

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

10TH SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr A Price and Councillors D A Chadwick, Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon, Miss R S M Fairhurst, D J Gradwell, Ms A Graham, Mrs C J Harkin, Miss D J McGeown, D A Wilkinson, Mrs G F Williams and Mrs L J Winrow-Baker. Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members of the public.

PFGP127/2018 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs G F Williams, explained the Fire Safety Procedure.

PFGP128/2018 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council: Cllrs J R Ainscough and Miss S Watkin - Personal Commitments, K S Jones and T D Robinson – work and R A Battersby – meeting.

PFGP129/2018 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Vice-Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

PFGP130/2018 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr D A Chadwick declared an interest in Agenda item No. 7 – To Discuss Planning and Development Matters and to approve any action because he is a member of the Bolton Council Planning Committee and he will not participate in the discussions. Cllr D A Wilkinson declared an interest in Agenda item No. 7 – To Discuss Planning and Development Matters and to approve any action because he is a member of the Bolton Council Planning Committee and reserved the right to speak and vote, and to re-consider his decision at the Bolton Council Planning Committee Meeting, if additional information is presented.

PFGP131/2018 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

A member of the public made an irrelevant statement regarding Planning Application No. 04313/18 – Westhoughton Equestrian Centre, Wigan Road, Westhoughton.

PFGP132/2018 THE ATTENDANCE OF A PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER RE TOWN COUNCIL FUNDING TOWARDS THE COST OF IMPROVING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN WESTHOUGHTON

The Public Rights of Way Officer explained his proposals for improving Public Rights of Way in Westhoughton in 2018-19 and answered questions from the Town Council.

PFGP133/2018 TO DISCUSS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

(a) TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Council requested that its comments on the following Planning Applications are placed before the Bolton Council Planning Committee:

- 04346/18 The Town Council raised no objections provided that the permission is limited to one private hire vehicle
- 04278/18 The Town Council raised no objections
- 04328/18 The Town Council raised no objections
- 04313/18 This item was deferred because of the lack of information on the Planning Portal. The Town Council requested information on the access for the lorries and an Ecological Survey
- 04361/18 The Town Council raised no objections
- 04375/18 The Town Council raised no objections
- 04429/18 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Arboricultural Officer determine the application

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

There were no Planning Appeals.

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

Resolved that the Planning Decisions, as circulated, be received and noted.

PFGP134/2018 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 2018

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 13th August, 2018, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP135/2018 THE APPOINTMENT OF A TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE L.A.L.C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolved that Cllr D A Chadwick be appointed as the Town Council Representative to the L.A.L.C. Executive Committee.

PFGP136/2018 CONSULTATION ON THE BOLTON COUNCIL – RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018-2028 AND TO IMPROVE ANY ACTION

This item was deferred.

PFGP137/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE RISK ASSESSMENT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Remembrance Day Parade Risk Assessment, as circulated, be approved.

Cllr Mrs Winrow-Baker left the Meeting.

PFGP138/2018 DISCUSSION ON TOWN COUNCIL AWARDS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

- (a) Civic Awards and Harold Daniels Memorial Trophy**
- (b) Young Citizen of the Year Award**

(c) Environmental Award

Resolved that the criteria for the above Town Council Awards, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP139/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

(a) Electrical check, siting and dismantling of Christmas Displays: £4,900

(b) Christmas Trees x 2 £130

(c) Town Clerk to obtain sponsorship

Resolved that the above items be approved by the Town Council.

Items (a) and (b) are in accordance with Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972.

PFGP140/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF DAISY HILL IN BLOOM ITEMS TOTALLING £31.25 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve Daisy Hill in Bloom items totalling £31.25.

This is in accordance with Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972.

PFGP141/2018 TO APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 1.8.18 – 31.8.18

Resolved that the Bank Reconciliation for 1.8.18 – 31.8.18, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP142/2018 DISCUSSION ON A TOWN COUNCIL DONATION TOWARDS THE COST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN WESTHOUGHTON AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve a donation of £4,000 towards the cost of renovating Footpaths WES 105 (Dixon Street) and WES 182 (off St James Street), with Bolton Council funding the £265 shortfall. This is in accordance with the Highways Act 1980.

PFGP143/2018 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that approval be given to the signing by two members and the Town Clerk of an authorisation for payment of accounts totalling £12,155.60.

AP41	PFK	Audit Fee	£ 480.00
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AP42	Lads & Girls Club	Outreach Project	2,672.00
AP43	The Brinsop	Buffets	1,375.40 *
AP44	C Morris	Re-imburement – stationery	48.00
149	Bolton Council	Get Active Youth Project	7,325.00
150	Cash	Postage	200.00
151	Cancelled		
152	Committee Member	D.H.I.B. Items	31.25
DD	Talktalk	Internet & Telephone Account	23.95
TOTAL:			12,155.60

- £1,375.40 transferred from Westhoughton Town Council Charities Account

The payments to the Lads & Girls Club and Bolton Council are in accordance with the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 Section 19 (d).

The payment for Daisy Hill in Bloom items is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972. Section 144.

PFGP144/2018 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following documents were noted by the Town Council:

1. Premises Licenses (2)
2. Lancashire County Training Partnership Training Courses

The Town Clerk reported on the Town Centre CCTV System.

PFGP145/2018 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 8th October, 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.