

## HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 25 January 2024 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: D. Grant (in the Chair), R. Bamforth, S. Chadwick, K. McKeon, V. Rigby, S. Rock, J. Scoble, P. Wright  
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

### CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4584 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

### TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4585 Apologies received from Councillors Aldcroft, Campbell and Walton were noted.

No apologies had been received from Councillors 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 4586 In order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where the decisions about planning would be made, Councillor Bamforth and Councillor Grant stated that they would take part in the discussion but would abstain from voting.

Councillor Rock stated that he would abstain from discussion and voting on planning application 17379/23 as the applicant was known to him.

### 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, INCLUDING SPECIFIC PLANNING APPLICATIONS. MAXIMUM PERIOD 15 MINUTES

TC 4587 None.

### TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

TC 4588 Resolved to approve the minutes of the following meetings:  
a. Town Council on 21 December 2023  
b. Planning Committee on 21 December 2023  
c. Annual Meeting of the Council on 15 May 2023

### TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUEST FOR 2024 – 2025 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ON 11 DECEMBER 2023:

TC 4589 Resolved to approve the Council's budget and precept request for 2024 – 2025 as recommended by the Finance and General

Purposes Committee on 11 December 2023.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4590 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £ 3,813.08:

Blacksheep Business Communications (Phone & internet to 31/01/24)	£33.98
HR Solutions Ltd (HR retainer- Jan)	£173.88
Illumidex (Hire of mobile elevating working platform required for installation and removal of Christmas lights)	£1,404.00
Tameside MBC – GMPF (Pension contributions – Jan)	£2,201.22

Payments to Blacksheep Communications and HR Solutions were made by direct debit and to Illumidex in accordance with LGA 1972 s144

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

TC 4591 17336/23  
8 Sky Lark Close  
Erection of a single storey side and rear extension

Resolved to recommend approval.

17379/23  
Curley's Dining Room Ltd, Curley's Trout Fishery, Wallsuches  
Erection of a single storey extension to existing dining room

Resolved to recommend approval, subject to the condition that the materials used should be sympathetic to the surrounding Wallsuches conservation area.

17448/24  
8 Walker Fold, Walker Fold Road  
Installation of replacement window to front elevation and associated works

17449/24  
8 Walker Fold, Walker Fold Road  
Listed building consent for replacement window to front elevation

and associated works

Resolved to recommend approval of both applications, subject to the condition that the materials used should be sympathetic to the surrounding conservation area.

**BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

TC 4592            The contrary planning decisions were noted.

**CORRESPONDENCE EMAILED TO ALL COUNCILLORS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

TC 4593            None.

**TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ON 12 FEBRUARY 2024:**

TC 4594            Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 12 February 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.24pm.

Chair.....

Date.....