

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday 21 October 2021 held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: S. Denton (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, M. Baines, J. Bostocksmith, S. Burke, S. Chadwick, A. Coward, D. Grant, G. Stone, S. Williamson, P. Wright.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson.
1 member of the public.

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4022 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 4023 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors Brady, Rock and Rotheram.

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

TC 4024 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 4025 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2021:

TC 4026 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 23 September 2021.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2021:

TC 4027 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 23 September 2021.

TO ASK IF ANY MEMBERS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER A HORWICH COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY MORNING AND/OR EARLY AFTER WITH THE TUESDAY TODDLER GROUP AND LUNCH CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY:

TC 4028 Councillor Grant offered his services as a volunteer at the Tuesday Lunch Club, and would contact the Town Clerk regarding availability and subject to other commitments.

FOLLOWING APPROVAL FOR INSTALLATION OF FENCING AT GREEN LANE PLAYING FIELDS, TO APPROVE A SUITABLE CONTRACTOR AND RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR BURKE REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY AND

ASSOCIATED COSTS FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT, HANDOVER,
ACCEPTANCE AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE:

TC 4029 Following an update from Councillor Burke it was resolved to approve Hardman and Cain as contractors for the installation of safety fencing at Green Lane playing fields at a total cost of £16,145 plus VAT, as it appeared that they would be able to fulfil the required specifications and had provided a reasonably priced quotation, Councillor Burke to liaise with Hardman and Cain on behalf of the Council regarding project management, handover and acceptance of the fence installation.

It was also resolved to approve a nominal sum, to be agreed, to be included in the annual budget for any necessary repairs or maintenance, although Councillor Burke informed Members that the fence would probably require only minimal maintenance.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4030 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as and amounting to £4,925.98 as follows:

Blacksheep Business Communications* (Phone and internet provision 01/10/21 -31/10/21)	£27.20
HR Solutions* (Monthly HR retainer)	£178.80
Horwich Community Centre (VAT refund 1.4.21 – 30.6.21)	£246.52
Tameside MBC - GMPF (Pension contributions Sept 2021)	£1,407.99
HM Revenue and Customs (PAYE tax month 6)	£2,065.47
Transfer to Mayoral Charity Account	£1,000.00

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
AS 18 NOVEMBER 2021:

TC 4031 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 18 November 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.26 pm.

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

