



## WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the meeting of Westhoughton Town Council on Monday 24 April 2023 at 7pm in Carnegie Hall**

Present: Councillor D McGeown, A Younge, D Wilkinson, A Price, G Wroe, A Jackson, L Maher, N Maher, J Speight, C Reilly, L Reilly

Members of the public: R Chohan, S Chohan, M O'Riordan, G Ratcliffe, M Kemp, H Dodson

#### **TC42/23 Fire safety information**

The chair stated the fire safety information

#### **TC43/23 To receive apologies for absences and to accept reasons**

Councillors C Kirkman, M Cox, R Brennan (work)

#### **TC44/23 To read the notice convening the meeting**

The Town Mayor read the notice convening the meeting

#### **TC45/23 To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed**

Councillor D Wilkinson on planning matters as a member of Bolton Planning Committee;  
Councillor C Reilly in relation to item on use of BLGC building and Central Drive site

#### **TC46/23 Adjournment to allow public question time, relating to town council activities**

The advanced written question from Gaynor Ratcliffe was discussed. Resolved to refer the complaint to the Monitoring Officer.

#### **TC47/23 To discuss Planning and Development matters and to approve any action**

15813/23	<p><b>Erection of single storey extension to side and rear, 64 Wharfedale, Westhoughton, BL5 3DP</b></p> <p>No objections raised</p>
15764/23	<p><b>Erection of single storey extension to side and rear, 14 Allenby Grove, Westhoughton, BL5 2AQ</b></p> <p>No objections raised</p>
15788/23	<p><b>Demolition of existing conservatory together with erection of single storey orangery at rear, 44 Whitsundale, Westhoughton, BL5 3LQ</b></p> <p>No objections raised</p>
15705/23	<p><b>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</b></p> <p>Concerns were raised about whether these properties are in the greenbelt area and about the impact from additional residents on doctors' provision and school places, which are both under pressure in Westhoughton. If permission is granted, the town council requests a condition that the developer makes a contribution to speed calming on Dobb Brow Road, following its upcoming resurfacing, because of the extra traffic that it will bring.</p>
15741/23	<p><b>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</b></p> <p>Town council objects to this current proposed development, as it did with the previous application. It believes that there are insufficient car parking spaces for these apartments. Experience has shown that most occupiers will have at least one personal vehicle, possibly more. This would lead to offsite parking. Church Street is an extremely busy radial route with traffic going to the motorway and HGV traffic going to Wingates Industrial Estate. Any vehicles parked on Church Street would create an additional</p>

	hazard at this location. It could also lead to parking in James Street, Trackside Approach or directly opposite the access to Railway Motors and the railway station. The Town Council has concerns about the increase in residents with the impact on doctors' facilities and school places.
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Planning Appeals – none

Planning Decisions – the weekly list arrived after the agenda was sent out

**TC48/23 To approve the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting on Tuesday 11 April 2023**

These minutes were approved.

**TC49/23 To approve the minutes of the Westhoughton Town Council meeting on Monday 27 March 2023**

These minutes were approved, with the amendment to include Mr R Bates as a member of the public in attendance.

**TC50/23 Accounts for Payment**

Both of these payments were approved:

£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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**TC51/23 Use of £6,000 from 2022/23 BLGC contract (deferred item)**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**TC52/23 Use of BLGC building and Central Drive site (deferred item)**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

### **TC53/23 Public benches**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

### **TC54/23 Bolton Council redevelopment document - response from Bolton Council**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

### **TC55/23 World War II memorial board**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

### **TC56/23 Community Toilet Scheme**

Agreed to look into the possibility of a Community Toilet Scheme by contacting local businesses which may have suitable toilet facilities.

### **TC57/23 Chew Moor Lane traffic calming**

As Westhoughton Town Council was not consulted in the proposals for traffic calming, it was resolved that in future when traffic calming and road schemes are under consideration by Bolton Council, that the Town Council be included in the list of consultees. Resolved to request from Bolton Highways information on the various proposals that were considered before the installation of the build-outs at Chew Moor Lane, what consultation took place, what are the costs of the current build-outs and what review mechanism will be undertaken to ascertain any reductions in speed on Chew Moor Lane, and the effectiveness of the build-outs.

### **TC58/23 Items for reporting**

These items were noted:

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

### **TC59/23 Vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor, Councillor Deirdre McGeown, and retiring Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Ollie Younge**

Both the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor were unanimously thanked for their efforts in representing the town.