

## HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 21 December 2017 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: S. Rock (in the Chair), M. Brady, J. Bullock, S. Chadwick, K. Denton, R. Graham, M. Jarvis, K. McKeon, C. Root, G. Stone.  
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson.  
1 member of the public.

### TOWN MAYOR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 3596 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

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

TC 3597 Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Councillors Holmes and Kellett 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 3598 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 3599 Resolved to move out of Committee to allow a member of the public to speak.

Mr Halliwell a resident of Horwich brought several matters to the attention of Members. These included concerns about a faulty street lighting column on Chorley New Road near the Fire Station, felled trees in Station Park and the use of temporary traffic signals at J6 motorway roundabout.

On return to Committee Mr Halliwell was advised by Councillor McKeon that he would pass the first two matters to Councillors Cunliffe and Pickup as Ward Councillors for Horwich and Blackrod Ward. Councillor. The Town Clerk to be copied in to all correspondence so as to be able to respond to Mr Halliwell at the earliest opportunity.

It was suggested that the placing of the felled tree rubbish in

Station Park was a crime prevention measure in response to recent vandalism to business premises on Pearl Brook Industrial Estate adjacent to the Park. Councillor McKeon would ask the Ward Councillors to confirm this.

It was suggested that the temporary traffic lights on the motorway roundabout which operate at peak times had been experiencing problems with their triggering system, although it was confirmed that they had been working earlier that evening.

It was pointed out that it was important to remember that the Town Council did not have responsibility for any of the issues raised, they would be passed on for the attention of Bolton Council. In response to a query it was confirmed that routine inspection of street lighting was not possible due to lack of staff but there were systems in place to allow members of the public to report problems.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2017:

TC 3600 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 23 November 2017.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2017:

TC 3601 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 23 November 2017.

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2017:

TC 3602 Resolved to receive the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 11 December 2017.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE STAFFING SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2017:

TC 3603 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Staffing Sub Committee held on 11 December 2017.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SEE ATTACHED LIST:

TC 3504 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £9,640.98.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 25 JANUARY 2018:

TC 3605      Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 25 January 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.43pm. The Chair wished everyone a very Happy Christmas.

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