

## HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday, 18 December 2014 commencing at 7.49 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: K. Thomson (in the Chair), K. Helsby, J. Kellett, L. McCartin, A. Morley, L. Rock, S. Rock, R. Silvester.  
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson.  
Bolton Ward Councillor A. Cunliffe.  
Dave Walton and Martin Millimore from the Minerals Planning Group, agents representing Armstrongs Aggregates.  
4 members of the public.  
1 member of the press.

### CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY PROCEDURE:

PL 3428 Councillor Thomson outlined the procedure

### TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS

PL 3429 Apologies were received from Councillor Root due to illness, Councillor McKeon due to another commitment and Councillor J. Silvester due to a family commitment. Resolved to accept the reasons for absence as presented by 7 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

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

PL 3430 None.

### TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2014

PL 3431 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2014 by 6 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions.

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

PL 3432 In order to reserve her right to vote on Bolton's Planning Committee where decisions about planning would be made, Councillor Kellett would not take part in either the discussion or voting.

93076/14

Montcliffe Quarry, Georges Lane

Re-profiling and stabilisation works of the north eastern face of Montcliffe Quarry to alleviate health and safety concerns identified through a quarry regulations appraisal.

**Members resolved to move out of Committee at this point.**

The applicants' agents provided general background on this site which included details about the requirement for stabilisation work for safety reasons. A number of alternative options had been considered, but it was thought that creating a series of benches with rocktrap facilities was the most suitable option.

In response to a query it was confirmed that no further extension time would be required for this operation, with a completion date of 2022.

It was confirmed that a condition for a geophysical survey prior to commencement of any development groundwork would be implemented.

In response to another query about vehicle movements it was confirmed that there would be 120 in and out per day from the three quarries and that lorries were not allowed to go through Horwich Town Centre, although this was disputed by some Members. An assurance was given by the agents that the movement of traffic was closely monitored and evidence of any breach should be reported to the developers. In response to a further query about the cumulative effect of the traffic from Montcliffe and the applicants' other site on Horwich Loco Works, it was confirmed that there would be another look taken at traffic assessment and vehicle movements in order to ensure effective management of these issues.

It was noted that these and other issues were dealt with at regular Liaison Committee meetings which were well attended by local residents and where concerns about safety were well addressed.

The applicants' agents were thanked for their attendance.

**On return to Committee.**

Resolved by 3 votes to 0 with 5 abstentions to recommend approval of this application.

93123/14

Horwich Youth Centre, Fox Street

Refurbishment of building including external redecoration, removal of ramp and regarding of approach route, replacement of entrance doors, repair and redecoration of boundary gates and replacement of damaged RWPs and anti-climb guards

There had been no objections and no comments. Members felt that

this was an excellent scheme and that it was important to encourage such initiatives for young people in Horwich.

Resolved by 7 votes to 0 with 1 abstention to recommend approval of this application.

93138/14

Boundary Bungalow, Chorley Old Road.

Demolition of existing bungalow with the erection of three storey detached dwelling

Although there had been no objections, Members expressed concern about the size of the proposed replacement dwelling and had been advised that although policy does allow for replacement dwellings in the Green Belt, this application was for one which was materially larger than the original bungalow, with a larger footprint and an extra one and a half storeys.

Resolved by 6 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions to recommend refusal of this application on grounds of the size of the proposed dwelling.

93140/14

3 The Linkway

Installation of mezzanine floor and external alterations.

There had been no comments and no objections. Resolved by 6 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions to recommend approval of this application.

93200/14

28 Chorley New Road, Lostock

Erection of two storey extension to rear.

There had been no objections and no comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application by 6 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions.

**BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**  
PL 3433          None.

**CORRESPONDENCE: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

PL 3434          a. Bolton Council: information re works to Station Road/A6 Bypass and Station Road Railway Bridge January – May 2015  
b. Bolton Council: adoption of Bolton's Allocations Plan letter  
c. Lancashire County Council: Lancashire's Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Review

Resolved by 7 votes to 0 with 1 abstention to note the correspondence.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AS THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2015:

PL 3435 Resolved unanimously to confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 22 January 2015.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: for information only

PL 3436 Bolton Council notice of temporary road closure Higher Barn commencing 19 January 2015.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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