

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 21 November 2024 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: I. Aldcroft (in the Chair) G. Campbell, S. Chadwick, D. Grant, C. Sears, P. Wright
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
Assistant Town Clerk, E. Tonge

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4817 Councillor Aldcroft outlined the procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4818 Apologies were noted from Councillors Bamforth, Burke, McKeon, Rigby, Scoble, Walton, Williamson.

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

TC 4819 In order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where the decisions about planning would be made, Councillor Grant stated that he 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 4820 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2024:

TC 4821 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 11 November 2024

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4822 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £ 7,601.88:

Payee	Summary	Amount
Blacksheep Business Communications*	(Phone/internet 01/09/24 – 30/11/24)	35.11
Nationwide Capital Finance	(Quarterly rental for Xerox C405 copier)	79.80
Leach Briely Accountants	(Review of internal audit to period ended 30 September 2024)	540.00
Rivington & Adlington Brass Band	(Remembrance Sunday Parade & Service)	575.00
HM Revenue & Customs **	PAYE Month 7	2,655.70
Tameside MBC – GMPF	Pension contributions – November	3,337.97
Craftprint ***	Posters & prize certificates - FOH	148.80
Cllr V Rigby ***	Re-imbusement for competition medals & trophies - FOH	229.50

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

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 4823 19082/24

Land south west of Cedar Avenue, Cedar Avenue
Erection of a new three storey care centre with associated works

Councillor Sears declared an interest in this application as her spouse was employed by the builders of the proposed development.

There had been 6 objections and 1 comment – loss of privacy and overlooking; loss of light to garden; bin store too close to Swallowfield apartments; query if access off Chorley New Road will be secure; request that fencing should be extended to Chorley New Road; loss of trees before application was submitted; trees lost should be replaced; query regarding the bio diversity net gain measurement due to trees previously being felled on the site and this has not been taken into account; potential parking on Maple Avenue is unsuitable; request for clarification on the “complex needs” of the residents of the care home.

United Utilities had commented that the plans were not acceptable due to lack of evidence regarding drainage hierarchy and not in line with non statutory technical standards for sustainable drainage systems and also, a requirement for survey to show accurate location of sewers.

Highways raised no objections, however the proposed development will lie on a footway link between Cedar Avenue and Chorley New Road and although not an adopted highway or public right of way (although it has street lighting) has been used by members of the public for a length of time and may present a legal challenge in terms of its loss.

Resolved to recommend refusal due to excessive development insufficient information regarding location of sewers and lack of evidence that drainage hierarchy has been fully investigated; concern about loss of public footway; the biodiversity unit measurement does not take into account the trees that have already been felled on the site; potential parking issues on Maple Avenue.

19192/24

6 St Clare Terrace, Chorley New Road
Change of use from hairdressers to dwelling

No objections from either Highways or Pollution Control.

Resolved to recommend approval.

19179/24

Oakroyd, Foxholes Road

Erection of single storey extensions at rear and side together with erection of outbuilding

Resolved to recommend approval.

19216/24

Kandersteg, Chorley Old Road, Mansell Way

Erection of a single storey rear/side extension, together with a dormer extension, installation of a balcony at the rear and installation of solar panels on pitched roof.

Resolved to recommend approval.

19155/24

610 Chorley New Road

Conversion of existing garage to form habitable room

No Highway objections

Resolved to recommend refusal due to loss of parking space.

19155/24

Tesco Stores Ltd, Mansell Way

Erection of a container finished in blue together with installation of canopy finished in gold

Resolved to make no comment due to lack of information.

19167/24

Land to the rear of 253 Lee Lane

Demolition of existing double garage and erection of 1no. 3-bed detached dwelling together with a single storey matching brick tool shed

Resolved to recommend approval.

19169/24

25 - 27 The Linkway

Siting of 3no. internally illuminated fascia, 1no. externally illuminated fascia and 1no. internally illuminated menu board

No highway objections

Resolved to recommend approval.

19175/24

Park entrance at Lee Lane/Church Street

Siting of stone wall at side to match existing boundary wall

There had been 1 comment in support of the proposal. It was noted that Bolton Council were working with Horwich Heritage to re-input the original wall and when complete would enhance the town centre conservation area.

Resolved to recommend approval.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TC 4824 Contrary planning decisions were noted.

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

TC 4825 a. Bolton Council: notification of temporary road closure – Lee Lane, Horwich commencing 28 November 2024 for 2 days (approx.) for telecom works

The correspondence was noted.

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

TC 4826 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 9 December 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.41pm

Chair Date.....

