

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

8TH APRIL 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Two members of the public.

PFGP50/2019 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

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

PFGP51/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council: Town Mayor Cllr A Price, Cllrs J R Ainscough and R A Battersby - Personal Commitments and Mrs J Peplow and D A Wilkinson – work.

PFGP52/2019 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr K S Jones, read the notice convening the meeting.

PFGP53/2019 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.

PFGP54/2019 PRESENTATION BY CLLR A PRICE ON THE REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF WESTHOUGHTON

Cllr Price had been unable to attend the meeting but the Rotary Club Treasurer had submitted an explanatory letter regarding the Grant Application.

PFGP55/2019 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

There were no questions.

**PFGP56/2019 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:

05508/19 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Arboricultural Officer determine the application

05741/19 The Town Council raised objection to the proposed use of the grass verge for an extension

05749/19 The Town Council raised no objections

05661/19 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning Committee determine the application

05743/19 The Town Council raised no objection

05704/19 The Town Council raised no objection

05698/19 The Town Council raised objection to the discharge of conditions 7,9,10.12

05569/19 The Town Council raised no objection

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil.

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

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

**PFGP57/2019 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE
& GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 11TH MARCH, 2019**

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 11th March 2019, as circulated, be approved.

**PFGP58/2019 DISCUSSION ON THE REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM THE
ROTARY CLUB OF WESTHOUGHTON**

Resolved that the Town Council approve a grant of £289.98 towards the cost of Santa Costumes and tabards.

This is in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

PFGP59/2019 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

There were no Accounts for Payment.

PFGP60/2019 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following correspondence was noted by the Town Council:

1. Premises Licenses (2)
2. Road closure, Wearish Lane
3. The Chairman allowed the Town Clerk to read out a statement which she had compiled regarding the false statements made by Cllr Speight about her work in the Bolton News on 26th March, 2019. The Town Council voted in favour of briefly discussing the statement and Cllr Speight's actions. The Town Council deplored his actions and false statements and the matter will be discussed again at the April Town Council Meeting. Cllr Speight is not a member of the Planning and Finance General Purposes Committee and he was present as a member of the public. Cllr Speight was asked if he wished to comment but he declined.

PFGP61/2019 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 20th May, 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.