

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

You are summoned to attend the **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** on **MONDAY 12th DECEMBER, 2022** at **7.00 P.M.** in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WESTHOUGHTON TOWN HALL.**

AGENDA

1. Fire Safety Information.
2. To receive apologies for absence and to accept reasons.
- 3 To read the notice convening 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 and items within its powers.**
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. To discuss Planning & Development Matters and to approve any action

- (a) Town Council's comments on Planning Applications

15053/22

39 Bank Side, Westhoughton, BL5 2QP

Erection of part single/part two storey extension to the rear.

15057/22

318 Park Road, Westhoughton, BL5 3HT

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extension

14984/22

3 Reedymoor, Westhoughton, BL5 3BF

Erection of single storey rear/side extension

14486/22

Street Record Pennine View, Westhoughton

Pruning of ! Sycamore

- (b) Discussion on Planning Appeals

- (c) To note Planning Decisions as Circulated

7. To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 24th October 2022.

8. To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 28th November 2022

9. Funding Requests from Nature Reserve budget by Friends of Eatock Lodge and to approve any action

The Friends of Eatock Lodge have request £500 to carry out work on the removal of scrub by Landscape Conservation and Bolton CVS

Currently there is no Nature Reserve Officer in post at Bolton Council and the town council funding for nature reserve works is unused at the moment and could be used to fund the works.

The Head of Green Space Management has no objection to the works.

10. To approve accounts for payment.

SSLC Invoice 421 (Locum Services) £1,239.30

Get Active Q2 £7452.50

Talk/Talk 324.95

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £600

11. Discussion of the request for overdue payment by Bolton Council of £8,219.11 plus VAT £1643.82 and to approve any action.

No earlier invoice can be found in the council's emails

This account relates to summer bedding in the planters and hanging baskets in the town centre.

About 10 years ago the planter and rail troughs in the town centre were funded either by Westhoughton Area Forum or Town Centre Funding, the bill for the flowers was then picked up by Westhoughton Town Council.

The Town Council covered the costs of the hanging baskets in 2021 after a cut by Bolton Council.

Early this year the town council decided that the quality of the hanging baskets was poor for the cost of over £4000 that the council would not proceed in 2022.

This was removed from the 2022/2023 budget

Cllr Speight informed council that a volunteer group could take over the planting of the planters.

Bolton Council assumed that Westhoughton Town Council would pay for the planting; there was no consultation or request made to the town council and no request made by the town council.

12. Reliability of the 520 bus service

13. Premises List 810

13. Dates of the council meeting in 2023

January 9th and 30th

February 13th and 27th

March 13th and 27th

April 10th and 24th

May 8th