

## HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 19 April 2018 commencing at 7.45 pm.

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

CHAIR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

PL 3793 Councillor Bullock outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS

PL 3794 Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Councillors Holmes,  
McKeon and Root 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 3795 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON  
22 MARCH 2018:

PL 3796 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Planning  
Committee held on 22 March 2018.

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

PL 3797 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.

03175/18

Land adj. Iceland Frozen Foods, Mason Street

Variation of conditions on application 01935/17 (temporary period) to  
replace with commencement condition, 11 (approved plans) to reflect  
design amendments.

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

The applicant informed Members that planning permission had already  
been granted for the erection of 48 personal self storage units. Based  
on advice from Planning the new application proposes purpose built  
storage units made from galvanised steel coloured green with a grass

roof. Currently the site is occupied by a traveller's vehicle and there is a problem with fly tipping and anti social behaviour. In response to a query it was confirmed that the site had been surveyed for the presence of asbestos and none had been found and although the current application was to extend the existing temporary permission to permanent there was an option for removal of the back row of units if the proposals for a cycle track and a tramway route became a reality. A survey had been done and measures would be taken to address the issue of floodwater as the units would be raised off the ground. The area would also be fully fenced with visible CCTV cameras and downward lighting installed. It was noted that operating times would be between 8am – 8pm Monday to Saturday and 9am – 6pm Sundays and Bank Holidays and Highways had confirmed that expected traffic movements of 60 per week was classed as low traffic use.

Resolved to move back into Committee.

Although there were some concerns expressed about the permanence of the units, some Members held the view that the application proposals would greatly improve the current site which was currently a 'grot spot' and location for anti social activity.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application of this application by 5 votes to 3 with 3 abstentions noted.

03016/18

Land adj. to Red Moss level crossing  
Erection of a stepped footbridge

There had been no objections. Public Rights of Way had commented that a public right of way leads through the application site and will be affected by the development. However it had been identified and considered at an early stage and it was proposed to make and advertise a legal order to make a change to its current legal line.

Members resolved to recommend approval of this application with 1 abstention noted.

03044/18

Joli Brook Barn, High Rid Lane, Lostock  
Erection of external oak framed garage with wood store to the rear.

There had been no objections. Public Rights of Way had commented that public footpath Horwich 068 will be affected by this development. This had been considered and it was proposed to make and advertise a legal order to close a section of public footpath with a temporary diversion route before commencement of the development.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application with 1 abstention

noted.

03097/18

28 Brightwater

Erection of single storey extension to rear and conversion of existing garage.

There had been no objections and no comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application with 1 abstention noted.

03099/18

42 Lever Park Avenue

Erection of single storey side extension including replacement of flat roof with pitched roof.

There had been no objections and no comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application with 1 abstention noted.

03107/18

179 Lee Lane

Permanent use of premises as shop/off licence and micropub (sui generis) including retention of roller shutters (personal permission to Mrs J M France and Mrs E Nabb)

There had been no objections and no comments. Members were keen to support this successful local business. Resolved to recommend approval of this application with 1 abstention noted.

03163/18

Chorley New Road Primary School, Chorley New Road

Installation of additional roller shutters enclosing external canopy to south elevation of school building

There had been no objections and no comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application with 2 abstentions noted.

03216/18

23 Old Vicarage Road Road

Removal of existing porch and erection of single storey rear extension and pitched roof to garage together with alterations to windows on side elevation

There had been no objections. Resolved to recommend approval of this application with 1 application noted.

03217/18

TKMAXX-HOMESSENSE, Unit 1, Middlebrook Retail Park

Replacement (to allow for rebranding) of: 4No internally illuminated fascia signs. 3No non illuminated fascia signs and 2No internally illuminated hanging signs.

There had been no objections and no comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application with 1 abstention noted.

03273/18

5 Barncroft Drive

Erection of single storey rear extension

There had been no objections and no comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application with 1 abstention noted.

**BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

PL 3798

02573/17

Land between 46 and 62 Crown Lane

Erection of 9no dwellings with associated access and landscaping

This application had been recommended for refusal at Horwich on grounds of concerns about highway safety on Crown Lane and approved at Bolton with conditions addressing highway issues.

**CORRESPONDENCE: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

PL 3799

- a) Bolton Council: notice of temporary road closure – Essex Street 10 April 2018 for 1 day for manhole repair.
- b) Bolton Council: notification of temporary road closure – Scout Road 22 – 23 April 2018 for TV filming.
- c) CPRE: invitation to 2018 Annual General Meeting and Spring/Summer 2018 newsletter.

The correspondence was noted.

**TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AS 24 MAY 2018**

PL 3800

Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting as 24 May 2018.

**OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

PL 3801

Members were informed that the demolition of the old Leisure Centre was expected to take place before the end of May.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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

