

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

13th APRIL 2022

PRESENT:

Cllrs D Bullock, Mrs C Kirkman, Miss DJ McGeown, C Reilly, DA Wilkinson and A Younge.
Deputy Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT:

Guest Speaker and a member of the public.

PFGP32/2022 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Chair explained the Fire Safety Procedure

PFGP33/2022 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Cllr M Cox, TJ Hewitt and AP Morgan - work commitments, Cllr Mrs AB Eckersley-Fallon,
N Maher, A Price, Mrs LM Reilly and Mrs AM Seddon - Personal reasons

PFGP34/2022 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Miss DJ McGeown read the notice convening the meeting.

PFGP35/2022 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr DA 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.

THE COUNCIL HELD A MINUTES SILENCE IN RECOGNITION OF THE BRAVERY AND THE COMMITMENT OF THE MAYOR OF MOTYZHEN, OLGA SUKHENKO, TO HER FELLOW UKRAINIANS IN HER COMMUNITY AND ALSO FOR ALL THE INNOCENT VICTIMS, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN THAT HAVE DIED IN THE WAR IN UKRAINE

PFGP36/2022 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions

PFGP37/2022 ATTENDANCE OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM BOLTON COUNCIL TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE BOLTON COUNCIL BID TO LEVEL UP JUNCTION 6 AND DE HAVILLAND WAY

A representative from Bolton Council provided an update including bid criteria, future briefings for Councillors and arrangements for public consultation

PFGP38/2022 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

13369/22 The Council raised no objections

13415/22 The Council raised no objections

13356/22 The Council raised no objections subject to a decent landscaping scheme to mitigate losses and wildlife habitat being implemented. The Bolton Council Footpath Officer to be consulted regarding the formal and informal footpaths on site. The Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or Planning Committee determine the application.

13372/22 The Council raised no objections

13385/22 The Council raised objections because there is insufficient car parking spaces for the number of apartments

13240/22 The Council raised objections and proposes that the site adheres to the proposals of the Town Council Steering Group, that the area be kept as an open space and used for commercial purposes e.g. pop up markets. The current application would result in the loss of a town centre car park.

13255/22 The Council raised no objections

13378/22 The Council raised no objections

13435/22 The Council raised no objections

13462/22 The Council raised no objections

13443/22 The Council raised no objections

13520/22 The Council requested that the Bolton Council Tree Officer determine the application

13513/22 The Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or Planning Committee determine the application and consider the potential impact of the windows on nearby properties

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

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

PFGP39/2022 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH, 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17th March 2022, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP40/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE REPLACEMENT OF BOUNDARY SIGNS AND APPROVE ANY ACTION.

This item was deferred.

PFGP41/2022 DISCUSSION ON REQUIRED STATISTICS REGARDING THE CCTV MONITORING AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that Councillors visit the monitoring station to enhance their understanding of the current usage of monitoring facilities. To be followed by a representative from Emerson Monitoring Station attending a Town Council meeting to agree required statistical information to be provided

PFGP42/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE CURRENT TOWN CLERK RECRUITMENT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION.

This item was deferred

PFGP43/2022 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

DC	Petty Cash	£ 200.00

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PFGP44/2022 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

- 1) Premises Application - 1
- 2) Temporary Road Closure - Wearish Lane
- 3) Resignation Deputy Town Clerk - posted to Cllr LM Reilly 1.4.22
- 4) Accounts update
- 5) Arrangements for Town Council Meeting 27th April, 2022i

PFGP45/2022 DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date of the next Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting - Wednesday 18th May, 2022

The meeting closed at 8.15pm