

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 21 July 2022 commencing at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: C. Rotheram (in the Chair), M. Baines, M. Brady,
S. Chadwick, S. Denton, D. Grant, S. Rock.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

PL 4260 Councillor Rotheram outlined the fire and safety evacuation procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

PL 4261 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors Aldcroft, Bostocksmith, Burke, Coward and Williamson.

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

PL 4262 Councillor Baines declared an interest in app no. 14036/22 as the applicant was known to him and Councillor Rock declared an interest in application no.14082/22 as the applicant was known to him and both stated that they would abstain from voting.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 JUNE 2022:

PL 4263 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 23 June 2022.

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

PL 4264 In order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where the decisions about planning would be made, both Councillor Brady and Councillor Grant stated that they would take part in the discussion but would abstain from voting.

The Town Clerk informed Members that as the Planning Officer was currently on annual leave it had not been possible to obtain any information about objections/comments for this month's applications.

13993/22

Bolton Golf Club, Chorley New Road

Retention of various structures together with erection of new fence.

As this was a re-submission of an application previously recommended for approval at Horwich Town Council, it was resolved not to comment on this application.

14041/22

Hilltop Stables, Georges Lane
Construction of an access track for existing stables.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

13869/22

The Jolly Crofters Street Works, Chorley Old Road
Prior approval application for a proposed 5G telecoms H3G high street pole c/w wrap around cabinet and 3 further additional cabinets.

It was noted that the previous application on this site had been recommended for refusal at Horwich Town Council.

Resolved to recommend refusal of this application due to concerns about highway safety, intrusive visual appearance and inappropriate location. It was also requested that any applications of this kind in the future should be accompanied by a coverage map and that the applicant should consider an alternative location such as near the bus stop going towards Bolton on the opposite side of Chorley Old Road.

Councillor Chadwick confirmed that he would email additional information on this matter to the Town Clerk so it could be included with the recommendation sent to the Planning Officer

14036/22

39 Brooklands
Erection of a single storey rear extension following the removal of existing conservatory together with alterations to side elevation including the replacement of existing door with a window.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

13874/22

8 Daisyfield, Chorley New Road
Installation of dormer at rear together with solar panels and balcony at ground.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

14033/22

48 Old Vicarage Road
Erection of part single/part 2 storey extension to side together with demolition of existing carport and erection of single storey garage.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

14078/22

8 St Leonard's Avenue, Lostock
Erection of a single storey extension to rear and side with porch to front together with alterations to roof including installation of dormers to

create first floor living space.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

14082/22

61 Ainsworth Avenue
Erection of two storey extension to side

Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

13764/22

Land at Horwich Moor Farm, Matchmoor Lane
Restoration of land by re grading the existing ground and importing and spreading a layer of inert soil forming materials to allow future use for agriculture/forestry.

Public Rights of Way had commented that a holding objection had been placed on this application until satisfied that the proposed development will have no detrimental effect on the two public footpaths which lead through the application site. Pollution Control had requested conditions for submission of validation report and verification plan, also specified times/days of operation. There had been two similar previous applications on an adjacent site at this location in 2012 and 2013, both of which had been recommended for refusal at Horwich Town Council. The first been refused at Bolton with the second being recommended for refusal in the Planning Officer's report and subsequently withdrawn by the applicant.

Resolved to recommend refusal of this application due to adverse effect on biodiversity of a Grade B site of Biological Importance, will fail to maintain and respect local distinctiveness and landscape character of the area, contrary to policies CG1.1 and CG3.7 of Bolton's Core Strategy.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH (EMAILED TO ALL COUNCILLORS): FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

PL 4265 13587/22

Land at Lever Park Avenue
Recommended for refusal at Horwich, approved at Bolton with conditions.

12068/21 & 13071/22

Foxfields Therapeutic Horseriding, Factory Hill
Recommended for refusal at Horwich, approved at Bolton with conditions.

CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED TO ALL COUNCILLORS): FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

PL 4266

- a. Department for Transport: letter re. expression of interest for Horwich as home of Great British Railways headquarters.
- b. Bolton Council Building Control: finalised list of street names
SNN/21/01301 – land at former Loco Works between Chorley New Road and M61.

Resolved to note the correspondence.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AS 18 AUGUST 2022:

PL 4267 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Planning Committee as 18 August 2022.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

PL 4268 None.

The meeting closed at 7.48 pm.

Chair..... Date.....