

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

**PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AND
ANNUAL MEETING (CONTINUED FROM 10TH MAY 2021)**

17 MAY 2021

PLANNING MEETING

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr Mrs L M Reilly, Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Miss D J McGeown and Councillors M Cox, R M Brennan, Mrs C H Kirkman, Miss M Maley, N Maher, A Price, C Reilly, Mrs A M Seddon, D A Wilkinson and A Younge. Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr J Speight as a member of the public and two other members of the public.

**PFGP28/2021 THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING AND
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Resolved that Cllr N Maher be appointed as Chairman of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee

**PFGP29/2021 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT
REASONS**

Councillors Mrs Eckersley-Fallon – family sickness, Hewitt and Morgan – personal commitments and Miss R S M Fairhurst – shielding.

PFGP30/2021 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr N Maher, read the notice convening the meeting.

**PFGP31/2021 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE
DISCUSSED**

Cllr D A Wilkinson declared an interest in Agenda Item No. P9 - 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 a Bolton Council Planning Committee, if additional information is presented.

PFGP32/21 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions

**PFGP33/2021 THE ATTENDANCE OF CLLR A GALLOWAY, MS B BROWN AND
SUPERINTENDENT S PARKER RE THE RECENT STABBING,
POLICING IN WESTHOUGHTON AND SAFEGUARDING**

Cllr Galloway and Ms Brown were unable to attend and Inspector D Johnston attended in place of Superintendent Parker.

Inspector Johnston explained the current Policing levels, speeding and road safety projects in Westhoughton and answered questions from the Town Council.

PFGP34/2021 THE APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Resolved that Cllr R M Brennan be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee

PFGP35/2021 TO DISCUSS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

A member of the public gave notice to speak on Planning Application No. 10925/21

(a) TOWN COUNCIL'S COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- 10941/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10707/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10940/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10805/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10812/21 The Town Council raised objection to the proposed entrance feature wall as it segregates the new estate from Westhoughton and the money could be used to support local voluntary groups and organisations
Resolved that the Town Clerk write to Bellway Homes.
- 10767/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10641/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10788/21 The Town Council requests that the Arboricultural Officer determine the Application
Resolved that the Town Clerk ask the Arboricultural Officer if a Tree Replacement Policy has been implemented
- 10892/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10897/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10655/21 The Town Council supports the application on condition that sociable hours of operation are imposed
- 10830/21 The Town Council requests that the Arboricultural Officer determine the application
- 10893/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10895/21 The Town Council supports the application

- 10925/21 The Town Council raised objection to the proposed new dwelling because of the scale and mass of the proposed new property, the detrimental impact on adjacent neighbours because of the loss of light through their windows and in their gardens and the alteration to the street scene
- 10854/21 The Town Council raised objection to the proposal because this does not comply with Planning Guidance as this is brown field site which should be used for more, smaller, houses which are in demand, and not for four large houses
- 10872/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10709/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10988/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10989/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10998/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10994/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11000/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11018/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11040/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11048/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 11176/21 The Town Council requests that the Bolton Council Planning Officer or the Planning Committee determine the application because of the length of the proposed extension
- 10696/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10760/21 The Town Council supports the application
- 10632/21 The Town Council supports the application

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no Planning Decisions

PFGP36/2021 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12TH APRIL, 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 12th April, 2021, as circulated, be approved.

PFGP37/2021 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 14th June, 2021

Cllr Brennan left the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING (CONTINUED FROM 10TH MAY, 2021)

Cllr Speight joined the meeting.

TC47/2021 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

There were no Declarations of Interest.

TC48/2021 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12TH APRIL, 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 12th April, 2021 as circulated, be approved.

TC49/2021 TO ADOPT WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS

Resolved that Westhoughton Town Council's Standing Orders, as circulated, be adopted by the Town Council.

TC50/2021 TO ADOPT WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Resolved that Westhoughton Town Council's Financial Regulations, as circulated, be adopted by the Town Council.

TC51/2021 THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolved that the following Committees be approved by the Town Council:

- (a) Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee
All Town Councillors, except Cllr Speight

- (a) Daisy Hill in Bloom Committee
Any Town Councillor, except Cllr Speight.

TC52/2021 TO APPROVE DATES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (a) Town Council Meeting, last Monday monthly commencing in July, Coronavirus permitting

- (b) Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee second Monday monthly
Coronavirus permitting

Other Committee Meetings as arranged.

TC53/2021 THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Liaison with local Police The Town Clerk will liaise with Inspector Johnston
L.A.L.C. Executive Committee Cllr Miss Maley

TC54/2021 TO APPROVE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Resolved that the following subscriptions be approved:

- (a) National association of Local Councils
- (b) Lancashire Association of Local Councils

TC55/2021 TO APPROVE BANK SIGNATORIES

Resolved that the following Bank Signatories be approved:

Any three to sign from Cllrs Cox, Miss McGeown, A Price, Reilly, Mrs Reilly, Younge, Town Clerk.

TC56/2021 TO APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR MARCH 2021

Resolved that the Bank Reconciliation for March, 2021, as circulated, be approved.

TC57/2021 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Risk Assessment, as circulated be approved and it will be amended as required.

TC/58/2021 DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF A DONATION OF £350 TOWARDS AN INAUGURATION EVENT FOR THE NEWLY ELECTED TOWN MAYOR AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

The Town Mayor declared an interest.

Resolved that Town Council approve a donation of £350 towards the cost of an Inauguration event for the newly elected Town Mayor.

This is in accordance with Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972.

TC59/2021 TO APPROVE PRICES FOR THE ANTI-LITTER ARTWORK COMPETITION

Resolved that the Town Council approve 10 x £10 Gift Vouchers.

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

TC60/2021 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that the Town Council approve the payment of the following accounts:

			£
AP1	Bolton Council	Get Active Youth Project	7,452.50
AP2	Lads & Girls Club	Outreach & Detached Project	3,460.50
AP3	L.A.L.C.	Annual Subscription	2,261.89
AP4	A Hopkins	Honorarium	50.00
AP5	C Morris	April Salary	1,303.10
AP6	H.M.R.C.	Tax & N.I.	711.30
BD	Cash	Petty Cash	100.00
AP7	N.A.L.C.	Subscription 2020-21	108.00
AP8	BT Redcare Ltd	CCTV Line Rental	7,881.98
AP9	Cllr Mrs Reilly	Town Mayor's allowance	3,825.00
DD	Talktalk	Internet & telephone	29.00
	Bank Charges		7.00

TOTAL:			£27,190.27

The payment to B.T. Redcare is in accordance with the Local Government Rating Act 1997 S31

The payment to Cllr Mrs L M Reilly is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 SS155 (5)

The payment for the Get Active Youth Project and to the Lads & Girls Club is in accordance with the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 S1 (d)

TC61/2021 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

1. E-mail – J Sharrock re baskets & planters
2. E-mail – Jon Dyson – Planting on Grass Verges
3. Letter – Emma Lou
4. Town Mayor's Charities are the Rotary Club of Westhoughton and the Westhoughton Age Support Project
5. Future Council and Committee Meetings will take place in the Carnegie Hall

TC40/2021 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting and Town Council Meeting Monday, 14th June, 2021

The meeting closed at 8.20p.m.

