HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 19 December 2024 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: V. Rigby (in the Chair) R. Bamforth, G. Campbell,

S. Chadwick, D. Grant, K. McKeon, S. Rock, J. Scoble, J. Walton,

S. Williamson, P. Wright

Assistant Town Clerk, E. Tonge Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE: TC 4840 Councillor Aldcroft outlined the procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4841 Apologies were noted from Councillors Aldcroft, Burke and Sears.

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

TC 4842

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 4843 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2024:

TC 4844

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 9 December 2024 with an amendment to TC 4829 to note that Councillor Chadwick was a non-voting member of Horwich RMI Social Club

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4845 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £ 16,421.79:

Payee	Summary	Amount
LALC	Online training	35.00
Blacksheep Business Communications*	Phone/internet 01/10/24 - 31/12/24	35.47
HW Installations	Sound system – Remembrance Sunday	738.00
HW Installations	Sound system – Civic Tree Lighting	294.00
Nationwide Capital Finance	Quarterly rental for Ricoh copier/printer	351.00
Alliance Learning	Onsite emergency first aid training for staff	480.02
Illumidex	Machine hire – additional to existing contract	1,548.00
Illumidex	Annual Christmas lights contract	6,288.00
HM Revenue & Customs **	PAYE Month 8	3,873.56

Tameside MBC – GMPF	Pension contributions – December	2.778.74
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Payments marked * were made by direct debit, ** 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 4846 19311/24

30 Fall Birch Road

Conversion of existing conservatory together with new brick walls, raising of roof height with installation of roof lights

Resolved to recommend approval.

19355/24

4 Fall Birch Road

Erection of single storey extensions at rear and side together with porch at front

Resolved to recommend approval.

19430/24

8 Beaumont Avenue

Conversion of garage into living accommodation together with erection of a single storey extension at front

No highway objections.

Resolved to recommend approval.

19089/24

Unit 1 Tyrer's Works, Canada Street Erection of a two-storey side extension

Resolved to recommend refusal due to concerns that the proposed development may prevent town centre regeneration.

19267/24

Bolton Fold Farm, Old Lane

Change of use from agriculture to riding arena for private use

Resolved to recommend approval.

19258/24

103 Chorley New Road)

Change of use from NHS building (Class E) to single dwelling house (Class C3)

Resolved to recommend approval.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TC 4847 Contrary planning decisions were noted.

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

TC 4848

- a. Bolton Council: draft Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) consultation from 15 November 2024 to 31 January 2025.
- b. Horwich Heritage: information regarding renovation of entrance wall to Station Park, Lee Lane.

The correspondence was noted.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 13 JANUARY 2025:

TC 4849 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 13 January 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.23 pm

Chair	Date