

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 22 June 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm.

RESENT Councillors: S. Rock (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, R. Bamforth, S. Burke, G. Campbell, S. Chadwick, D. Grant, V. Rigby, C. Rotheram, J. Scoble, J. Walton, S. Williamson.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

PL 4361 Councillor Rock outlined the fire and safety evacuation procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

PL 4362 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillor McKeon and an apology for lateness from Councillor Grant.

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

PL 4363 In order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where the decisions about planning would be made, Councillor Bamforth stated that he would take part in the discussion but would abstain from voting.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 MAY 2023:

PL 4364 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25 May 2023.

TO DISCUSS THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARISH (TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SCHED 1, PARA 8):

PL 4365 **15598/23**
Silecroft, Princess Road, Lostock
Demolition of existing conservatory and the erection of a two storey extension to side to include first floor balcony

Resolved to recommend approval.

16006/23

2 Harts Houses
Erection of garden room and associated access steps into reduced level front garden space to include provision of below ground electric cable

There had been 1 objection received – this is essentially a repeat of a previous refused application but for the removal of a chimney; concern what the garden room will be used for; contrary to Green Belt policy; no parking facilities other than one narrow space in front of the proposed plot; detriment to neighbours' residential amenity; overshadowing and loss of privacy to neighbour; negative effect on the character and appearance of the area; concern about who they would get to build the garden room (this is not a material planning consideration)

The previous application had been recommended for approval at Horwich, refused at Bolton due to the proposed development by virtue of its size, siting and design will have a detrimental effect on the openness of the Green Belt, the character and appearance of the conservation area and is contrary to policies CG3 and CG7AP of Bolton's Core Strategy.

Highways and PROW commented that electrical cable insulation for the proposed work will need to be undertaken under an appropriate street works activities permit which would need to take into consideration PROW (HOR15) which runs along Old Rake to ensure that it is fit for the public to use

Resolved to recommend refusal

15996/23

Horwich Parish C of E Primary School, Church Street

Listed building consent to remove internal cast iron columns to the school assembly/dining hall

There had been 1 letter of support – will enhance the school's facilities. GMAAS commented that the proposed work will not harm any known or suspected below ground remains of archaeological interest.

Resolved to recommend approval

Councillor Grant arrived at this point and stated that in order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where the decisions about planning would be made, he would take part in the discussion but would abstain from voting.

16061/23

131 Longworth Road

Installation of a dropped kerb and area of hardstanding to side

No objections from Highways

Resolved to recommend approval

16120/23

92 Ainsworth Avenue

Erection of ground floor balcony to front

No objections from Highways.

Resolved to recommend approval.

CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED TO ALL COUNCILLORS): FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- PL 4367
- a. Bolton Council: notification of temporary traffic order (Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) Lostock Lane into De Havilland Way – no left turn from 26 June for approximately 4 days for telecoms
 - b. Bolton Council: Public Footpaths Blackrod 015/011/010 and Horwich 179/105 Temporary Closure Order from 29 May 2023 (Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S14 (1)) for approximately 6 months to facilitate the construction of an estate road
 - c. Freshwave Facilities Ltd: pre consultation advice for proposed upgrade to existing base station installation 12579 Gordons Horwich Station, Horwich, Bolton BL6 6DT (NGR: E364489, N410710)
 - d. Bolton Council: notification of temporary road closure (Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) Chorley New Road (one-way closure) from 19 June 2023 for approximately 1 week for resurfacing.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AS 20 JULY 2023:

- PL 4368 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Planning Committee as 20 July 2023.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- PL 4369 These included concerns regarding the Knowles Farm development, Possibility of enforcement action on a property on Brownlow Road and issues for some residents of Singleton Avenue in relation to access to their back gates due to Pickups Field development.

The meeting closed at 7.44 pm.

Chair..... Date.....

