

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held remotely due to Covid-19 restrictions using online conferencing technology on Thursday 18 June 2020 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: G. Stone (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, M. Baines, J. Bostocksmith, M. Brady, S. Burke, S. Chadwick, D. Grant, S. Rock, C. Rotheram, P. Wright.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson.
Councillor K. McKeon, Ward Councillor Horwich North East.
Councillor R. Silvester, Ward Councillor Horwich North East.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 3876 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors K. Denton and S. Denton.

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

TC 3877 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 3878 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 19 MARCH 2020:

TC 3879 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 19 March 2020.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 MARCH 2020:

TC 3880 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Community Centre Sub Committee held on 19 March 2020.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE STAFFING SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 MARCH 2020:

TC 3881 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Staffing Sub Committee held on 19 March 2020.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 MARCH 2020:

TC 3882 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning

Committee held on 19 March 2020.

TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2020 – 2021 IN LIGHT OF ADVICE RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (NALC) ON COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:

TC 3883 Due to social distancing measures implemented in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, new regulations introduced in April make provision for councils to hold remote meetings, remove the requirement to hold an annual meeting and allow the current Chair to remain in place until an annual meeting is held next year, unless the council decides to elect a replacement earlier.

Proposed by Councillor Rotheram, seconded by Councillor Baines and resolved that Councillor Gordon Stone remains in place as Chair and Town Mayor until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2021, in line with the Local Authorities Coronavirus (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

TO APPROVE THE LIST OF PROVISIONAL DATES FOR MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL 2020 -2021 IN LIGHT OF ADVICE RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (NALC):

TC 3884 Resolved to approve the list of provisional dates for meetings of the Town Council in 2020 – 2021 as presented and with meetings to be held remotely until further notice, in line with Covid-19 regulations and may be subject to amendment if if thought necessary.

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR BRADY AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RECOMMENDATION THAT HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL PROVIDES A BENCH FOR SEATING ON PICKUP'S FIELD:

TC 3885 Following the recent re-location of one of the large goal posts containers from Pickup's field, several residents have been in touch to say that they used the container to sit and chat while out walking or exercising their dogs and have asked if alternative seating could be provided. Councillors Brady and Burke have looked at the cost and durability of various types of seating with prevention of vandalism, theft and fire as a priority and it seems that recycled plastic seating is more suitable when compared to traditional materials such as wood and metal. A competitively priced quote had been provided, with easy installation and the additional requirement of concrete to fix and secure the legs. In response to a query it was agreed to check the availability of a similar bench with a back. It was noted that permission would be required from Bolton Council prior to installation as they were the landowner.

Resolved to approve the recommendation that Horwich Town Council provides a bench for seating on Pickup's field on receipt of permission to do so from Bolton Council.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 3886 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as and amounting to £14,465.70 as follows:

G. Stone (Re-imburement for 1 x monthly Zoom Standard Pro subscription)	£14.39
Nationwide Capital Finance (Quarterly rental for Xerox C405 copier)	£187.36
Franking Sense (Copy charges for Xerox 7200i and C405 copiers 1 Jan – 31 Mar 2020)	£336.78
Thomas Fattorini Ltd (1 x past Mayor and 1 x past Mayoress engraved pendants)	£841.66
Tameside MBC – GMPF (Pension contributions June 2020)	£1,477.87
HM Revenue and Customs (PAYE tax month 2)	£1,797.64
Transfer to Salaries and Wages Account	£10,000.00

Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION:

TC 3887

- a. NALC: letter to all councillors 'Building Back Communities'
- b. Bolton and South Lancashire Community Rail Partnership: update May 2020
- c. Horwich Rail Link (Case Ref.CG26385): email correspondence between Councillor Chadwick and Chris Green, MP Bolton West
- d. NALC: report on local council elections 2019
- e. Power for People: email correspondence re. Horwich Town Council's expression of support for the Local Electricity Bill

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 23 JULY 2020:

TC 3875 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 23 July 2020.

The meeting closed at 7.36 pm.

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