

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 19 January 2017 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: Rock (in the Chair), Brady, Chadwick, Denton, Graham, Holmes, Jarvis, Kellett, Root, Schofield, Wright.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
Assistant Town Clerk, C. Morris
Bolton Ward Councillor, Councillor Stephen Pickup

DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 3478 The Deputy Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

TC 3479 Resolved to accept an apology for lateness from Councillor McKeon.

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

TC 3480 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 3481 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 22 DECEMBER 2016:

TC 3482 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 22 December 2016.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 DECEMBER 2016

TC 3483 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 December 2016.

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2017

TC 3484 Resolved to receive the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 9 January 2017

TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET FOR 2017-2018

TC 3485 All Members had received copies of the draft budget on 12 December 2016. The precept had been kept at the amount of £185,836 to continue to enable the Town Council to maintain and supply additional services to the local community. Some elements of the Town Council budget have been increased to facilitate training, civic recognition, environmental improvements and regeneration.

While it was acknowledged that consideration could be given to raising the precept in the future, it was accepted it would be difficult to do this in the current financial climate.

Resolved to approve the Council's budget for 2017 – 2018 as presented.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SEE ATTACHED LIST:

TC 3486 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £ 3,022.57.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 23 FEBRUARY 2017:

TC 3487 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 23 February 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.27 pm.

Chairperson Date.....