

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

8TH OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr A Price, Deputy Town Mayor Cllr K S Jones and Councillors D A Chadwick, Miss R S M Fairhurst, Ms A Graham, D J Gradwell, Mrs C J Harkin, Miss D J McGeown, Mrs J A Peploe and Mrs L J Winrow-Baker.
Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT:

One member of the public.

PFGP146/2018 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Chairman, Cllr K S Jones, explained the Fire Safety Procedure.

PFGP147/2018 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 Mrs G F Williams - Personal Commitments, Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon, T D Robinson, Miss S Watkin and D A Wilkinson – work and R A Battersby – sick.

PFGP148/2018 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

PFGP149/2018 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr D A Chadwick declared an interest in Agenda item No. 6 – 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.

PFGP150/2018 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

There were no questions.

PFGP151/2018 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:

04524/18 The Town Council raised no objections

04528/18 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Arboricultural Officer determine the application

04532/18 The Town Council raised no objections

04393/18 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning Committee determine the application

04472/18 The Town Council raised objections because it is concerned at the possible loss of car parking spaces before Christmas as there are already existing problems with parking on the car park and in this area of the Town Centre

04581/18 The Town Council raised no objections

(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.

PFGP152/2018 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 10th September, 2018, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP153/2018 CONSULTATION ON THE BOLTON COUNCIL – RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018-2028 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the document be noted by the Town Council.

PFGP154/2018 DISCUSSION ON ITEMS FOR THE CENTENARY COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF WW1 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council grant approval for Cllr D A Chadwick to investigate the Town Council funding either the refurbishment of two benches near to the War Memorial, or the purchase of two new benches, as a Centenary of the end of WW1 Commemoration item. The Town Council also discussed the siting of a WW1 Centenary Remembrance Plaque on the back of one of the benches.

PFGP155/2018 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 £776.00

AP45 ADT Fire & Security	CCTV repairs	776.00
TOTAL:		776.00

The payment to ADT Fire & Security is in accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Rating Act 1997.

PFGP156/2018 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following documents were noted by the Town Council:

1. Premises Licences - 3
2. NALC – Star Council Awards finalists – cast votes by 12.10.18
3. National Bellringing
4. Road Closure – Albion St, Westhoughton – 23.10.18

PFGP157/2018 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 12th November, 2018.

PFGP158/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN CENTRE CCTV SYSTEM AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that this item is discussed excluding press and public in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Section 100A (2).

The Town Council discussed the Town Centre CCTV System.
Resolved that there is no action until further funds are available.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.