

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday, 21 March, 2013 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: J. Kellett (in the Chair), K. Helsby, J. Lavin, L. McCartin, K. Ramaurthy, L. Rock, C. Root, S. Rock, K. Thomson

Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

Bolton Ward Councillors present: A. Cunliffe, K. McKeon
7 members of the public

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 3001 Councillor Kellett outlined the procedure

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 3002 Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Baxendale, and Downes due to ill health and Councillor Flanigan who had another commitment.

TO REMIND MEMBERS TO MAKE A DECLARATION CONCERNING ANY MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING OF WHICH THEY HAVE AN INTEREST:

TC 3003 None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT MAY PUT QUESTIONS OR MAKE OBSERVATIONS REGARDING MATTERS IN RELATION TO WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS POWERS OR DUTIES OR WHICH AFFECT THE PARISH. MAXIMUM PERIOD 15 MINUTES

TC 3004 None

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY, 2013.

TC 3005 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 21 February 2013

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2013:

TC 3006 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 21 February 2013.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 MARCH 2013:

TC 3007 Resolved to note the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 11 March 2013

TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR THE CO-OPTION TO COUNCIL FOR TWO VACANCIES IN BRIDGE WARD AND LEVERPARK WARD::

TC 3008 Two nominations had been received for each ward. For Leverpark Ward: Barbara Anne Galloway and Councillor Richard Silvester

and for Bridge ward: Mr Bernard McCartin and Mr Ken Denton.

Members discussed whether to decide by a either a show of hands or by the use of ballot papers which had been prepared.
Resolved by 6 votes to 3 to decide by a show of hands.

For the Bridge Ward vacancy , Councillor Helsby stated that he had no hesitation in nominating Ken Denton who had previously served on the Town and held the office of Mayor in 2007 – 2008.
Seconded by Councillor Thomson.

Councillor S. Rock, in nominating Bernard McCartin, spoke of his previous service as a Town Councillor and also as former Town Mayor and paid tribute to his contribution to the community, especially, until recently, to the Royal British Legion.
Seconded by Councillor L. Rock.

Resolved to co-opt Ken Denton as Member for Bridge Ward by 6 votes to 3.

For Lever Park Ward, Councillor Helsby, in nominating Councillor Richard Silvester, mentioned that he was already known to Members as a Bolton Ward Councillor representing this ward
Seconded by Councillor Root

Barbara Anne Galloway had been nominated by Councillor Flanigan and seconded by Councillor Downes.

Resolved to co-opt Councillor Richard Silvester as Member for Lever Park ward by 6 votes to 0 with 3 abstentions.

All candidates were thanked for their nominations.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –SEE ATTACHED LIST:

TC 3009 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £1,911.12

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 18 APRIL 2013:

TC 3000 Resolved that the date for the next meeting of the Town Council as 18 April 2013
Councillor Kellett declared the meeting closed at 7.29 pm

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Chairperson

Date