

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish of Horwich held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 20 April 2023 commencing at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: S. Chadwick (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, M. Baines, J. Bostocksmith, M. Brady, S. Burke, S. Denton, D. Grant, S. Rock, C. Rotheram, G. Stone, P. Wright
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
2 members of the public

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE THE FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

AMP 139 Councillor Chadwick referred all Members to the fire evacuation procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

AMP 140 None received.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF HORWICH HELD ON 11 APRIL 2022:

AMP 141 Resolved to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Horwich held on 11 April 2022.

TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR 2022 – 2023 AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2021 -2022:

AMP 142 The Chairperson referred to the Annual Report and Financial Statement which had been circulated to all Members and thanked the Deputy Town Clerk for preparing this.

Resolved that the Annual Report of the Town Council for 2022 – 2023 and the Financial Statement for 2021 – 2022 be received.

TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR 2022- 2023:

AMP 143 Resolved to receive Members' Attendance Record for 2022 - 2023 as presented.

ISSUES RAISED BY HORWICH ELECTORS:

AMP 144 A local resident raised concerns about the quality of the workmanship of relaying of paths and the failure to return the cobbles in Station Park following work on flood alleviation measures. Comment was also made about the lack of transparency regarding planning and infrastructure that had accompanied the growth of Horwich over the past few years, particularly the new Leisure Centre which was 50% smaller than the old one.

The Town Clerk advised that this was not a matter within the remit of the Town Council and should be referred to one of the Bolton Ward Councillors. Members were informed that the new paths had to comply with disability access legislation and in answer to a query it was confirmed that the new flood alleviation mechanism had been tested successfully.

It was noted that Councillor Chadwick had requested the return of the cobbles on previous occasions and that Councillor Grant would take up this matter following receipt of photographs.

Members of the public were thanked for their attendance.

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

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