



WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Westhoughton Town Council on Monday 15 May 2023 at 7pm in Carnegie Hall

Present: Councillors David Chadwick (Lab), Sarita Chohan (LD), Derek Gradwell (LD), Anna Homfray (LD), Ryan Hough (LD), Alison Jackson (LD), Neil Maher (LD), Deirdre McGeown (LD), Arthur Price (LD), Christine Strawbridge (LD), John Strawbridge (LD), Jack Speight (WF), Martin Tighe (Con), David Wilkinson (LD) and Gillian Wroe (LD)

Members of the public: Alvis Younge, Rish Chohan, Carol Kirkman, Anna-Marie Watters, James Copper

The meeting did not start until 7.39pm as the building had not been opened by Bolton Council.

TC69/23 Fire Safety Information (Chair)

The fire safety information was read out by the Chair.

TC70/23 To read the notice convening the meeting

The notice convening the meeting was read out by the Chair.

TC71/23 To receive apologies for absence and record reasons

Cllr Alan Kaufman (personal), Cllr Linda Maher (work), Cllr Martyn Cox

TC72/23 To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed

Cllr David Wilkinson on planning issues as a Member of Bolton Council's Planning Committee

TC73/23 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.

- Anna-Marie Watters asked about the funding earmarked for Bolton Lads and Girls Club. She provided an email with the wording of her question and this will go to the 12 June meeting.
- James Copper asked about the Westhoughton Town Centre CCTV scheme. He was informed verbally 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.
- Alvis Younge asked about the death of deer by collision with vehicles and whether this is an issue Bolton Council's Planning Department takes into consideration on planning matters. This question will be referred to Bolton's Planning Department.

TC74/23 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

Cllr Arthur Price was appointed as Chair. Cllr Gillian Wroe was appointed as Vice Chair.

TC75/23 Appointment of committees

a) Finance and General Purposes Committee.

All members of council are members of the committee.

b) Daisy in Bloom committee

The four members of Daisy Hill ward were appointed - Councillors Alan Kaufman, Neil Maher, Deirdre McGeown and Gillian Wroe.

TC76/23 Appointment of bank signatories (3 members from 6 to sign)

Councillors Alan Kaufman, Neil Maher, Deirdre McGeown, Arthur Price, Jack Speight and Martin Tighe were appointed.

TC77/23 Appointment of members to the interview panel for the Town Clerk position

Councillor Sarita Chohan, Alan Kaufman, Deirdre McGeown, Arthur Price, Jack Speight and Martin Tighe were appointed.

TC78/23 To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 24th April 2023

The minutes were approved.

TC79/23 To discuss Planning and Development matters and to approve any action

a. Planning Applications - no objections were raised to these applications:

15575/23 16 Gorse Hey

15765/23 20 Beehive Green

15892/23 71A Manchester Road - concern raised regarding the physical condition of the building

15888/23 25 Kennet Close

15834/23 228 Park Road

15847/23 121 Park Road

b. Planning Appeals - none

c. Planning Decisions - lists were circulated

TC80/23 Items for reporting

Premises List applications 830 & 831 - noted

Temporary road closure at Chorley Road - noted

Date of next meeting: Finance and General Purposes committee on Monday 12th June 2023

The meeting finished at 8.05pm.