

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 19 March 2020 commencing at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: S. Rock (in the Chair), J. Bostocksmith, M. Brady, S. Burke, S. Chadwick, K. Denton, S. Denton, D. Grant, C. Rotheram, G. Stone, P. Wright.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

CHAIR TO OUTLINE THE FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

PL 4039 Councillor Rock outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

PL 4040 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors Aldcroft, Baines and Coward.

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

PL 4041 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2020:

PL 4042 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 February 2020.

CONSULTATION FOR COMMENT: BOLTON COUNCIL – STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

PL 4043 The consultation document had been circulated to all members. It was noted that there was concern at the proposed reduction in the time set aside for members of the public to speak at Bolton Council planning committee meetings from 3 minutes to 2 minutes.

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

PL 4044 In order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where the decisions about planning would be made Councillor Wright stated that he would not take part in the discussion or voting.

07765/20

Site of St. Mary's Social Club, Bosworth Street
Erection of 21no dwellings with associated landscaping, engineering and access from Berne Avenue

There had been no objections. This application replaced the previous application for 20 houses which had been withdrawn by the applicant. Members welcomed a development of affordable housing on a brownfield site. There were no highway objections, subject to a satisfactory technical appraisal and implementation of conditions regarding speed limit, parking restrictions, access and turning provision.

Resolved to recommend approval, subject to conditions requested

by highways.

07799/20

40,42,44,46 and 48 Wallsuches

Listed building consent to remove existing rotten timber gutters and corroded bracketry but retain existing downspouts and fit replacement rainwater system.

Resolved to recommend approval.

07834/20

Wynridge, Chorley Old Road

Extension of rear balcony with access steps on side elevation together with alterations to boundary wall and driveway at front to allow parking for two vehicles.

Resolved to recommend approval.

07863/20

17 Kensington Drive

Erection of porch at front together with a single storey side and rear extension.

Resolved to recommend approval.

07866/20

Blundell Arms, Chorley New Road

Listed building consent for installation of flood lights to car park and minor landscaping works together with full internal redecoration.

Resolved to recommend approval with a condition that flood lighting to be shielded/cast down and switched off when the pub was closed, in order to reduce light pollution.

07885/20

Walker Fold Visitor Car Park, Walker Fold Road

Siting of 1no information display board.

Resolved to recommend approval.

07892/20

161 Chorley New Road

Change of use from financial services (class A2) to retail (Class A1) at ground floor level together with 2no flats at first and second floor level.

Resolved to recommend approval.

07933/20

9 Mill View Lane

Listed building consent for door to rear elevation.

07934/20

11 Mill View Lane

Listed building consent to install new glass door to rear elevation

07935/20

11 Mill View Lane

Listed building consent for the erection of a single storey glazed porch

at side.

Resolved to recommend approval of listed building consent for all 3 applications for 9 and 11 Mill View Lane with condition that all doors are painted same dark grey colour as rest of windows as was colour specified by the council for the Arcon Village development.

07953/20

Lever Park School, Stocks Park Drive
Erection of 1no modular unit classroom with toilets.

There had been 1 objection that there is no room for further building without it becoming a blot on the landscape and also concerns about the behaviour of the pupils (not a material planning consideration).

Resolved to recommend approval.

08075/20

Land at Lever Park Avenue
Erection of 78no dwellings with associated parking, landscaping, drainage, access and other associated works.

Resolved to recommend deferral firstly, given the status and importance of this application, for reasons of insufficient time to scrutinise and give due diligence to the information available on the planning portal which does not currently include reports from highways, Greenspace or Historic England or any other agency, other than those provided by the applicant. And secondly, restrictions imposed by the current coronavirus outbreak prevent council meetings taking place for the foreseeable future, thereby preventing full engagement with the public and full public scrutiny of this application.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

PL 4045 Resolved to note Bolton Council planning decisions as presented on the listed circulated to all members.

CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED TO ALL COUNCILLORS): FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

PL 4046 a. Bolton Council: cancellation of Grundy Fold Farm Public Enquiry due to commence 24 March 2020 for 4 days.
b. Bolton Council: email re.Montcliffe and Pilkington Quarry Liaison Meetings.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AS 23 APRIL 2020:

PL 4047 Members were unable to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Planning Committee as 23 April 2020 as all council meetings were cancelled until further notice following official advice due to the coronavirus outbreak.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

PL 4048 None. The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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

