



WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend the meeting of Westhoughton Town Council on **Monday 24 April 2023** at 7pm in Carnegie Hall.

AGENDA

1. Fire safety information
2. To receive apologies for absences and to accept reasons
3. To read the notice conveying the meeting
4. To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed
5. Adjournment to allow public question time, relating to town council activities

This is the only opportunity for members of the public to speak at the meeting unless the question/statement relates to a planning application.

Advanced written question from Gaynor Ratcliffe:

I am emailing you with grave concerns about how informative regarding one particular nomination was leaked and incorrect information given about why she never received that award.

On the 27th of February Matthew Kemp attended the town council meeting where you were discussing the civic awards. It was stated " the updated awards form was now on the town council web page on the link to the Bolton council webpage. Could all councillors please share this on their social media, return nominations by the 10th March"

While in the meeting Matthew tested if the above was the case (due to past issues with things not working and being updated online). He quickly nominated Janet. He texted me for information but by the time I responded he

had already submitted the form incomplete, neither myself or Matthew told Janet we had done this.

It was our belief that the Town Council would make this decision in private, privy to not being shared with the public or press (or we would have told Janet ourselves). This now begs the question which councillor took our nomination information passed this on to a member of the public stating “ I know I shouldn’t be telling you but just want to let you know you got nominated for a civic award, you never won because you vote labour” to our nominee Janet Colley, breaching confidential information and town council agreement.

It is my belief that a councillor has breached confidentiality and told blatant lies, and I am asking from the town council to instruct the borough solicitor and any other office who would be able to assist in investigating this matter.

6a. To discuss Planning and Development matters and to approve any action

15813/23	Erection of single storey extension to side and rear, 64 Wharfedale, Westhoughton, BL5 3DP
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15764/23	Erection of single storey extension to side and rear, 14 Allenby Grove, Westhoughton, BL5 2AQ
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15788/23	Demolition of existing conservatory together with erection of single storey orangery at rear, 44 Whitsundale, Westhoughton, BL5 3LQ
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15705/23	Outline planning application for the erection of 10 dwellings and associated works, together with the demolition of an existing garage (access details only), land to the west of Dobb Brow Road, Westhoughton
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15741/23	Outline application for the demolition of existing buildings and construction of 32 apartments with 23 car parking spaces (access, appearance, layout and scale details only), land off Church Street, Westhoughton, BL5 3QT
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6b. Planning Appeals – none

6c. Planning Decisions – no list to be circulated

7. To approve the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting on Tuesday 11 April 2023.

8. To approve the minutes of the Westhoughton Town Council meeting on Monday 27 March 2023.

9. Accounts for Payment

£1,498.37	Annual subscription to the National Association of Local Councils
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£751.58	Annual subscription to the Lancashire Association of Local Councils
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10. Use of £6,000 from 2022/23 BLGC contract (deferred item)

11. Use of BLGC building and Central Drive site (deferred item)

12. Public benches (deferred item)

13. Bolton Council redevelopment document - response from Bolton Council (deferred item)

14. World War II memorial board (outstanding item)

15. Community Toilet Scheme

16. Chew Moor Lane traffic calming

17. Items for reporting

- a. Premises applications list 827 and 828
- b. Carriage resurfacing works, Alexandria Drive

18. Vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor, Councillor Deirdre McGeown

