

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
25th July 2022

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Cllr Miss D J McGeown. Councillors N Maher, A Price, C Reilly, Ms G Wroe, J Speight, D A Wilkinson, A Younge.

Locum Town Clerk.

Mike Drake, Group Security Director, Emerson Development (Holdings) Limited

TC113 /2022 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Town Mayor explained the Fire Safety Procedure.

TC114/2022 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council :, Cllr Mrs LM Reilly, Cllr R M Brennan, Cllr DJ Bullock, Cllr C Kirkman, Cllr M Cox.

TC115/2022 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Town Mayor read the notice convening the meeting.

TC116/2022 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr D A Wilkinson 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.

TC117/2022 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

There were no public questions.

TC118/2022 Discussion and follow up on councillors visit to the monitoring station. Discussion on any potential improvements to the current arrangements and approve any action required.

Following councillors visit to the CCTV control room, it was apparent that the system in place was not satisfactory. It was resolved that, with the assistance of Mike Drake and the operators at the control room, other options will be explored.

TC119/2022 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:

Application No.: 14021/22 Not in Westhoughton

Application No.: 13856/22 Councillors noted that they do not wish to see less landscaping but improved landscaping.

Application Type: Full Planning Permission Proposal: ERECTION OF TWO STOREY

EXTENSION TO SIDE. Location: 6 HIGHER DRAKE MEADOW WESTHOUGHTON
BOLTON BL5 2RD No objections

Application No.: 14071/22 Approved

Application No.: 14143/22 Approved

Application No.: 14213/22 Approved

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

None

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

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

TC120/2022 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th July 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11th July 2022 be noted.

TC121/2022 To note the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 29th June, 2022

Deferred to the next meeting.

TC122/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE CURRENT TOWN CLERK RECRUITMENT AND DEPUTY TOWN CLERK RECRUITMENT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Deferred to the next meeting.

TC123/2022 Discussion on the future activity and funding of Westhoughton's nature reserve areas and to approve any action.

Resolved that the appropriate officer at Bolton Council is contacted in relation to progress and plans for funding on nature reserves.

TC124/2022 Discussion on the future of community litter bins and funding for litter activities and to approve any action.

Resolved that the appropriate officer at Bolton Council is contacted in relation to review on litter bins and activities.

TC125/2022 Discussion and approval of the amended Action Plan for the Council, as circulated via email.

Resolved to adopt the action plan for the remainder of the financial year, with the intention that it is a working document and will be updated to reflect changes in services following reviews.

TC126/2022 To approve the quotation and corresponding contract for the Pretoria Memorial fireworks, and for the acting Clerk to sign this contract.

Resolved to approve and for the Clerk to action this.

TC127/2022 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

227	A Hopkins	Salary - July	873.05
228	H.M.R.C.	Tax & N.I. payments	268.35
225	Bolton Council	Daisy Hill By-Election	2,197.64
226	Westhoughton Park Vets Vets Bowling Club	Grant (part)	292.25
229	Leigh Briely	Completion of Accounts	2,340.00
DD	Bank Charges	10.05.22 – 09.06.22	12.10
TOTAL			----- £ 5,983.39

TC128/2022 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following was noted by the Town Council:

1. WTC speed signage data received – circulated via email. Further information and explanation requested.
2. There were no new enforcement cases registered this week.
3. Premises applications list received.

TC129/2022 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 22nd August, 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.