

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday 24 June 2021 in the Saddlery, Horwich Community Centre, Beaumont Road, Horwich commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: S. Denton (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, M. Baines, J. Bostocksmith, S. Chadwick, A. Coward, D. Grant, S. Rock, G. Stone, P. Wright.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson.

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 3981 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 3982 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors Brady, Burke, Rotheram and Williamson.

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

TC 3983 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 3984 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 20 MAY 2021:

TC 3985 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20 May 2021.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 MAY 2021:

TC 3986 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 May 2021.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY GROUPS SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 JUNE 2021:

TC 3987 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Groups Sub Committee held on 14 June 2021.

TO APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, BALANCE SHEET AND SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021:

TC 3988 In response to a query regarding the matter raised by the Council's internal auditor regarding future investment strategy, the Town Clerk

confirmed that appropriate action would be taken to ensure compliancy with the Joint Panel and Accountability and Governance Practitioners Guide. Resolved to approve the income and expenditure account, balance sheet and supporting statement for year ending 31 March 2021.

TO APPROVE THE LOCAL COUNCILS, INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS AND OTHER SMALLER AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2020/2021 SECTION 1 – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/2021:

TC 3989 Resolved to approve the Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and Other Smaller Authorities in England Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/ 2021 Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021.

TO APPROVE THE LOCAL COUNCILS, INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS AND OTHER SMALLER AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2020/2021 SECTION 2 – ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2020/2021:

TC 3990 Resolved to approve the Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and Other Smaller Authorities in England Annual Governance Statement and Accountability Return 2020/2021 Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2020/2021.

TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING ADVISORY GROUPS FOR 2021 - 2022:

TC 3991

- a. Resolved to appoint Councillors Bostocksmith, Grant and Stone to serve on the Youth Council Steering Group for 2021 – 2022.
- b. Resolved to defer the appointment of Members to serve on the Events Steering Group to the next meeting of the Council due to the absence of Councillors Brady and Williamson who had expressed a wish to serve on this group.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 3992 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as and amounting to £17,639.94 as follows:

C. Hutchinson (Petty Cash)	£50.00
G. Stone (Re-imburement for 1x monthly Zoom Standard Pro subscription)	£14.39
Blacksheep Business Communications – d/d (Phone and internet provision 01/06/21 -30/06/21)	£45.00
HR Solutions – d/d (HR retainer - June 2021)	£178.80

Leach Briely Accountants (Payroll services 01/03/21 – 31/05/21, auto enrolment and real time initiative compliance services, checking of 2020/21 wages records, submission of year end PAYE documents and completion of employees' P60s)	£372.00
Nationwide Capital Finance (Quarterly rental for Ricoh IM C2000 printer/copier)	£ 471.00
Ramblers Association (Bolton Group) (Grant award)	£500.00
Bolton Stone Restoration Ltd Repairs to Saddlery roof	£1,497.00
Tameside MBC - GMPF (Pension contributions June 2021)	£1,530.02
HM Revenue and Customs (PAYE tax month 2)	£1,981.73
Transfer to Town Mayor's Charity Account (2 nd instalment of mayoral allowance)	£1,000.00
Transfer to Salaries and Wages Account	£10,000.00

Payments to the Ramblers Association were made in accordance with LGA 1972 s137 and to Bolton Stone Restoration in accordance with the Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s19

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 22 JULY 2021:

TC 3993 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 22 July 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.26 pm.

Chairperson..... Date.....

