

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 22 August 2024 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: V. Rigby (in the Chair), R. Bamforth, S. Chadwick, D. Grant, K. McKeon, J. Scoble, C. Sears, J. Walton, S. Williamson, P. Wright
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4737 The Deputy Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4738 Apologies for absence from Councillors Aldcroft, Campbell and Rock 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 4739 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.

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 4740 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2024:

TC 4741 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 12 August 2024.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4742 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £ 9,061.72:

Payee	Summary	Amount
Blacksheep Business Comms *	Phone & internet 01/06/24 – 31/08/24	£34.12
Nationwide Capital Finance	Quarterly rental Xerox copier/printer	£79.80
Franking Sense	Quarterly copier count for Xerox copier	£85.37
National Association of Local Councils	Job advertisement on NALC website & social media – standard package	£120.00
Tameside MBC – GMPF	Pension contributions – August	£2,307.74
HM Revenue & Customs **	PAYE Month 4	£2,668.77
Carrick Signs ***	2 x festival banners	£133.92
A Top Party ***	50% deposit for gazebo hire	£485.00
Starkidz ***	4 x walkabout superhero characters	£552.00

S & A Medical ***	50% deposit – medical staff	£825.00
CDS Events ***	Generator, PA system hire, lighting & crew	£1770.00

Payments marked * were made by direct debit, ** authorised out of committee and *** for the Festival of Horwich, in accordance with LGA 1972 s137 and authorised out of committee

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 4743 18657/24

5 Shaftesbury Avenue

Erection of a pitched roof over the existing flat roof on the side and rear of the property

There had been no comments or objections.

Resolved to recommend approval

18626/24

Pike View, 10 Factory Hill

First floor extension over an existing ground floor garage and one storey extension to form swimming pool/spa facilities

There had been no comments or objections.

Following a casting vote from the Chair it was resolved to recommend approval..

18754/24

6 The Heights

Demolition of existing garage and conservatory together with erection of a two-storey extension at side.

No highway objections, commented – 3 x parking spaces and extension of vehicle access crossing across the front of the property in order to facilitate access to the amended parking provision.

Resolved to recommend refusal due to overdevelopment, exacerbated by the topography of the location and proximity to neighbouring property.

18625/24

4 Springfield Road

Erection of two-storey extension at side together with first floor extension over existing garage.

There had been 1 comment – concerned about the height of the extension over the garage/impact of this on light. No highway objections, commented - 3 x parking spaces and extension of vehicle access crossing across the front of the property in order to facilitate access to the

amended parking provision.

Resolved to recommend approval.

18754/24

23 Chorley New Road

Variation of condition 4 (to increase the opening times from 7.00 – 20.00 Monday to Friday with no opening on Sundays or Bank Holidays to opening from 07.00 to 00.00 every day

There had been 1 objection – parking; anti-social behaviour; increase in noise disturbance; they are already opening later than 20.00 hours. No highway objections

Resolved to recommend refusal due to the detrimental impact on the amenity of neighbouring residents.

18681/24

23 Chorley New Road

Retrospective application for the siting of various fascia and panel signs together with the siting of a double-sided projecting sign

No highway objections, commented that it should pose minimal distraction to users to the public highway and should be accommodated with limited detriment/severity to road safety, signage needs to be licensed by the LHA.

Resolved to recommend refusal due to the signage being out of keeping with the surrounding area.

18680/24

23 Chorley New Road

Retrospective application for the installation of roller shutters

1 objection – they are noisy and wake up neighbouring residents.

Resolved to recommend approval.

18522/24

Flat above 114 Winter Hey Lane

Retrospective change of use of first floor accommodation from use class use C3 residential to class use E1 education centre

No highway objections, commented – proposed change of use will be ancillary to existing business. The location is within Horwich town centre with accessibility to public parking provision, amenity and sustainable modes of transport. Greater Manchester Police commented that the proposals are reasonable and raise no significant crime and disorder concerns.

Resolved to recommend approval.

18479/24
Unit 5, Lodge Bank
Erection of a two-storey side extension

No comments or objections

Resolved to recommend approval.

18661/24
Unit A, Wilkinsons Yard, Crown Lane
Removal of condition 3 (biodiversity enhancements) on application
15004/22

No comments or objections. Original application recommended for refusal at Horwich due to the application falling within the flood zone and did not have a flood risk assessment and drawings were unclear and lacked detail. The Officer's Report stated that a FRA had been submitted and approved by the Environment Agency and the drawings were satisfactory.

Resolved to recommend refusal.

18499/24
123 – 125 Church Street
Change of use of building from Conservative Club to 8 dwellings including demolition of existing rear extension, new roof connection between the front and rear parts of the building, new window openings on the side and rear elevations, provision of extended car parking area and creation of forecourt lightwells.

There had been 2 objections – insufficient parking; back street (proposed access is in poor condition; highway safety concerns; car park will encroach on footpath and potentially block emergency services and unsecure although this is not a material planning consideration.

No highway objections, commented – level of traffic with proposed use will be marginal in comparison with existing use of premises and should be accommodated with minimal additional detriment/severity to road safety, amenity and operational capacity of surrounding highways. Existing off-road parking from Back Church Street will be utilised to support the change of use. The location benefits from accessibility to Horwich town centre and sustainable modes of transport. Bin storage provision is clear and accessible to the public highway limit. 10 car parking spaces (2.4m x 4.8m each space with 6m manoeuvring space)

Flood Risk Team commented that property is within Flood Zone 2 on EA

flood maps, consequently during construction proposed floor levels should be set no lower than existing levels and flood proofing of the 300mm above the known or modelled 1 in 10 probability flood level extension should be incorporated. Or, finished floor levels within the extension should be set.

Resolved to recommend approval with the condition that appropriate materials in keeping with surroundings are utilised.

18791/24
Bridge Street
Variation of condition 8 (boundary treatment) and condition 9 (landscaping) on application 00066/17 to become compliance conditions.

Resolved to make no comment due to lack of information.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TC 4744 Contrary planning decisions were noted.

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

- TC 4745
- a. Bolton Council: notification of roadworks/carriageway patching on New Chapel Lane (Chorley Old Road – Claypool Road) week commencing 19 August 2024 for approximately 1 week, weather permitting
 - b. NALC: consultation on proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other proposed changes to the planning system.

The correspondence was noted.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 9 SEPTEMBER 2024:

C 4746 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 9 September 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.41 pm

Chair..... Date.....

