

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING ON 13TH FEBRUARY.

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on Monday 13th February 2023 at 7pm in Carnegie Hall.

AGENDA.

1 Fire Safety Information.

2 To receive apologies for absences and to accept reasons.

3 To read the notice conveying the meeting.

4 To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

5 Adjournment to allow public question time, relating to town council activities. This is the only opportunity for members of the public to speak at the meeting unless the question/statement relates to a planning application.

6 Discussion of questions raised at the Public Question time at the Town Council meeting on the 30th January in accordance with Standing Orders; Involvement of the Public. Mr Kemp's questions as recorded in the minutes of the 30th January meeting and attached at the end of this agenda.

In relation to the question on the status of the minutes of Westhoughton Town Centre Steering Group. A response has been received stating the minutes of future meetings will be published. (email will be circulated to all members)

7. To discuss Planning and Development matters and to approve any action.

154111/23 23 MIRY LANE. ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CONSERVATORY.

15408/23 25 ALDERTON DRIVE, BL5 2JD. ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION, TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND TWO PART STOREY/PART SINGLE REAR EXTENSION TOGETHER WITH RENDERING OF ALL EXTERNAL ELEVATIONS.

15352/23 82 BANK SIDE, BL5 2QH. ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY FRONT, TWO STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION AND RENDERING OF FRONT AND SIDE ELEVATIONS OF EXISTING AND EXTENDED PROPERTY.

ALDREDS FARM, JACKS LANE, WESTHOUGHTON, BL5 2DJ. INFILL AND DRAINAGE WORKS ALLOWING ABANDONMENT OF AQUEDUCT AND CONNECTION OF WATERCOURSES EITHER SIDE OF THE OF THE FORMER RAILWAY CUTTING.

15335/23 17 ANDERBY WALK MR M KEARSLEY. ERECTION OF A FRONT ENTRANCE CANOPY , SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND REAR DORMER EXTENSION.

7 B Planning Appeals none.

& C Planning Decision, lists circulated.

8. To note the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting on the 16th January 2023.

9. Accounts for payment.

BOLTON COUNCIL WORKS TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY £4,000

BOLTON COUNCIL, CHRISTMAS CRIB installation and removal of the crib £736.54 plus £147.31
VAT Total £883.85

BOLTON COUNCIL Quarter 3 and 4 Get Active Play and Youth Services £14905.00
D Wilkinson reimbursement of postage £15.20

Invoices will be circulated to all members.

10. Town Clerk Job Description and to approve any action.

11. Town Clerk Job Advert and to approve any action.

12. Deputy Town Clerk Job Description and to approve any action.

13. Home Watch/ Speed Watch Coordinator Job Description and to approve any action.

14 Appointment of the interview panel and to approve any action in relation to Town Council staff appointments.

15 Review of Standing Orders and to approve any action.

16 Response of Bolton Council to De Havilland Way levelling up bid and to approve any action.
(email circulated to all members.)

17 Coronation Events.

A. Funding by Westhoughton Council, Grants. Possible funding scheme and to approve any action.

B Bolton Council activities in Westhoughton

18 Big Clean Event in March and to approve any action.

19 Big Clean thank you event for Westhoughton litter pickers and to approve any action.

20 Civic Awards and any possible change to the scheme and to approve any action.

21 Items requested by Cllr C Kirkman

A. Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk

B. B. Driver Feedback Signs

C.

22 World War Two town council memorial board in Westhoughton Town Hall.

21 Issues arising with WES 105 project from the 16th January FGP meeting.

Mr Kemp's Question under item 6 Recorded at the meeting 30/1/23TC005/23 Public Question Time. Mr M Kemp asked the following questions: Mr Kemp was asked after the meeting if he could email his questions to the council for confirmation. A question asked at the meeting was in relation to the minutes of Westhoughton Town Centre Steering Group meetings and are they available for inspection? Members of the public questions under the Public Question Time are they minuted in the council minutes? Attendance of councillors at meetings? (CLLR C KIRKMAN SAID SHE HAD A DOCUMENT OF COUNCILLORS ATTENDENCE AND WOULD UPDATE, SO IT COULD SHARE TO MR KEMP) Can Carnegie Hall be hired by members of the public/community groups? Possible Streaming of the town council meetings?

Sent in by Mr Kemp by email

Good morning, I attended the council meeting on the above date and asked the following questions. 1: Past public questions asked at council meetings are missing from the minutes as there are no minutes online for date 22/08/2022. Questions asked on this and other dates upto November have still not had any reply's. When can we expect any reply and where will this be made available? 2: I emailed the town parish in November asking for meeting attendance for councillor's for 2022 I have had no reply. 3: Do this parish council know of any interest in

the renting of the available spaces in the town hall?4: Modernising communication with the public. Could the parish council start to live stream the meetings or can any member of the public come in and record/live stream the meetings, Why doesn't the council set up a Facebook page? do this as non political e.g no links to any political party or single members pages or advertising. To be just showing meetings and sharing of results that have been achieved/lost from the collective council.5: As we are in the Carnegie Hall, is it available to rent as the last I heard it was unavailable for hire due to needing thousands of £'s as stated by Bolton Council representative Adele Warren on various occasions in public meetings ?

22 Items for reporting .

Email from info@insigniauk.org re Coronation materials.

Email from Flagmakers re Coronation

Premises List 817

Email re Mayor of Bolton civic events.