



## **WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL**

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on **Monday 12 June 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.

<b>a.</b>	<b>Questions from Richard Bates:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Over the past 4 years, since May 2019, how much has each Mayor been paid to represent Westhoughton in Civic duties? Broken down by each mayor please.</li><li>2. Does this money come from the extra Westhoughton Precept, paid for by residents in Council Tax? If not, where does this come from?</li><li>3. Over the past 4 years, since May 2019, how much has each Mayor raised for charities, broken down by Mayor and charity, please?</li><li>4. Has any extra money been requested by the Mayor to hold events pertaining to their Mayoral status, over the past 4 years (since May 2019)?</li><li>5. How many events over the past 4 years, since May 2019, has each Mayor</li></ol>
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	attended. If the Mayor cannot attend, has the deputy stood in their place?
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b.	<p><b>Question from James Copper:</b> What CCTV provision was on the Library Street and Ditchfield Gardens car parks following the recent vehicle damage?</p> <p><b>Town Council response:</b> Mr Copper was informed that these car parks are under the control of Bolton Council and are not covered by cameras owned by Westhoughton Town Council. As additional information, Bolton Council has been contacted regarding the recent damaged cars and they have replied to say that they are happy for the Town Council to expand CCTV coverage to the car parks, but would provide no funding toward this. The issue of CCTV and the possibility of improving the current system will be an agenda item for Monday 12 June.</p>
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c.	<p><b>Question from Anna Marie Watters:</b> As BLGC is no longer delivering activities for the children of Westhoughton from the Central Drive site, The Hub at Westhoughton would like to apply for the funding previously designated to BLGC to put a range of activities forward for the children. There will always be an educational aspect to the activity and we would like to ask whether this is something the town council would be interested in funding before we put a detailed plan together.</p>
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**6a. To discuss Planning and Development matters and to approve any action**

16062/23	The Stables, 241b Hindley Road, Westhoughton, BL5 2DY
Conversion of existing dwelling house (C3) to 7 self-contained supported living apartments (C2), incorporating managers/carers accommodations, together with demolition of existing conservatory.	

10636/23	3 Market Street, Westhoughton, BL5 3AH
Retrospective application for the erection of a single storey extension at rear.	

15983/23	2 Fairstead Close, Westhoughton, BL5 3LL
Erection of two storey extension to side.	

15749/23	Westhoughton High County Secondary School, Bolton Road, Westhoughton, BL5 3BZ
Erection of two concrete sectional garages.	
15944/23	130 Leigh Road, Westhoughton, BL5 2LE
Erection of two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear.	
15985/23	34 Greensmith Way, Westhoughton, BL5 3DR
Demolition of existing garage and conservatory with the erection of single storey extension to rear and side.	
15886/23	85 Wingates Lane, Westhoughton, BL5 3LP
Removal of conditions 1 (commencement), 6 (tree protection) and variation of conditions 2 (materials), 4 (ground levels), 5 (footway), 7 (landscape scheme), 8 (boundary treatment), 9 (parking), 10 (highway levels), 11 (parking details), 13 (approved plans), 14 (roads, footways and footpaths), 15 (windows) on application 95045/15.	
15794/23	15 Whitsundale, Westhoughton, BL5 3LQ
Erection of single storey extension over garage to side.	
15978/23	17 Anderby Walk, Westhoughton, BL5 3BW
Certificate of lawful development (S192) for the proposed erection of a new second floor and dormer to the rear.	

**6b. Planning Appeals** – none

**6c. Planning Decisions** – lists circulated

**7. Accounts of payment**

- Daisy Hill in Bloom (fertiliser) - £8

- Daisy Hill in Bloom (plants and compost) - £462.50

Mayor's Inauguration and Civic Awards (the two events were combined):

- Reimbursement of D McGeown - £52.49
- Reimbursement of D Wilkinson - £95
- Reimbursement of L Price - £101

## **8. Grant application from Westhoughton Park Bowling and Social Club**

Plants and compost for the planters around the bowling green - £300

## **9. Establishing working groups**

Each working group to consist of 6 members (a third of the council) made up of 3 Liberal Democrats, 1 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 Westhoughton First.

### **a. Town Centre CCTV working group**

To establish a working group to review the current CCTV system, to consider any improvements or replacement of the scheme or any possible expansion of the scheme to cover other areas of the town centre, to review the current and future costs and to report back to the Town Council.

### **b. Defibrillators working group**

To establish a working group to review the defibrillator coverage across Westhoughton, to identify any gaps in the coverage and make recommendations to eliminate gaps and any potential costs in doing so. To report back to the Town Council.

### **c. The Big Plant working group**

To establish a working group to consider locations and costs for planting schemes across Westhoughton (i.e. on grass verges), to work with voluntary and residents groups, schools, other organisations and Bolton Council, as part of a "Big Plant" event from October onwards, to improve the appearance of Westhoughton in the spring. To report back to the Town Council.

**10. Renew contract with Play and Youth Services and to consider any additional services that they could provide using the funding previously earmarked for BLGC.**

### **11. Market Street planters**

Due to the ongoing footpath works on Market Street, which will last until November and requires removal of the beehive planters, it is proposed that planting is postponed this year. This would free up funding from this budget heading.

### **12. Items for reporting**

- **Bolton Council Youth Consultation on serious violent crime** - the deadline for responses is 21 July. This means it can be placed on the Town Council agenda for Monday 26 June if the Town Council wishes to discuss it.
- **Bolton Transport Strategy workshop dates** - this is a borough wide policy document for transport priorities across Bolton. They wish to know possible dates between July and September for a meeting or to attend a Town Council meeting.
- **Proposed zebra crossing at The Hoskers outside St George's primary school** - information circulated separately
- **Temporary road closure at Broadwalk** - 20 June 2023 for resetting of manhole covers
- **Premises applications list 834**
- **Consultation on post-16 year olds accommodation** (closing date, Friday 16 June) - information circulated separately
- **Late Night Levy consultation** (closing date, Sunday 18 June)

### **13. Date of next meeting**