

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

27TH APRIL 2022

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr Mrs L M Reilly,
Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Miss D J McGeown and Councillors R M Brennan,
D J Bullock, T J Hewitt, N Maher, A Morgan, A Price, C Reilly, J Speight, D A
Wilkinson and A Younge.

TC56/2022 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

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

TC57/2022 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Cllr M Cox – meeting, Cllr Mrs B Eckersley-Fallon and Cllr Miss M Maley – work, Cllr Mrs C Kirkman and Cllr Mrs A Seddon – personal commitment

TC58/2022 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs LM Reilly read the notice convening the meeting.

TC59/2022 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr D A 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.

Cllr J Speight declared an interest in Agenda Item No 17 – According to Standing Orders 11a – Discussion on the revocation of Town Council Meeting 29.4.19 minutes TC71/2019 and TC72/2019 and approve any action.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr J Speight requested that agenda item 17 be moved before item 16

TC 60/2022 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public present.

TC61/2022 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:

13427/22 The Town Council raised no objections

13529/22 The Town Council raised no objections

13535/22 The Town Council raised no objections

13536/22 The Town Council raised no objections

13541/22 The Town Council raised no objections

13550/22 The Town Council raised no objections

1356/22 The Town Council requested that Bolton Council Tree Officer determine the application

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

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

TC62/2022 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL, 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Wednesday, 13th April, 2022, as circulated, be noted.

TC63/2022 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH, 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Wednesday, 30th March, 2022, as circulated, be approved.

TC64/2022 TO APPROVE A DONATION TOWARDS THE COST OF THE TOWN MAYORS INAUGURAL BUFFET AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve a donation towards the cost of the Town Mayors inaugural buffet.

TC65/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE ARRANGEMENTS TO “PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE” IN WESTHOUGHTON AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved those arrangements for tree planting be made in Autumn and identify a site and costings for a Jubilee bench

TC66/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE REPLACEMENT OF BOUNDARY SIGNS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

This item was deferred.

TC67/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE CURRENT TOWN CLERK RECRUITMENT AND DEPUTY TOWN CLERK RECRUITMENT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

The recruitment subcommittee provided an update

TC68/2022 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

209	Parsons Royle - Audit July - Oct 2021	£ 129.60
210	LALC + NALC - Membership	£ 2228.42

211	BT Redcare - CCTV Cable Maintenance	£ 7881.98
DD	Bank Charges 10.2 - 9.3.22	£ 7.00
DD	Talktalk - Internet and telephone	£ 24.95

		£10,271.94

TC69/2022 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The report from the Town Clerk was noted

TC70/2022 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Town Council meeting to be held on 11th May 2022

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DISCUSSED EXCLUDING PRESS AND PUBLIC

TC71/2022 ACCORDING TO STANDING ORDERS 11a – DISCUSSION ON THE REVOCATION OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 29.4.19 MINUTES TC71/2091 AND TC72/2019 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the revocation of Town Council Meeting minutes TC71/2019 and TC72/2019 be approved

TC/72/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY MAYOR AND APPROVE ANY ACTION

Proposed and seconded that Cllr J Speight be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year

AMENDMENT

Proposed and seconded that Cllr A Younge be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year

Votes were taken, first on the amendment and then on the proposal and Cllr A Young was elected as Deputy Town Mayor

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.