



WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN 2020

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

The Town Council was only able to work in a limited capacity during lockdown but is now working fully and is holding its meetings via Zoom on the second Monday monthly at 7.00 p.m.. Members of the public are welcome to ask questions during the Agenda Item - Public Question Time and the Agenda and the Zoom access code are displayed on the Westhoughton Town Council website (Agendas).

CIVIC MEDAL & THE HAROLD DANIELS MEMORIAL TROPHY

Members of the public are invited to write to the Town Council with nominations for a Civic Medal, and the Harold Daniels Memorial Trophy, which will be kept for one year. Nominees must have provided over 20 years Service to Westhoughton in any field. They do not have to be residents of Westhoughton to qualify and nominations will be accepted for individual who have been previously nominated but have not yet received an award. Nominations, giving as much detail as possible should be sent to the Town Clerk by Monday, 7th December, 2020.

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Members of the public are invited to write to the Town Council with nominations for a Young Citizen of the Year Award. Nominees must be under 30 years inclusive and have provided service to Westhoughton in any field. They do not have to be residents of Westhoughton to qualify. Nominations, giving as much detail as possible should be sent to the Town Clerk by Monday, 7th December, 2020.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Bolton Safety Advisory Group has advised that no form of organised event should take place on Remembrance Sunday as the Town Council cannot guarantee social distancing and the safety of members of the public, Councillors and staff. Also, events could not be supported from a public health perspective given the high number of infection rates in Bolton.

Therefore, the Town Council will not be proceeding with the Remembrance Day Parade, the Service at the Parish Church of St Bartholomew and the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

However, Churches, Schools, Organisations and members of the public are encouraged to purchase Poppy Wreaths and lay them on the War Memorial at any time during the weekend. Poppy Wreaths cost £25 and can be purchased by telephoning: 01942 513352 or 07814 383 556.

RAINBOW BENCH

To express the gratitude of Westhoughton residents, the Town Council is funding the purchase of a Rainbow Bench to honour our dedicated NHS staff and key workers who have worked selflessly during the Coronavirus pandemic and continue to nurse and support us all during future outbreaks. The bench will be sited in Ditchfield Garden, Market Street, Westhoughton.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Town Council is funding the siting of Christmas lights in Westhoughton Town Centre. A Carol Service and the lighting of the displays will not take place but the displays will be lit by 27th November in order to encourage people to shop in Westhoughton. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR SHOPS AND TRADERS BY SHOPPING LOCALLY FOR CHRISTMAS.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Members of the public are invited to nominate an individual, voluntary group, school, church or business which enhances an area of Westhoughton by working on environmental initiatives such as planting, weeding, litter-picking and tidying etc. Nominations giving as much detail as possible should be sent to the Town Clerk by Monday, 7th December, 2020

TOWN COUNCIL

Below are listed some of the Town Council's projects and achievements:

1. Funding improvements to Public Rights of Way
2. Funding and organising a Centenary of the Start of World War 1 Commemorative Event
3. Funding improvements to Local Nature Reserves
4. The Get Active Westhoughton Youth Project
5. Town Centre CCTV scheme
6. Town Centre Christmas Lights
7. Organising the Remembrance Day Parade, the Community Carol Service and two Pretoria Pit Disaster Memorial Services
8. Civic Medals Awards, Young Citizen of the Year Awards and Environmental Award for outstanding service to the community
9. Siting of Solar Powered Driver Feedback Signs
10. Employ a Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer
11. Independent audit of the Town Council Accounts
12. Financial support for Daisy Hill in Bloom
13. Funding 50% of the cost of re-lettering the names on the World War 1 War Memorial
14. Funding the cost of enhancing the names on the World War 2 War Memorial

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCILLORS MAY BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY

CENTRAL WARD

Cllr R M Brennan (W'hton First Ind)
Cllr Mrs C H Kirkman (Lib Dem)
Cllr N Maher (Lib Dem)
Cllr Mrs A M Seddon (Lib Dem)

CHEQUERBERT WARD

Cllr D J Bullock (Independent), 1 Rushbank, Westhoughton, BL5 2JF
Cllr J Speight (W'hton First Ind), 60 Clough Avenue, W'hton, BL5 2NQ

DAISY HILL WARD

Cllr Miss R S M Fairhurst (Lib Dem)
Cllr Miss D J McGeown, (Lib Dem) 9 Churnet Close, W'hton, BL5 3LF
Cllr A Younge (Lib Dem), 61 Quakerfields, Westhoughton, BL5 2BJ

HOSKERS AND HART COMMON

Cllr T J Hewitt (Con), 10 St Georges Street, Tyldesley, M29 8HH
Cllr Mrs L M Reilly (W'hton First Ind), 1 Ivy Road, W'hton, BL5 2NU
Cllr D A Wilkinson (Lib Dem) 12 The Crescent, Westhoughton, BL5 2AE

WHITE HORSE WARD

Cllr M Cox (Con), 1 Regent Drive, Lostock, Bolton, BL6 4DH
Cllr Miss M Maley, (W'hton First Ind), 306 Wigan Road, W'hton, BL5 2AR
Cllr A P Morgan (Con), 34 Corner Brook, Bolton, BL6 4GX
Cllr C Reilly (W'hton First Ind), 1 Ivy Road, Westhoughton, BL5 2NU
Cllr Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon (Lib Dem)
Cllr A Price (Lib Dem), 11 Broomway, Westhoughton, BL5 3TZ

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ATTENDANCE: AM-Annual Meeting /ATM-Annual Town Meeting /P-Planning /TC-Town Council

COUNCILLOR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
	AM ATM P & AM	P TC	P TC	P&TC	P&TC	P&TC	P &TC	P&TC	P &TC	P&TC	P&TC	P &TC
CONSERVATIVE												
D J Bullock	L L L	L L	L L	0	1							
M Cox	L L L	L L	L L	0	1							
T J Hewitt	L L L	L L	L L	0	1							
A P Morgan	L L L	L L	L L	0	1							
WESTHOUGHTON FIRST												
R M Brennan	L L L	L L	L L	0	1							
Miss M Maley	L L L	L L	L L	0	1							
C Reilly	L L L	L L	L L	0	1							
Mrs L M Reilly	L L L	L L	L L	0	1							
J Speight	L L L	L L	L L	0	0 1							
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT												
Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon	L L L	L L	L L	1	1							
Miss R S M Fairhurst	L L L	L L	L L	1	1							
Mrs C H Kirkman	L L L	L L	L L	1	1							
N Maher	L L L	L L	L L	1	1							
Miss D J McGeown	L L L	L L	L L	1	1							
VACANCY					A Price							
VACANCY					A Younge							
Mrs A M Seddon	L L L	L L	L L	1	1							
D A Wilkinson	L L L	L L	L L	1	1							

From May, 2019, Cllr J Speight is not a member of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee

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