

## HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 24 May 2018 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT            Councillors: P. Wright (in the Chair), M. Brady, J. Bullock, I. Carruthers, S. Chadwick, K. Denton, P. Holmes, M. Jarvis, J. Kellett, K. McKeon, S. Rock, C. Root, G. Stone.  
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson.  
Councillor R. Silvester, Ward Councillor Horwich North East.  
3 members of the public.

A special welcome was extended to Jasmine Purnell and her friend Molly who had met the Town Mayor and were interested in seeing how the Council worked.

TOWN MAYOR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 3644            The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 3645            Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Councillor Graham.

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

TC 3646            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 3647            Resolved to move out of Committee to allow a member of the public to speak.

Councillor Richard Silvester addressed the meeting on a matter regarding the Code of Conduct section 2.9 which addresses Members' duty to uphold the law. This includes copyright law, which Councillor Silvester stated had been breached by the reproduction of 5 Bolton News articles on the back page of the Liberal Democrat leaflet in recent Borough election. The editor of the Bolton News had confirmed that permission had not been given for the articles to be reproduced on election leaflets in accordance with the political impartiality of the press. Councillor Silvester had

supplied the Bolton News with the names and addresses of several individuals who had been seen distributing these leaflets. Councillor Silvester then asked Councillor Rock to supply the name and address of another individual who had also been seen delivering election leaflets and Councillor Stone if he would confirm that he had also been delivering these leaflets and if he was aware that these leaflets had broken copyright law.

Resolved to return to Committee.

Councillor Stone confirmed that he had delivered the leaflets in good faith and had been unaware of a breach of copyright law and queried why a representative from the Bolton News was not present to raise this matter.

There was consensus that there had been a number of unpleasant personal attacks on individual Councillors on social media and elsewhere during the recent election campaign which appeared to have been carried out for political gain and to the detriment of the Council.

It was pointed out that Councillor Silvester had recently been advised to take a previous matter that he had brought to the attention of Council to the Monitoring Officer and while he had every right as a member of the public to raise further matters, similarly these should be taken up with the Monitoring Officer and also with the Bolton News as a different issue. Councillor Silvester was thanked for his attendance.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 19 APRIL 2018:

TC 3648 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 19 April 2018.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 APRIL 2018:

TC 3649 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 19 April 2018.

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 MAY 2018:

TC 3650 Resolved to receive the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 14 May 2018.

TO APPROVE AN ACTION PLAN FOR COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR) AND TO APPOINT THE TOWN CLERK AS DATA PROTECTION CONTROLLER ON A TEMPORARY BASIS:

TC 3651        An action plan for compliance with GDPR had been circulated to all Members in response to the requirements of new legislation. For the time being officers are implementing the basic policies and these may require further amendments in accordance with legislation. The issue of the role of the Data Processor as defined by the legislation is currently under discussion through NALC with Government and ICO and an outcome is awaited.

Resolved to approve an action plan for compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and to appoint the Town Clerk as Data Protection Officer on a temporary basis.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SEE ATTACHED LIST:

TC 3652        Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £ 12,815.74.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 21 JUNE 2018:

TC 3653        Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 21 June 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.36 pm.

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

