

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 March 2024 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: D. Grant (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, S. Burke, G. Campbell, V. Rigby, S. Rock, J. Walton, S. Williamson, P. Wright
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
Dominic Rice and Joanne King, Bolton Youth and Play Services
1 member of the public

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4630 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4631 Apologies from Councillors Bamforth, Chadwick, McKeon and Scoble were noted.

TO WELCOME DOMINIC RICE AND JOANNE KING, BOLTON YOUTH AND PLAY SERVICES TO PRESENT AN OVERVIEW ON PLAY AND YOUTH SERVICES AND OUTREACH PROVISION FUNDED BY HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL IN 2024:

TC 4632 A summary of the Council's play and youth service funding for 2024 had been circulated to all Members. The Play and Youth Service offers positive activities for children and young people aged 4 – 17. The aim is to challenge, develop and support young people into adulthood, raising aspirations and contributing to the local community and this is done by delivering a number of age-appropriate sessions and events in youth clubs, community centres and public spaces using mobile vehicles. In addition, there is an Outreach Team that can respond to antisocial behaviour and signpost children and young people into local positive activities.

Horwich Town Council had agreed funding for 12 mobile play sessions and 2 skatepark sessions during the school holidays in 2024 as well as a bank of 12 outreach sessions as and when required, at a total cost of £5,940 from the youth provision budget.

Dominic and Joanne were thanked for attending and updating Council.

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

TC 4633 In order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where the decisions about planning would be made, Councillor Grant stated that he would take part in the discussion but would abstain from voting.

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, INCLUDING SPECIFIC PLANNING APPLICATIONS. MAXIMUM PERIOD 15 MINUTES

TC 4634 A member of the public raised several issues including lack of assistance from various agencies with a universal credit application and data protection concerns.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 11 MARCH 2024:

TC 4635 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 11 March 2024.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY GROUPS SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 MARCH 2024:

TC 4636 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Groups Sub Committee held on 7 March 2024.

TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS TO THE PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023:

TC 4637 Resolved to approve the statement of quarterly accounts to the period ending 31 December 2023.

TO RECEIVE THE QUARTERLY REPORT FROM INTERNAL AUDIT TO THE PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023:

TC 4638 Resolved to receive the quarterly report from internal audit to the period ending 31 December 2023.

TO REVIEW THE LIST OF ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE AND APPROVE THEIR RENEWAL WHERE APPROPRIATE:

TC 4639 Resolved to request the Town Clerk to apply for renewal of ACVs where required.

TO APPOINT THE TOWN MAYOR ELECT OF HORWICH FOR 2024 – 2025:

TC 4640 Proposed by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Rigby and resolved to appoint Councillor Ian Aldcroft as Town Mayor Elect of Horwich for 2024 – 2025.

TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR ELECT OF HORWICH FOR 2024 – 2025:

TC 4641 Proposed by Councillor Walton, seconded by Councillor Campbell and resolved to appoint Councillor Victoria Rigby as Deputy Town Mayor Elect for 2024 – 2025.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4642 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £5,972.79:

Payee	Summary	Amount
Blacksheep Business Comms.	Phone/internet 01/01/24 – 31/03/24 (Payment by direct debit)	£33.97
Leach Briely Accountants	Completion of payroll 01/12/23 – 29/02/24 incl. auto enrolment & real time initiative compliance services	£271.20
St Joseph's RC High School	Grant *	£250.00
Horwich Parish CE Primary	Grant *	£250.00
Claypool Primary School	Grant *	£250.00
St Catherine's CE Primary	Grant *	£250.00
KD Over 50s Mens Club	Grant *	£300.00
Winter Hill Runners	Grant *	£500.00
Rock It	Grant **	£500.00
Bolton Council	Spring planting ***	£1,344.00
Tameside MBC – GMPF	Pension contributions – February	£2,323.62

Payments marked * were made in accordance with LGA 1972 s137, payment marked ** in accordance with LGA 1972 s145 and *** in accordance with LGA 1972 s144

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

TC 4643 17286/23

Poppywood Alpacas, Old Rake

Retrospective application for the erection of a detached timber building for use as a café, classroom and gift shop and use of site as an alpaca walking centre.

Resolved to recommend refusal – inappropriate development in Green Belt contrary to policies CG7AP of the Allocations Plan, s13 of the NPPF, policy CG4 of the Core Strategy and policies S1 and P5 of the Core Strategy “Accessibility, Transport and Road Safety “

17493/24

15 – 17 Winter Hey Lane

Change of use from an estate agency to a community banking hub together with associated external alterations.

Resolved to recommend approval.

17599/24

176 Lee Lane

Prior approval application to change the use of retail to dwelling.

Resolved to recommend approval.

17661/24

44 Chorley New Road, Lostock

Erection of raised decking to rear with changes to roof from pitched to flat on the single storey rear extension/outrigger.

Resolved to recommend approval.

17714/24
63 College Drive
Erection of a conservatory at rear

Resolved to recommend approval.

17723/24
34 Nuttall Avenue
Erection of a single storey rear extension together with installation of skylight

Resolved to recommend approval.

17747/24
2 Sefton Lane
Erection of a two-storey side extension to form garage together with single storey side extension.

Resolved to recommend approval.

17231/23
Land adjacent to Mill Lane Fishery, Mill Lane
Erection of 4 no stables, tack room and hay barn

Resolved to recommend refusal – setting precedent for other development in Green Belt, impact on wildlife, highway safety concerns and detrimental impact on the amenity of neighbouring residents.

17721/24
Unit 15, Pearlbrook Industrial Estate
Change of use from general industrial to day care centre for dogs (sui generis)

Resolved to recommend approval.

17797/24
Demolition of 2No stable blocks together with erection of 1No bungalow, reinstatement of a drystone wall and the creation of an area for tree planting

Resolved to recommend refusal – inappropriate development in the Green Belt and Wallsuches conservation area, contrary to policies CG7AP of the Allocations Plan, s13 of the NPPF and policies CG3 and OA1 of the Core Strategy and SPD “General Design Principles”

17634/24
221 Greenmount Lane
Erection of a single storey extension at rear

Resolved to make no comment and queried whether this application was pertinent to Horwich Town Council

17656/24
33 Gresley Avenue
Erection of a two-storey side extension and loft conversion including installation of roof lights

Resolved to recommend approval.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TC 4644 None.

TO CONSIDER SUBMITTING AN OBJECTION TO CHORLEY COUNCIL TO AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATION 22/01238 DRYFIELD COTTAGE, DRYFIELD LANE, RIVINGTON:

TC 4645 Following requests from a resident and Horwich Heritage, an objection had been submitted by the Clerk on behalf of the Council. The resubmitted application appeared to propose the same design as the original and remains totally inappropriate development in the Green Belt. Historical links between the property and the Pilkington family had also been identified.

Resolved to submit an objection to Chorley Council that the resubmitted application is still inappropriate development in the Green Belt and also, the importance of the historical significance of the property.

Action: Objection to this application to be submitted on behalf of the Council for the reasons stated.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: FOR INFO.ONLY:

TC 4646 a. Bolton Council: proposed amendments to waiting restrictions (Traffic Order 303964) various streets Horwich and Blackrod area

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 25 APRIL 2024:

TC 4647 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 25 April 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....

