

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 24 August 2017 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: S. Rock (in the Chair), J. Bullock, S. Chadwick,
P. Holmes, M. Jarvis, J. Kellett, K. McKeon, C. Root, G. Stone,
P. Wright.
Assistant Town Clerk, C. Morris
5 members of Horwich Means Business
2 members of the public

TOWN MAYOR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 3552 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

TC 3553 Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Councillors Brady,
Denton, Graham 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 3554 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 3555 Resolved to move out of committee to allow a member of the public to speak.

Mr Craig Rotherham commented on the Loco Works development with regard to a spine road required for access on and off the development in order to ease traffic congestion but it would appear that European funding for this project is no longer available. It had been stated by a Bolton Council officer, that there was a ransom strip on Mansell Way but this is not owned by Bolton Council. There are now serious concerns as to the expected increase in the volume of traffic using Chorley New Road and Mr Rotherham requested Bolton Council fund a spine road to alleviate this. Mr Rotherham also raised concerns of piecemeal development of the site with a lack of care towards both the residents on the development and those living in surrounding areas regarding the risk of contamination. He was concerned that there would be different

levels of remediation and drainage work carried out by individual developers as opposed to a master plan which would over-see the entire development and ensure all works were carried out to the correct standard. Mr Rotherham also stated that information on the Loco Works development had not been forthcoming to the general public and this had created rumours.

Resolved to move back into committee.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 20 JULY 2017:

TC 3556 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20 July 2017.

TO WELCOME MEMBERS OF HORWICH MEANS BUSINESS AND TO RECEIVE AN INTRODUCTION ON THE PURPOSE AND AIMS OF THE ORGANISATION

TC 3557 Denise Silcock spoke on behalf of the group and informed members that Horwich Means Business was formed by a group of business owners in Horwich in 2016. The group was non political and its aim was to create a prosperous town with diverse shops and to engage with shoppers and residents with plans of events to be held throughout the year including the ever popular Christmas treasure hunt. In response to a query it was confirmed that membership of the group was not restricted to town centre businesses but to all businesses in Horwich, many of who were already members. HMB were looking forward to working with the Town Council and would continue to keep Council advised.

Members thanked Horwich Means Business for attending the meeting and commented on the uniqueness of Horwich and the different array of shops and innovative businesses the town centre has to offer, along with a vibrant night time economy.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 JULY 2017

TC 3558 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 July 2017.

TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2017

TC 3559 Resolved to receive the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 14 August 2017.

TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS AND QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW TO 30 JUNE 2017

TC 3560 Resolved to approve the statement of quarterly accounts and

quarterly budget review to 30 June 2017. Members commented on how coherent the information appeared and praised the Council staff on their hard work.

TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY REPORT FROM INTERNAL AUDIT TO 30 JUNE 2017

TC 3561 Resolved to approve the quarterly report from internal audit to 30 June 2017.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SEE ATTACHED LIST:

TC 3562 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £ 10,809.32.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 21 SEPTEMBER 2017:

TC 3563 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 21 September 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.36 pm.

Chairperson Date.....