

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 20 July 2017 commencing at 7.20 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: Kellett (in the Chair), Brady, Bullock, Graham, Jarvis, McKeon, Stone, Wright.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
Deputy Town Clerk, C. Morris
Ged Kelly, Capital Programme Manager, Bolton Council
1 member of the press
1 member of the public

DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 3542 The Deputy Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

TC 3543 Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Councillors Denton, Holmes, Rock, Root and Schofield as presented.

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

TC 3544 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 3545 Resolved to move out of Committee to allow a member of the public to speak.

Mr Halliwell, a local resident highlighted a number of matters including a query about the use of part time traffic signals at the motorway roundabout on Mansell Way, a complaint about overgrown vegetation in the ginnel between Captain Street and Wright Street, a complaint about the length of time it took for the repair of faulty street lighting in three different locations and also a problem with blocked drains on Brownlow Road.

Resolved to return to Committee.

Mr Halliwell was thanked for bringing these matters to the attention of Members, however as they were within the remit of

Bolton Council they would be followed up by Ward Councillors who would report back in due course.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 22 JUNE 2017:

TC 3546 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 22 June 2017.

TO WELCOME GED KELLY, CAPITAL PROGRAMME MANAGER FROM BOLTON COUNCIL AND TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CHORLEY NEW ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL:

TC 3547 Work was due to start six months ago however this had been delayed due to a requirement for the developers Jones Homes to undertake necessary culvert works. The development of the new school on existing playing fields would commence in August 2017 with completion, including removal of furniture and resources due by August 2018. Pupils would be due to start the academic year from September 2018 in the new building with the demolition of the old building expected to be undertaken and completed during Autumn term 2018. The transformation of the site of the existing school building to a new play and recreational space was to be completed by Spring Term 2019, The provision of additional school places would be brought into use as and when demand arose.

In response to a query it was confirmed that it would be a challenge to provide recreation facilities before the completion the new site. The school was fully committed to the children's physical development so there would be co-operation with the Arena and neighbouring schools would be essential to manage the use of outside facilities for play and recreation provision for pupils during this transition period.

It was confirmed that the new car park would be in the same location but with increased space and better access. There were no plans to provide any drop-off or pick-up facility as it had been found that this leads to a build up of traffic on adjacent roads. One of the main attractions of the site was its close proximity to planned housing development on the Loco Works site with access via the footpath at the side of the school. A substantial number of existing pupils living in the catchment area already walked to school.

Ged was thanked for his presentation of this exciting development of a new state of the art school which would be a welcome

addition to Horwich and would accommodate the expected increase in pupil numbers associated with the Rivington Chase development.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 JUNE 2017

TC 3548 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 June 2017.

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE HORWICH IN BLOOM ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 JUNE 2017:

TC 3549 Resolved to receive the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Horwich in Bloom Advisory Committee held on 28 June 2017.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SEE ATTACHED LIST:

TC 3550 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £ 6,863.62

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 24 AUGUST 2017:

TC 3541 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 24 August 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Chairperson Date.....