

# WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL** on **MONDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** at **7.00 P.M.** in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WESTHOUGHTON TOWN HALL.**

23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019

Christine Morris  
Clerk to the Council

### AGENDA

1. Fire Safety Information (Chairman)
2. To submit apologies for absence and to accept reasons.
3. To read the notice convening the meeting.
4. To record Declarations of Interest from members in any item to be discussed.
5. Adjournment to allow public question time relating to Town Council activities and items within its powers.

**THIS IS THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK AT THE MEETING, UNLESS THE QUESTION/STATEMENT RELATES TO A PLANNING APPLICATION**

6. To discuss Planning & Development Matters and to approve any action:

- (a) Town Council's comments on Planning Applications (List enclosed for Councillors)

05817/19 91 Wearish Lane, Westhoughton – Retention of an extension to rear and porch to front

05830/19 Lidl Superstore, The Fairways, Westhoughton – Siting and installation of 4no. air conditioning units

05623/19 7 Pennine View, Westhoughton – Felling of one Willow

05818/19 27 Captain Lees Gardens, Westhoughton – Erection of first floor extension at side

05883/19 8 Southfield Drive, Westhoughton – Erection of single storey rear extension

- b) Discussion on Planning Appeals  
Nil

- (c) To note Planning Decisions (list enclosed for Town Councillors)

7. To accept the minutes Town Council Meeting held on

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

8. To note the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019
9. To accept the minutes of the Daisy Hill in Bloom Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
10. Discussion on the approval of the Spring Newsletter and to approve any action.
11. To approve the Bank Reconciliation for 1.3.19 – 31.3.19.
12. Discussion on the Internal Audit Report for the audit of the Annual Accounts 2018-2019 and to approve any action (TO FOLLOW).
13. To approve the Annual Accounts and the Budgeted Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.
14. To approve Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement 2018/19) of the Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.
15. To approve Section 2 (Accounting Statement 2018/19) of the Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.
16. To approve the Town Council Charities Annual Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.
17. To approve Accounts for Payment (list enclosed for Town Councillors).
18. To receive a report from the Town Clerk **(For Information Only)**.
19. Date of next Town Council Meeting.

**IT IS LIKELY THAT THE NEXT ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED EXCLUDING PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

20. Discussion on the false statements made about the Town Clerk by Cllr Speight in the Bolton News on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, and Cllr Speight breaching the Code of Conduct, and Cllr Speight bringing the Town Council into disrepute, and to approve any action:
  - (a) Opportunity for Cllr Speight to apologise to the Town Clerk for making the false statements
  - (b) Opportunity for Cllr Speight to apologise to the Town Council for making the false statements about the Town Clerk, breaching the Code of Conduct and bringing the Town Council into disrepute
  - (c) Vote of No Confidence in Cllr Speight
  - (d) Possible sanctions which can be legally imposed by the Town Council:

- (i) If re-elected at any time Cllr Speight will not be eligible to be appointed to any Town Council Committees or Sub-Committees in the lifetime of the next Town Council (until May, 2023)
  - (ii) If re-elected at any time Cllr Speight will not be eligible to represent the Town Council on any outside bodies, Committees or Sub-Committees in the lifetime of the next Town Council (until May, 2023)
  - (e) Inform the Monitoring Officer of the breach in the Code of Conduct STO 31
21. Discussion on Cllr Speight consistently abstaining or voting against items of business during the past 4 years and to approve any action.