

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 19 October 2017 commencing at 7.30pm or at the rise of Town Council.

PRESENT Councillors: J. Bullock (in the Chair), M. Brady, S. Chadwick, K. Denton, R. Graham, M. Jarvis, J. Kellett, K. McKeon, S. Rock, K. Schofield, P. Wright.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson.

CHAIR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

PL 3747 The Chair outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS

PL 3748 Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Councillors Holmes, Root and Stone as presented.

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

PL 3749 Councillor McKeon declared an interest in planning application 01803/17 as the applicant was known to him.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2017

PL 3750 Resolved to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 21 September 2017.

TO DISCUSS THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARISH (TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SCHED 1, PARA 8)

PL 3751 In order to reserve her right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where the decisions about planning would be made, Councillor Kellett would not take part in the discussion or voting.

01839/17

Next Retail, the Linkway, Middlebrook

Siting of 17No. internally illuminated fascia signs and 3No internally illuminated totems.

There had been no objections or comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

01896/17

80 Chorley New Road

Erection of two storey extension at side, single storey extension to rear, attached garage to right hand side and alterations to hard standings.

There had been no objections or comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

01935/17

Land adj. Iceland Frozen Foods plc, Mason Street

Change of use of land for the siting of 48 self storage units with associated access, landscaping and erection of boundary fence.

There had been no objections. The following comments had been made:

- Pollution Control had requested conditions regarding the boundary fence, time of operations and proposed external lighting scheme
- Highways had no reasonable objection but had requested additional information on size and movement of HGVs using the site
- Greenspace had requested conditions regarding eradication of Japanese knotweed and protection of breeding birds on the site

Some Members welcomed the prospect of new jobs associated with this development. Members raised concerns about increased traffic movements to and from an already busy retail site, although it was noted that once the storage units had been delivered there would be no further HGV traffic associated with the development.

Following discussion it was resolved to recommend refusal of this application by 5 votes to 3 with 3 abstentions noted on grounds of traffic and highway safety concerns and that the development would affect the amenity of neighbouring residents.

01965/17

20 Crompton Road, Lostock

Erection of single storey extension at rear and raise existing roof ridge height to incorporate dormer at rear.

There had been no objections or comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

01989/17

4 Shaftesbury Close, Lostock

Erection of outbuilding in rear garden.

There had been no objections and no comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

02031/17

Braeside, Foxholes Road

Erection of single storey extension at rear.

There had been no objections or comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PL 3752 None. Members were informed that neighbouring residents had expressed serious concerns following the recommendation by Horwich Town Council and the decision by Bolton Planning to approve application 01557/17 42 St Leonards Avenue. The concerns were on grounds of the effect of loss of light and view on their properties.

CORRESPONDENCE: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- PL 3753 a) LALC: consultation from DCLG 'Planning for the right homes in the right places'.
b) Bolton Council: proposed 50 mph traffic regulation orders – Chorley Old Road, Walker Fold Road, Colliers Row Road, Scout Road, Smithills Dean Road. It was noted that in response to a request from Smithills Ward Councillors, Horwich North East Ward Councillors had asked that the proposed limit should be reduced to 40 mph.
c) Bolton Council: application to extinguish part of Public Footpath Horwich 068 under section 118 of the Highways Act 1980.

Resolved to note the correspondence as presented.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AS 23 NOVEMBER 2017

PL 3754 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting as 23 November 2017.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PL 3755 Matters concerning the Woodland Trust/Smithills Moor, accuracy of information on the start date for the new health centre development, an update on the Horwich Loco Works Liaison Group and St Catherines Primary School seeking to become an academy were all noted for information.

The meeting closed at 8.13 pm.

Chairperson Date.....

