

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 19 June 2014 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: R. Silvester (in the Chair), G. Atkinson, K. Denton,
K. Helsby, J. Kellett, L. McCartin, K. McKeon, A. Morley, C. Root,
J. Silvester, K. Thomson
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 3147 Councillor R. Silvester outlined the procedure

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 3148 Apologies received from Councillor Ramamurthy who was away
Councillor L. Rock due to ill health and Councillor S. Rock due to
work commitments.

TO REMIND MEMBERS TO MAKE A DECLARATION CONCERNING ANY MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING OF WHICH THEY HAVE AN INTEREST:

TC 3149 None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT MAY PUT QUESTIONS OR MAKE OBSERVATIONS REGARDING MATTERS IN RELATION TO WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS POWERS OR DUTIES OR WHICH AFFECT THE PARISH. MAXIMUM PERIOD 15 MINUTES:

TC 3150 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 29 MAY 2014:

TC 3151 Resolved by 9 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions to approve the minutes
of the meeting of the Town Council held on 29 May 2014.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 29 MAY 2014:

TC 3152 Resolved unanimously to note the minutes of the meeting of the
Planning Committee held on 29 May 2014.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 JUNE 2014:

TC 3153 Resolved unanimously to note the minutes of the meeting of the
Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 9 June 2014.

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING A COMPLAINT FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING BACK BROWNLOW ROAD:

TC 3154 A copy of a letter sent to Mr Halliwell from the Town Clerk addressing the issues that he had raised at the meeting of the Town Council on 29 May had been circulated to all Members. It was reported that since then Bolton Council had undertaken weed killing and there had been a visit by an officer from environmental enforcement who had given advice on waste removal and recycling to several residents of Brownlow Road. In addition a team of pupils from Lever Park School had cleaned and weeded the back street, assisted by Mr Halliwell who had as a gesture of generosity, then personally organised a collection among the residents of Brownlow Road, raising a total of £100 which he had subsequently presented to the school. Members were also informed that the same group of pupils had expressed an interest in taking on clearing Nellie's Clough as their next project. The Town Mayor hoped to be able to visit the school to commend the work that they had carried out.

Bolton Council had been unaware of the status of Back Brownlow Road as adopted and while it appeared that the initial complaint had generated some confusion, the issue had now been addressed satisfactorily and had opened a forum for debate about the role of community involvement in the current climate of financial restraints in local government.

Concerns were also raised about the haphazard grass cutting and overgrown state of the Gardens of Remembrance on Lever Park Avenue, as members felt that this was unsightly and extremely disrespectful. The Ward Councillors agreed to take up this matter with Bolton Council and it was suggested that this was a task that could possibly be undertaken by voluntary groups with the support of Bolton Council.

Resolved unanimously to write to Lever Park School to thank them for their excellent work at Back Brownlow Road

TO APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, BALANCE SHEET AND SUPPORTING STATEMENT INCLUDING BANK RECONCILIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2014:

TC 3155 Resolved unanimously to approve the income and expenditure account, balance sheet and supporting statement including bank reconciliation for the year ending 31 March 2014.

TO APPROVE THE LOCAL COUNCILS IN ENGLAND ANNUAL RETURN SECTIONS 1 AND 2 AND ALSO SECTION 4 (ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014):

TC 3156 Resolved unanimously to approve the Local Councils in England Annual Return Sections 1 and 2 and also Section 4 (Annual Audit Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2014).

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SEE ATTACHED LIST:

TC 3157 Copies of a supplementary accounts for payment list on green paper had been circulated to all Members for information and they were informed that the final figures for this payment had only just become available.

Resolved unanimously to approve the accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £ 29,504.72 and also to commend and to express thanks to Councillor Root for her continuing hard work as Chair of Staffing Sub Committee .

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 24 JULY 2014:

TC 3158 Resolved unanimously to confirm he date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 24 July 2014.

Councillor Silvester declared the meeting closed at 7.42 pm.

Chairperson..... Date.....

