

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

30th MARCH 2022

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr Mrs LM Reilly

Cllrs M Cox, Mrs C Kirkman, Miss DJ McGeown, N Maher, A Price, C Reilly, J Speight, DA Wilkinson and A Younge.

Deputy Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: A representative from Bolton Lads & Girls Club.

TC33/2022 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Chair explained the Fire Safety Procedure

TC34/2022 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Cllr Mrs AM Seddon - Ill, Cllr AP Morgan - prior engagement, Cllrs RM Brennan, DJ Bullock, Mrs AB Eckersley-Fallon, T Hewitt, Miss M Maley - Personal reasons

TC35/2022 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs L Reilly read the notice convening the meeting.

TC36/2022 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr DA Wilkinson declared an interest in agenda item no 6 - To discuss Planning & Development Matters and to approve any action and item 12 - Discussion on the closure of Lloyds Bank and to approve any action. Cllr Mrs LM Reilly declared an interest in planning application 12933/22 and item 14 - Discussion on the Civic Awards Ceremony due to be held in April 2022 and to approve any action. Cllr J Speight declared an interest in item 10 - Discussion on the hanging baskets and planters in Westhoughton and to approve any actions.

TC37/2022 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions

TC38/2022 ATTENDANCE BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF BOLTON LADS & GIRLS CLUB TO PRESENT DETAILS OF THEIR CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND PROPOSED EVENTS FOR 2022/2023

A representative of Bolton Lads & Girls Club gave an update on the provision available in Westhoughton to differing age groups and offered an open invitation to Councillors to attend future activities.

TC39/2022 TO DISCUSS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

(a) TOWNS COUNCILS COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

12993/22 The Council raised objections as the application contains no details regarding footpath WES006, no information on how the drainage issues will be addressed or ensure protection of the footpath.

13242/22 The Council raised no objections

13147/22 The Council raised no objections

13338/22 The Council raised no objections

13278/22 The Council raised no objections

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

Nil

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

Resolved that the Planning Decisions, circulated since the last meeting, be noted.

TC40/2022 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH, 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17th March 2022, as circulated, be noted.

TC41/2022 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH, 2022.

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th March 2022, as circulated be approved.

TC42/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE HANGING BASKETS AND PLANTERS IN WESTHOUGHTON AND APPROVE ANY ACTION

This item was deferred for a report to be prepared.

TC43/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE BRITISH LEGION "PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE" INITIATIVE AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council make enquiries from Bolton Town Council on the feasibility and identified potential site.

TC44/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE CLOSURE OF LLOYDS BANK AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council write to Lloyds Bank to register their concerns and enquire how the resulting gaps in support to customers would be addressed.

TC45/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE BOLTON LADS & GIRLS CLUB WESTHOUGHTON PROJECTS, POTENTIAL FUNDING FOR 2022/2023 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the provision be funded for 2022/2023.

TC46/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE CIVIC AWARDS CEREMONY DUE TO BE HELD IN APRIL 2022 AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

The Mayor updated the Council of the current arrangements for the Civic Awards Ceremony due to be held in April 2022.

TC47/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE CURRENT TOWN CLERK RECRUITMENT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION.

The recruitment sub committee updated the Council on the progress of the recruitment of a new Town Clerk.

TC48/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE PROCESS TO HANDOVER RESPONSIBILITIES FROM THE CURRENT TOWN CLERK TO THE DEPUTY TOWN CLERK AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

The Deputy Town Clerk provided an update.

TC49/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE DFS SIGNS AND REQUEST FOR DATA AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council write to Bolton Council Highways department and request relevant statistics in order to inform future road safety measures.

TC50/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE TOWN CENTRE STEERING GROUP

The Leader of Bolton Council provided an update.

TC51/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF WESTHOUGHTON TOWN HALL AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council invite a representative from Bolton Council to a future meeting to provide an update on the refurbishment of Westhoughton Town Hall.

TC52/2022 DISCUSSION ON BOLTON COUNCIL BID TO LEVEL UP JUNCTION 6 AND DE HAVILLAND WAY AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council invite a representative from Bolton Council to a future meeting to provide an update on the proposed bid.

TC53/2022 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

AP51	Salaries + Arrears + HMRC + NI Contributions	£ 21823.08
201	DHiB - SL Johnson	£ 59.40
202	Bolton Council - Assemble + Dismantle + Electric Christmas Lights	£ 6120.00
203	ADT Fire & Security - CCTV Maintenance 3.3 - 2.6.22	£ 1322.32
204	Canon UK - Photocopier Lease 1.4.22-30.6.22	£ 153.22
205	WAVE - Room Hire x 4	£ 80.00

206	Bolton Council - Speed Signs x 3	£11,958.73
207	Westhoughton Lions Club House Appeal	£ 3000.00
208	NALC + LALC Membership	£ 2309.42
DD	Bank Charges 10.12.21 - 9.1.22	£ 16.35
DD	Bank Charges 10.1.22 - 9.2.2	£ 14.65

		£46,857.17

TC54/2022 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

- 1) Premises application - 1
- 2) Get Active Project - Thank you
- 3) Proposed upgrade of existing base station adjacent to Syndale Way/Manchester Rd
- 4) Office Update
- 5) Accounts Update
- 6) CCTV Statistics
- 7) Carriageway patching A6
- 8) Road Closure Jacks Lane

TC55/2022 DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date of the next Town Council Meeting - Wednesday 27th April, 2022

The meeting closed at 9.20pm