

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 18 July 2024 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: I. Aldcroft (in the Chair), R. Bamforth, S. Burke,
G. Campbell, D. Grant, K. McKeon, S. Rock, J. Scoble, C. Sears,
J. Walton, P. Wright
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
4 members of the public

Before the meeting started a minute's silence was held in memory of Ian Carruthers who had passed away. He served for many years on Horwich Town Council and also represented Horwich on Bolton Council and was Town Mayor of Horwich 1992 – 1993.

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4709 Councillor Aldcroft outlined the procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4710 Apologies for absence from Councillors Chadwick, Rock and
Williamson and an apology for lateness from Councillor Wright
were noted.

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

TC 4711 In order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's
Planning Committee where the decisions about planning
would be made, Councillor Grant and Councillor Sears stated
that they would take part in the discussion but would abstain
from voting.

Councillor Burke declared an interest as a member of Old Rivingtonians Sports Club for agenda item 8 and also for agenda item 10 as the applicant for planning application 18376/24 and stated that he would not take part in the discussion or voting for either.

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, INCLUDING SPECIFIC PLANNING APPLICATIONS. MAXIMUM PERIOD 15 MINUTES

TC 4712 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 20 JUNE 2024:

TC 4713 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town
Council held on 20 June 2024.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETINGS OF THE EVENTS STEERING GROUP HELD ON 1 JUNE 2024 AND 15 JUNE 2024 AND TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK ABOUT THE FESTIVAL OF HORWICH 2024:

TC 4714 Resolved to approve prove the minutes and recommendations of the meetings of the Events Steering Group held on 1 June 2024 and 15 June 2024 and to receive a report from the Town Clerk about the Festival of Horwich.

TO APPROVE AND ADOPT NALC NEW MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2024:

TC 4715 Resolved to approve and adopt NALC New Model Financial Regulations 2024.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4716 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £ 8,184.26:

Payee	Summary	Amount
Blacksheep Business Comms *	Phone & internet 01/05/24 – 31/07/24	£34.46
Sage UK*	Accounts software - July	£92.40
HR Solutions*	HR retainer – July	£173.88
Talkin' Tables**	Grant	£50.00
Hot Wheels Cycling Club**	Grant	£355.00
Old Rivs Sports Club**	Grant	£500.00
St Catherine's PCC**	Grant	£500.00
Leach Briely Accountants	Internal audit review to 31.03.24 & year end audit review to 31.03.24)	£1,296.00
Tameside MBC – GMPF	Pension contributions – July	£2,292.18
HM Revenue & Customs ***	PAYE Month 3	£2,890.34

Payments marked * were made by direct debit. ** in accordance with LGA 1972 s137 and *** authorised out of committee

TO NOTE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE OVER £500 FROM 1 APRIL 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2024:

TC 4717 The schedule of expenditure over £500 from 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024 was noted.

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

TC 4718 18462/24
10 Ainscow Avenue
Retrospective application for the erection of a dormer at rear

There had been 6 objections.

Resolved to move out of committee to allow a member of the public to speak on behalf of residents who had objected to this application.

Members were informed that the property was now elevated above

neighbouring bungalows, effectively increased to four storeys. It was intrusive, causing a loss of privacy and was out of character and not in keeping with the surrounding properties. It was also overdeveloped, as previously it was a 2 bedroom and 1 boxroom property but now had 5 double bedrooms with only 2 parking spaces.

Resolved to move back into committee.

Members shared residents' concerns and that the original dwelling was going to become subservient to the extensive overdevelopment at the property.

Resolved to recommend refusal due to loss of parking, loss of privacy, overdevelopment and out of character and not in keeping with the area.

Councillor Wright arrived at this point.

18406/24

Land at Lever Park Avenue

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on application 13587/22

Resolved to recommend approval.

1412/24

Greenways, Manor Road

Retrospective application for the erection of one dwelling house together with garage.

There had been no highway objections. Following Pollution Control's request for a condition for PRA and remediation scheme if required, a PRA had been completed and no contamination had been found. Members expressed concern that this was retrospective overdevelopment

Resolved to recommend refusal due to overdevelopment.

18380/24

7 Silver Birch Close

Partial conversion of garage to form a habitable room together with a single storey rear extension and rear patio.

No highway objections.

Resolved to recommend approval.

18219/24

Croft House Children's Nursery, Bridge Street

Conversion of an attached single storey cloakroom roof to a balcony protected by a glass balustrade and access from an existing first floor

classroom

Resolved to recommend approval

18443/24

Fan Zone, Burnden Way

Retrospective planning application for proposed Bolton Wanderers Football Club Fan Zone area adjacent to the Toughsheet Community Stadium, including food and drink venues, canopy, stage area and toilet Blocks

Pollution Control commented that while there are currently no complaints about noise from the Fan Zone, if its use intensifies, particularly if there is excessive amplified music played, noise could become an issue and have recommended that an operational Noise Management Plan should be submitted for approval within 3 months of the date of the planning consent.

Resolved to recommend approval with condition of recommendation from Pollution Control that an operational Noise Management Plan be submitted for approval within 3 months of the date of the planning consent.

18455/24

Horwich Health and Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Road

Variation of condition 15 (approved plans) on application 14448/22

Resolved to recommend approval.

18457/24

4 Medway Drive

Erection of two storey extensions at front and rear together with steps down to rear garden

There had been 1 objection due to concern regarding the size and close proximity of the rear extension to boundary; loss of sunlight causing overshadowing; cladding is likely to exacerbate the dominating impact and will be out of character; the front extension with a flat roof and render will be out of character.

Resolved to recommend approval.

18386/24

20 – 24 Mill View Lane and 34 – 38 Wallsuches

Listed building consent for replacement guttering

Replacement gutters of the type proposed have already been installed at other properties. PROW commented that as the line of PROW Horwich 140 is outside the application it should not be affected by the granting of

planning permission, however the applicant should be made aware that due to its close proximity to the development, the surface should not be damaged, the width altered or obstructed either during or as a result of this development. If a temporary obstruction is unavoidable, no development to take place until a temporary closure order has been made.

Resolved to recommend approval.

18376/24

Green Lane Playing Fields

Erection of the huddle building/cabin next to the existing changing rooms on Green Lane playing fields

There had been 1 comment in support from Councillor Rigby stating that the proposal would provide a safe space to use as a clubhouse and outside training times can be used for meetings and events. United Utilities provided comments on support and guidance on matters that might impact the proposal including drainage design, UU property, assets and infrastructure, water and waste services, metering and charges.

Resolved to recommend approval.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TC 4719 None.

CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED TO ALL COUNCILLORS) AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS - FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TC 4720 a. Bolton Council: update on Mansell House planning enforcement action/appeal

The correspondence was noted.

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED IT IS ADVISABLE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC SHOULD BE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED AND IF PRESENT SHOULD BE ASKED TO LEAVE

