

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

10th October 2022

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Cllr Miss D J McGeown. Councillors N Maher, A Jackson, Ms G Wroe, J Speight, L Maher , C Reilly, M Tighe, C Kirkman, D Bullock.

TC171/2022 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Town Mayor explained the Fire Safety Procedure.

TC172/2022 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council :
Cllrs M Cox, B Eckersley-Fallon, A Morgan, D Wilkinson, Mrs LM Reilly, A Price, R Brennan.
Deputy Mayor Cllr A Younge.

TC173/2022 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Town Mayor read the notice convening the meeting.

TC174/2022 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr C Reilly – Item 12. As an employee of the organisation to be discussed

TC175/2022 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

TC176/2022 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.: 14628/22 – Support

Application No.: 14658/22 – Support

Application No.: 14598/22 - Support

Application No.: 14654/22 - Support

Application No.: 14721/22 – Not clear of request, there are a number of conditions applied.
Refer to Bolton Council to clarify request.

Application No.: 14736/22 – Support

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

None

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

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

TC177/2022 To note the minutes of the PFGP Committee meeting held on Monday 26th September 2022.

Corrections required.

TC178/2022 DISCUSSION ON THE CURRENT TOWN CLERK RECRUITMENT AND DEPUTY TOWN CLERK RECRUITMENT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Defer to a future meeting - Clerk requested contact details.

TC179/2022 Discussion on any plans for creating warm space to assist residents with the cost of living crisis.

Council to contact various local organisations to enquire about plans for warm spaces.

TC180/2022 Discussion on any repairs and re lettering of the Pretoria memorial in Ditchfield Gardens.

Agreed to undertake the suggested repairs at the quoted cost of £1100.00

TC181/2022 Discussion on the future of the Georgian House and its possible use for refugees.

Situation changed, request was not supported by Bolton Council due to affect that it would have on local services.

TC182/2022 Information from Mr. G Brough regarding The Hub and former Family Centre on Washacre.

To write to Bolton Council to request to be kept informed.

TC183/2022 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

£1295.64 SLCC August Invoice
£1322.32 ADT CCTV
£153.22 Canon

TC184/2022 Discussion on councillors responses to Bolton Council's consultation on the draft planning validation checklist.

Deferred to a future meeting.

TC185/2022 To approve dates for 2023 meetings, as follows:

January
9th and 30th
February

13th and 27th

March

13th and 27th

April

10th and 24th

May

8th Annual Meeting

Approved.

TC186/2022 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Deferred due to Clerk absence.

TC187/2022 DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

24th October Town Council meeting.