

## HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 25 May 2023 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: D. Grant (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, R. Bamforth, G. Campbell, V. Rigby, S. Rock, C. Rotheram, J. Scoble, J. Walton, S. Williamson, P. Wright.  
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson  
1 member of the public

### CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4208 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

### TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 4209 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors Burke, Chadwick and McKeon.

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

TC 4210 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 4211 Resolved to move out of Committee.

A local resident informed Members that he had been disappointed to learn that the Town Council's Planning Committee had recently recommended refusal of a planning application for the erection of a detached garage to front of property built within existing slope of the garden. It was noted that a previous similar application in 2021 had been recommended for approval at Horwich and was subsequently refused at Bolton. Following consultation with planning and conservation officers and taking note of their concerns, a scaled back plan with additional landscaping had been resubmitted which had been recommended for refusal by Horwich Planning Committee. The applicant asked if this could be re-considered.

Resolved to return to Committee.

It was explained that the Town Council was a consultee in the planning process and the final decision was made either by planning officers or Bolton Planning Committee. The Town Council could only comment on applications listed at the time of the Planning Committee meeting. Members were not planning experts and could only make recommendations on the information available to them at the time. However, as it appeared that the amended application had taken officers' concerns into consideration it was hoped that approval would be granted.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 27 APRIL 2023:

TC 4212 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 27 April 2023.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 APRIL 2023:

TC 4213 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 April 2023.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4214 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £ 11,823.07.

Direct Workwear (Caretaking staff polo shirts)	26.22
Blacksheep Business Communications* (Phone & internet provision 01/03/23 – 31/05/23)	27.49
Petty Cash	30.00
Nationwide Franking Sense (Copier count for Xerox C450 & Ricoh copiers to 31.03.23)	68.58
Image-Tech Sign Services (Updating of honours & civic awards boards in Council Chamber)	130.00
Craftprint (500 x commemorative Coronation bookmarks)	282.00
Thomas Fattorini (2 x civic medals with collarettes & boxes)	597.69
Signcraft (Supply & fitting of 2 x information signs for commemorative oak trees at Ridgmont)	873.00
Tameside MBC – GMPF (Pension contributions May)	2,111.72
HMRC – authorised out of committee (PAYE tax month 1)	2,676.37
Transfer to Salaries and Wages Account	5,000.00

Payment to Craftprint was made in accordance with LGA 1972 s137 and to Signcraft with LGA 1972 s144

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
ON 22 JUNE 2023:

TC 4215 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council  
as 22 June 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.29pm.

Chair.....

Date.....