

## HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday, 19 June 2014 commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

TO APPOINT THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2014 – 2015:

PL 3368 Proposed by Councillor Kellett, seconded by Councillor Helsby and unanimously resolved to appoint Councillor Thomson as Chairperson of the Committee for 2014 – 2015.

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY PROCEDURE:

PL 3369 Councillor Thomson outlined the procedure

TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON FOR 2014 – 2015:

PL 3370 Proposed by Councillor Helsby and seconded by Councillor Kellett and unanimously resolved to appoint Councillor Denton as Chairperson of the Committee for 2014 – 2015.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

PL 3371 Apologies for were accepted 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:

PL 3372 None.

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

PL 3373 Resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 May 2014.

TO APPROVE A DRAFT LETTER TO 'MCK ASSOCIATES LTD' REQUESTING THAT THE DEVELOPERS TAKE INTO THE CONSIDERATION THE VIEWS OF HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL AND INCORPORATE EXISTING STONWORK INTO THE PROPOSED FRONTAGE OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT (APP 91843/14 THE GREENWOOD ARMS):

PL 3374 At the last meeting of the Planning Committee on 29 May Members had resolved to recommend approval of this development with a specific request that the existing stonework be incorporated into the façade of the proposed new building. This recommendation was reported to the Planning Officer who subsequently approved this application under delegated powers, but without including this

request.

In response, a draft letter to the developers agents had been prepared, to be signed jointly by the Town Mayor, the Leader of the Council, Chair of Planning and Leader of the Opposition requesting that the developers retain the date stones above the front door of the Greenwood and as much of the existing stonework as possible be incorporated in the façade of the new development. It was a matter of urgency that this letter should be sent as soon as possible as the Greenwood was scheduled for demolition in July.

Members were of the opinion that this was not an unreasonable request and although the Greenwood was not a listed building, it had along with other large public houses in Horwich such as the Black Dog, the Crown and the Beehive been an important part of the historic character of the town. It was suggested that an organisation such as Horwich Heritage or Bolton Civic Trust may be able to assist with this matter.

It was resolved by 10 votes to 0 with 1 abstention to approve a draft letter to 'MCK Associates Ltd' with a request that the developers take into consideration the views of Horwich Town Council and incorporate date stones and existing stonework into the proposed frontage of the new development (App 91843/14 The Greenwood Arms)

#### TO DISCUSS THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARISH:

PL 3375 In order to reserve her right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where decisions about planning would be made, Councillor Kellett would not take part in either the discussion or voting.

92017/14

72 Bottom'o'th'Moor

Erection of a single storey extension at side single storey at rear together with dormers to front and rear.

There had been 1 objection to this application from 70 Bottom'o'th'Moor regarding concerns about the effect on the property due to the size of the proposed extension and it was felt that it did not fit in with other properties on the street and regarded as overdevelopment.

The Planning Officer had advised that this was a re-submission of a previously refused application which had been amended following

discussion with the agent. It complied with planning policies and the Planning Officer would be recommending approval as it was considered acceptable.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application by 4 votes to 1 with 6 abstentions

92022/14

Higher Wilson Fold Farm, High Rid Lane, Lostock  
Erection of domestic garage to rear of dwelling.

The Planning Officer had advised that this application was likely to be withdrawn as it has been submitted as a householder application rather than a full application, as the house has not yet been built. However the scale, siting and design are regarded as acceptable.

Resolved to recommend no comment regarding this application by 10 votes to 0 with 1 abstention following advice that it may be withdrawn.

92068/14

Land at Georges Lane.  
Deposition of inert landfill to support existing stone wall.

There had been no objections. This was the same proposal that had been granted planning permission in 2009.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application by 10 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

92094/14

DFS Trading Ltd, 73-74 the Linkway.  
Erection of 3 internally illuminated fascia signs and 2 internally illuminated logo signs.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application by 10 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

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91227/14

Former Swallowfield Hotel, Chorley New Road  
Erection of two buildings containing a total of 42 apartments together with car parking, landscaping and associated works (amendments to floor plans and elevations previously approved under application 73431/06).

This application had been recommended for approval with conditions at Horwich Town Council but had been refused at Bolton Council and had now gone to Appeal.

91669/14

76 Church Street

Change of use from loft to office (B1) including installation of dormer to rear of property.

This application had been recommended for refusal at Horwich Town Council but had been approved with conditions at Bolton Council.

91626/14

69 Winter Hey Lane

Erection of single storey dwelling

This application had been recommended for approval at Horwich Town Council but had been refused at Bolton Council.

91625/14

651-653 Chorley New Road

Change of use to beauty salon and hairdressers (ground floor) and use class B1 offices (first floor) including the creation of additional hard standing at the front for an additional parking space.

This application had been recommended for refusal at Horwich Town Council but had been approved with conditions at Bolton Council.

91838/14

1 Bridge Street

Erection of first floor extension at rear.

This application had been recommended for approval at Horwich Town Council but refused at Bolton Council.

Resolved unanimously to note these decisions.

**CORRESPONDENCE: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

PL 3377

- a. Bolton Council: notice of temporary road closure Georges Lane due to installation of water mains
- b. Bolton Council: notice of highway works on Parklands
- c. Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc: email regarding plans for Morrisons local on site of former Greenwood Arms

Resolved unanimously to note the correspondence.

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

PL 3378            Resolved unanimously to confirm the date of the next meeting as  
Thursday 24 July 2014.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PL 3379            None.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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