

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held remotely due to Covid-19 restrictions using online conferencing technology on Thursday 23 July 2020 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: S. Chadwick (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, M. Baines, J. Bostocksmith, M. Brady, K. Denton, S. Denton, 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.
1 member of the public

Before the start of the meeting a minute's silence was held in memory of former Town Mayor and Chair of Horwich Town Council 1985 – 1986 Bernard P. Broderick who passed away on 22 June 2020 in Poole Hospital Dorset.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 3889 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors Burke, Coward and Stone.

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

TC 3890 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 3891 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY ON 18 JUNE 2020:

TC 3892 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held remotely on 18 June 2020.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON 18 JUNE AND 22 JUNE 2020:

TC 3893 Resolved to note the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held remotely on 18 June and 22 June 2020.

TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM COUCILLOR CHADWICK TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION FOR HORWICH RMI BOWLING CLUB TO BE LISTED AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE BY BOLTON COUNCIL:

TC 3894 Resolved to approve the request from Councillor Chadwick to approve an application for nomination for Horwich RMI Bowling Club to be listed as an Asset of Community Value by Bolton Council.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 3895	Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as and amounting to £11,525.03 as follows:	
	C. Hutchinson (Re-imburement for postage costs 1/4/20 – 30/6/20)	£3.47
	G. Stone (Re-imburement for 1 x monthly Zoom Standard Pro subscription)	£14.39
	Fields in Trust (Renewal of annual membership)	£65.00
	KB Gutter Cleaning (Cleaning of guttering at Horwich Community Centre)	£99.00
	S. Horrocks Electrical Contracting (Fit new extractor fan to washroom in Heritage Centre)	£118.00
	e-Partner Solutions Ltd (Annual website hosting and renewal of domain name for Neighbourhood Plan website Jun 2020 – Jun 2021)	£145.00
	BT Business (Quarterly phone and broadband provision)	£191.89
	Leach Briely Accountants (Payroll, auto enrolment and real time compliance services, year-end PAYE and P60 certificates)	£378.00
	XL Displays (2 x Perspex desk dividers)	£394.80
	Nationwide Capital Finance (Quarterly rental for Xerox 7200i MFD)	£450.00
	Bolton Council (Summer planting of roadside troughs – Lee Lane and Chorley New Road)	£1,398.00
	Tameside MBC – GMPF (Pension contributions July 2020)	£1,477.87

HM Revenue and Customs (PAYE tax month 3)	£1,789.61
Transfer to Salaries and Wages Account	£5,000.00

Payments to KB Gutter Cleaning and S.Horrocks had been made in accordance with the Local Govt (Misc Provisions) Act 1976, to e-Partner Solutions in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 sched 9 and to Bolton Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s144.

In response to a query it was confirmed that there was a total of 24 flower troughs in two locations at junction of Chorley New Road/Winter Hey Lane/Mason Street and on Lee Lane. They were viewed by residents and businesses as a welcome addition to the town centre and had been funded by the town council and planting provided by Heaton Fold Garden Centre since 2012. In response to a further query about funding, a request was made that Councillors Brady and Wright in contact Bolton Council in their capacity as ward councillors to investigate if there was any financial support available for this purpose in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION:

TC 3896

- a. LGA: online consultation Draft Model Member Code of Conduct
- b. Fields in Trust: June email bulletin
- c. NALC: email re online events 'Rebuilding Communities'
- d. LALC: NALC policy consultation e-briefing – Coronavirus and the Future of Local Government

The correspondence was noted.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 20 AUGUST 2020:

TC 3897 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 20 August 2020.

The meeting closed at 7.42 pm.

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

