Clerk declared an interest in Planning Application No. 11576/21.

PFGP63/2021 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A Member of the public made a statement on building on the Green Belt and on
greenfield sites in Westhoughton.

A member of the public asked the Town Council to object to Planning Application
11494/21.

**PFGP64/2021 THE ATTENDANCE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER
RE THE RENOVATION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATHS**

The Town Council had allocated £4,000 for the renovation of Public Rights of Way in Westhoughton and the Officer discussed his proposals with the Town Council

PFGP65/2021 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:

- 11576/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11567/21 The Town Council raised objection because of the detrimental impact on residents, the loss of wildlife, the lack of infrastructure and General Practitioners cannot cope
- 11568/21 The Town Council raised objection because of the detrimental impact on residents, the loss of wildlife, the lack of infrastructure and General Practitioners cannot cope
- 11523/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application and consider the impact on adjoining properties
- 11430/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11503/21 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Arboricultural Officer determine the application
- 11494/21 The Town Council supports the application but requests a good visibility display at the front and the protection of the surrounding trees
- 11505/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11690/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11572/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11573/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11604/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11610/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11533/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11719/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11644/21 The Town Council supports the application

11619/21 The Town Council supports the application

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no Planning Decisions

PFGP66/2021 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12TH JULY, 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 12th July, 2021, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP67/2021 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 13th September, 2021.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

TC92/2021 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12TH JULY, 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 12th July, 2021, as circulated, be noted..

TC93/2021 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 12TH JULY, 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 12th July, 2021, as circulated, be approved.

Cllr Speight joined the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

TC94/2021 DISCUSSION ON POLICY DOCUMENTS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the following Policy Documents, as circulated, be approved by the Town Council:

- (a) Civic Awards and the Harold Daniels Memorial Trophy
- (b) Environmental Award
- (c) Young Citizen of the year award

**TC95/2021 DISCUSSION ON THE NAMING OF NEW STREETS – LAND
AT LEE HALL, WESTHOUGHTON AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council rejects the suggested street names for land at Lee Hall, Westhoughton as the names are bland and do not take into account the historical and industrial past of the area. The Town Clerk is to send a similar e-mail to Persimmon Homes.

**TC96/2021 DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN COUNCIL ASKING BOLTON COUNCIL
TO LIST THE BETHEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH AS A
COMMUNITY ASSET AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Clerk ask Bolton Council to list The Bethel United Reformed Church as a Community Asset.

**TC97/2021 THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE/S TO
THE L.A.L.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This item was deferred.

**TC98/2021 DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTIONS FOR THE L.A.L.C. ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

This item was deferred.

**TC99/2021 TO APPROVE THE AUDIT REPORT FOR THE AUDIT OF THE
QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS 1.4.2021 – 30.6.2021**

Resolved that the Audit Report for the audit of the Quarterly Accounts 1.4.2021 – 30.6.2021, as circulated, be approved.

**TC100/2021 TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD
1.4.2021 – 30.6.2021 AND TO APPROVE THE BANK
RECONCILIATIONS 1ST APRIL – 30TH JUNE, 2021**

Resolved that the Quarterly Accounts for the period 1.4.2021 – 30.6.2021 and the Bank Reconciliations 1st April, 2021 – 30th June, 2021, as circulated, be approved.

**TC101/2021 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF A GRANT TOWARDS THE
RENOVATION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND TO APPROVE
ANY ACTION**

Resolved that the Town Council approve the following grant:

Westhoughton 105	£650 (there may be an increase)
Westhoughton 193	£335
Cut vegetation along 49	£2,745.76

Total:	£3,730.76

This is in accordance with The Highways Act 1980

The Town Clerk is to ask the Public Rights of Way Officer to investigate the possibility of siting barriers on Footpath 173 to prevent access for motorbikes, and provide a costing, if this is possible.

TC101/2021 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

			£
AP25	Parsons Royle & Co	Audit Fee	129.60
AP26	Walk the Plank	Maroons	300.00
Salary & HMRC Payment			2,014.40
DD	Zoom	Zoom fee	14.39
DC	Cash	Petty Cash	100.00
TOTAL			----- 2,558.39 -----

The payment to Walk the plank is in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

TC102/2021 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

1. E-mail – Jon Jedrejewski
2. E-mail – Andrew Chalmers
3. E-mail – Gerry Brough
4. E-mail – PC Philip Burrows – The Town Clerk will thank him for his years of service in Westhoughton
5. Re: TC 85/2021 - The Town Clerk reported that Cllr A Price was appointed to the Peel L & P Community Liaison Group. Five Liberal Democrat Councillors and one Conservative Councillor had informed the Town Clerk that they wished to represent the Town Council and the majority group selected Cllr Price, as only one representative is allowed.

TC103/2021 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting and Town Council Meeting Monday, 13th September, 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.20p.m.