## HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 21 September 2023 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: D. Grant (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, R. Bamforth,

S. Burke, G. Campbell, V. Rigby, S. Rock, J. Scoble, J. Walton,

P. Wright.

Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4540 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 4251 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors Chadwick, McKeon, Rotheram and Williamson.

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

TC 4252 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 4253 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 24 AUGUST 2023:

TC 4254 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 24 August 2023.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 AUGUST 2023:

TC 4255 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 August 2023.

TO RECEIVE THE LOCAL COUNCILS, INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS AND OTHER SMALLER AUTHORITIES ENGLAND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023, EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT AND NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT:

TC 4256 Resolved to receive the Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities England Annual Governance and Accountability Return for year ended 31 March 2023, External Auditors Report and Notice of Conclusion of Audit.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4257 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £ 17,014.56:

	Blacksheep Business Communications (Phone & internet to 30/09/23)	£29.48	
	Sage UK Ltd (Monthly accounts package – Sept)	£86.40	
	HR Solutions Ltd (Monthly HR retainer)	£173.88	
	Nationwide Capital Finance (Quarterly rental Xerox C405 copier/printer) (Quarterly rental Ricoh C2000 copier/printer)	£277.36 £351.00	
	Leach Briely Accountants (Completion of internal audit to 30/06/23	£600.00	
	PKF Littlejohn LLP (Review of AGAR for year ended 31/03/23	£756.00	
	Zonkey Solutions Ltd (50% deposit for new website build & development) £897.00		
	Tameside MBC – GMPF (Pension contributions – Sept)	£1,859.82	
	HMRC – authorised out of committee (PAYE tax month 5)	£2,476.62	
	Festival of Horwich payments: eBublio Magical Bubbles Mark Daniel walkaround magic & balloons Reimbursement to Cllr C Rotheram for payment of event cancellation insurance to Protectivity Insurers JM Entertainment inflatables, stage hire	£250.00 £400.00 \$ £600.00 £8,257.00	
	Payment to Zonkey Solutions Ltd was made in accordance with LGA 1972 s142 and Festival of Horwich payments in accordance with LGA 1972 s137.		
TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ON 19 OCTOBER 2023:  TC 4258 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 19 October 2023.			
	The meeting closed at 7.19 pm.		
Chair	Date		