

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

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

12th JANUARY 2022

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr Mrs LM Reilly
Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Miss DJ McGeown and Councillors M Cox,
Mrs AB Eckersley-Fallon, N Maher, A Price, C Reilly, DA Wilkinson and A Younge.
Deputy Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: A member of the public.

PFGP01/2022 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Centre manager explained the Fire Safety Procedure

PFGP02/2022 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Cllr Miss RSM Fairhurst - shielding, Cllr Miss M Maley and Cllr A Morgan - work, Cllr Mrs CH Kirkman - Ill, Cllrs RM Brennan, DJ Bullock, TJ Hewitt and Mrs AM Seddon - Personal reasons

PFGP03/2022 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

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

**PFGP04/2022 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE
DISCUSSED**

Cllr DA Wilkinson declared an interest in agenda item no 6 - 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 J Speight declared an interest in TC5 - Discussion on the Westhoughton Allotment and Gardening Society and to approve any action. Cllr Mrs LM Reilly declared an interest in TC6 - Discussion on the Town Mayors Ball due to be held in April 2022 and to approve any action.

PFGP05/2022 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions

Cllr M Cox joined the meeting

**PFGP06/2022 TO DISCUSS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS
(a) TOWNS COUNCILS COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

12630/21 The Council raised no objection

12620/21 The Council raised no objection

12692/21 The Council raised no objection

12575/21 The Council raised no objection

12737/21 The Council raised no objection

12747/21 The Council raised no objection

12732/21 The Council raised no objection

12724/21 The Council raised no objection

12718/21 The Council raised no objection

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

10086/20 60A - Noted

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

Resolved that the Planning Decisions, circulated since the last meeting, be noted.

PFGP07/2022 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 2021

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

PFGP08/2022 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of next Planning and Finance Committee Meeting - Wednesday 9th February, 2022.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr J Speight joined the meeting

The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs LM Reily chaired the Town Council Meeting

TC01/2022 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 2021

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

TC02/2022 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 2021.

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

TC03/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE CIVIC MEDAL & HAROLD DANIELS MEMORIAL TROPHY, YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD AND APPROVE ANY ACTION.

Resolved that the nominations deadline for the Civic Medal & Harold Daniels Memorial Trophy, Young Citizen of the Year award and Environmental award be extended to 4th March, 2022.

TC04/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE WESTHOUGHTON LION CLUB HOUSE APPEAL AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council make a donation of £3000 to the Westhoughton Lion Club House appeal on the proviso that the agreed target is reached

TC05/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE WESTHOUGHTON ALLOTMENT AND GARDENING SOCIETY AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

This item was deferred

TC06/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN MAYORS BALL DUE TO BE HELD IN APRIL 2022 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

The Mayor updated the Council of the current arrangements for the Town Mayors Ball due to be held in April 2022.

TC07/2022 TO APPOINT A STAFFING SUB COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF 2 MEMBERS FROM EACH GROUP AND APPROVE ANY ACTIONS

Resolved that Cllrs A Price and A Younge are appointed for the Liberal Democrat group, Cllrs RM Brennan and J Speight from Westhoughton First Independent group and the Conservative group will inform the Deputy Town Clerk of their appointees.

TC08/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2022/2023 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the draft Budget estimates for 2022/2023 be accepted

TC09/2022 TO APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT FOR 2022/2023

Resolved that the Town Council precept for 2022/2023 be set at £151,178

TC10/2022 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Salaries & HMRC payments	£ 2,300.60
AP44 Parks Veterans Club - Grant	£ 312.48
114 St Bartholomews Church - Donation	£ 200.00
115 James Hallam Ltd - Insurance 21.10.21-20.11.21	£ 275.85
116 James Hallam Ltd - Insurance 20.11.21-31.12.21	£ 364.82
118 Greenfield Band - Remembrance Sunday	£ 350.00
119 British Legion - Donation Wreaths	£ 50.00

120	British Legion - Donation Lamppost Poppies	£ 500.00
181	V Swinburne - DHiB	£ 119.98
182	Bolton Council - Lottery Licence	£ 20.00
183	J Aldred - DHiB	£ 231.26
184	ADT - CCTV Maintenance	£ 1322.32
185	A Hopkins - Reimbursement 2 x Wreaths Pretoria	£ 100.00
186	Bolton Council - Public Footpaths	£ 3735.76
187	Leisuretec (UK) Ltd - PA System Remembrance Sunday	£ 510.00
188	Jame Hallam Ltd - Business travel insurance 1.1.22-31.12.22	£ 503.38
189	James Halla Ltd - Insurance 1.1.22 - 31.12.22	£ 3166.86
DD	TalkTalk - Internet + Phone October	£ 28.15
DD	TalkTalk - Internet + Phone November	£ 24.95
DD	TalkTalk - Internet + Phone December	£ 24.95
DD	TalkTalk - Internet + Phone January	£ 24.95
DD	Bank Charges x 2	£ 14.00
DC	Petty Cash	£ 200.00
DC	Petty Cash	£ 100.00

		£14,480.31

TC11/2022 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

- 1) Peel L + P Community Liaison Group Minutes
- 2) Poppy Collection
- 3) St Bartholomew's Church Donation
- 4) 2 Road Closures
- 5) Proposed telecommunications installation upgrade @ Daisy Hill FC
- 6) Proposed upgrade to existing radio base station @ Hart Common Golf Club
- 7) Premises Application - 1
- 8) Christmas Lights business donations
- 9) Council Insurance
- 10) Update on Town Clerk office availability

TC12/2022 DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date of the next Town Council Meeting - Wednesday 9th February, 2022

IT IS LIKELY THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED EXCLUDING PRESS AND PUBLIC

TC13/2022 THE RESIGNATION OF THE TOWN CLERK AND RECOGNITION OF THE TOWN CLERKS SERVICE

Resolved that the Council regrettably accepted the resignation of the Town Clerk. In recognition of the excellent service and dedication provided by the Town Clerk to both Westhoughton Town Council and the people of Westhoughton it is proposed to bestow a civic award and offer the Freedom of Westhoughton.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

