

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday, 18 July, 2013 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: C. Root (in the Chair), K. Helsby, J. Kellett, J. Lavin, L. McCartin, J. Silvester, R. Silvester, K. Thomson.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
Mr Andrew Chalmers, Principal Development Officer Planning Strategy, Bolton Council
Bolton Ward Councillor, A. Cunliffe
7 members of the public
1 member of the press

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 3044 Councillor Root outlined the procedure

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 3045 Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors K. Denton, K. Ramamurthy, L and S. Rock due to ill health and Councillor Flanigan due to 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 3046 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 3047 It was resolved to move out of Committee to allow members of the public to speak.

Concerns were expressed by a member of the public about the neglected state and deteriorated condition of the back street behind Brownlow Road and its junction with St Annes Road which had been in this state for many years. The same member of the public raised the issue of a lack of an audible bleeper on the pedestrian crossing on Lee Lane which which presented a clear danger for partially sighted users. Another member of the public wished to pass on his thanks, through the Town Council, to Bolton Council who had dealt quickly and effectively with his request for a dropped kerb to be installed on Chorley New Road to facilitate access for wheelchair users like himself to Kildonan House surgery.

Members asked the Town Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of Bolton Council detailing these issues which have been brought to the attention of the Town Council, with a request that action be taken to address these where necessary.

Councillor Root thanked both members of the public for their attendance and comments.
Moved to return to Committee.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 27 JUNE 2013.

TC 3048 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 27 June 2013.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 JUNE 2013:

TC 3049 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 June 2013.

TO APPOINT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO SERVE ON SUB COMMITTEES, ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2013 – 2014 AS APPROPRIATE:

TC 3050 Following the recent bi election Councillor J. Silvester had expressed a request to be appointed to the Grants to Voluntary Groups and Newsletter Sub Committees. As clarification had been received from the Monitoring Officer that there is still a requirement for Town Council representation on Bolton Council Standards Committee, Councillor Flanigan had requested that she should continue to serve on this Committee.

Resolved unanimously to appoint Councillor J. Silvester to Grants to Voluntary Groups and Newsletter Sub Committees and to appoint Councillor Flanigan to continue to serve on Bolton Council Standards Committee.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –SEE ATTACHED LIST:

TC 3051 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £8,999.79

Councillor J. Silvester arrived at this point

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 22 AUGUST 2013:

TC 3052 Resolved that the date for the next meeting of the Town Council as 22 August 2013

Councillor Root declared the meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Chairperson..... Date

