

## HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 18 April 2019 commencing at 7.20pm.

PRESENT      Councillors: P. Wright (in the Chair) M. Brady, J. Bullock,  
S. Chadwick, K. Denton, R. Graham, M. Jarvis, J. Kellett,  
K. McKeon, S. Rock, G. Stone.  
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson  
Councillor R. Silvester, Ward Councillor Horwich North East  
5 members of the public

TOWN MAYOR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 3756      The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 3757      Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Councillors  
Carruthers, Holmes and Root

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

TC 3758      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 3759      Resolved to move out of Committee to allow a member of the  
public to speak.

A local resident, Patrina Walkden raised concerns about the proposed housing development on Pickups Field following questions about the ownership of the land. Concern was also expressed about the amount of building in Horwich, traffic congestion on Chorley New Road, loss of green space and recreational land and highway safety issues on Ormston Avenue and Singleton Avenue

Resolved to move back into Committee.

Members agreed with the concerns about highway safety at this location and lack of road markings in this area and Ward Members confirmed that they are investigating this matter and have requested that funding from the Area Forum is made available for this purpose. There was strong opposition towards housing development on Pickups Field among local residents and concern about where development would end, although it was noted that this site was part of the Bolton Council's Allocations Plan. It was agreed that there was a clear need for affordable housing in the right place but not at the expense of recreational space for the community. A suggestion was made that the fields could be nominated as an asset of community value as protection from further development

and it was confirmed that the Town Council was working towards taking over the running of the fields. The view was expressed that there was no point holding a discussion about the proposed development until it came to the planning committee when there would be more information available, including the facts establishing ownership of the site.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 21 MARCH 2019:

TC 3760 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 21 March 2019.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 MARCH 2019:

TC 3761 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 21 March 2019.

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 APRIL 2019:

TC 3762 Resolved to receive the minutes and of the meeting of the of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 8 April 2019.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 3763 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as and amounting to £12,404.49 as follows:

Petty Cash	£ 50.00
Salaries and Wages Imprest Account	£ 5,000.00
Nationwide Capital Finance – Quarterly rental Xerox copier	£ 450.00
Sage Uk Ltd – renewal of subs. for Sage 50 accounts package & Sagecover support	£1,087.20
Norbrook Direct Ltd – purchase of 2 x Acer laptops with Microsoft 2019 business package, carriage & installation.	£1,542.74
Tameside MBC – GMPF – pension contributions for April	£ 2,310.15
BT plc (direct debit) – quarterly phone/broadband charges	£ 304.93
HM Revenue and Customs PAYE Tax Month 12 (authorised out of Committee)	£ 1,659.47

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 23 MAY 2019:

TC 3764 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 23 May 2019.

As this was the last meeting of the present Council, Members from the Labour and Liberal Democrat groups paid tribute to all Councillors who had contributed to the success of the Council by consensual decision making over the past four years. The Council had also benefitted from excellent Committee Chairs including Councillor Bullock and Councillor Root as well as the Town Mayors. All the staff were thanked for their support.

The meeting closed at 7.39 pm.

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