

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 April 2024 commencing at 7.43 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: D. Grant (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, S. Burke,
R. Bamforth, G. Campbell, S. Chadwick, V. Rigby, J. Scoble,
J. Walton, S. Williamson, P. Wright
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
7 members of the public

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4648 Councillor Grant outlined the procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4649 Apologies were noted from Councillors McKeon and Rock, an
apology for lateness from Councillor Bamforth.

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

TC 4650 In order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's
Planning Committee where the decisions about planning
would be made, Councillor Grant stated that he would take
part in the discussion but would abstain from voting.

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 4651 A representative from Horwich Harriers, Mr Glynne Lever spoke to Members about the increasing difficulties of organising the annual Rivington Pike Fell Race, particularly in regard to the arrangement of and the cost of the necessary road closure. It was suggested that in order to secure the future of this historic event, could Council consider providing financial assistance for this purpose.

The Town Clerk explained that Horwich Town Council has never arranged or directly paid for any road closures. Pre-Covid involvement was limited to passing on to Bolton Highways information received for planned dates of on the road events. The general understanding at that time was that costs for the advertising of road closures would be minimal for groups involved if these were combined as one traffic order. During lockdown all events were cancelled and post-Covid some have not returned as on the road events, and communication with Highways was problematic, to say the least. Going forward, groups wishing to holding events requiring road closures are advised to arrange this directly with Bolton, with the option to apply to Horwich Town Council for grant funding for event costs. It is important to note that grants are not awarded retrospectively, however an application for funding for next year's Pike Race would be considered.

Councillor Grant stated that, in the meantime, consideration would be given by the Area Forum for funding towards costs for this year's Pike Race.

Mr Lever thanked the Council for their support.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 21 MARCH 2024:

TC 4652 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 21 March 2024.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE EVENTS STEERING GROUP HELD ON 24 MARCH 2024:

TC 4653 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Events Steering Group held on 24 March 2024.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4654 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £6,928.63:

| Payee | Summary | Amount |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Franking Sense | Underpayment of copier count charges | £3.56 |
| Blacksheep Business Comms.* | Phone/internet 01/02/24 – 30/04/24 | £34.10 |
| Sage UK * | Accounts software – April | £92.40 |
| HR Solutions * | HR retainer - April | £173.88 |
| Lloyds Multipay Card Services* | Payments 01/02/24 -31/03/24 | £185.93 |
| Leach Briely Accountants | Completion of internal audit to 31/12/24 | £600.00 |
| Bolton Stone Restoration ** | Cleaning of Loco Works War Memorial | £780.00 |
| Tameside MBC – GMPF | Pension contributions – April | £2,295.88 |
| HM Revenue & Customs | PAYE month 12 | £2,762.88 |

Payments marked * were made by direct debit, payment marked ** in accordance with War Memorials (Local Authority Powers) Act 1923 s1 extended by LGA 1948 s133

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 4655 17957/24
15 Purbeck Drive
Erection of porch at front together with conversion of existing garage to form habitable room with removal of garage door to be replaced with window.

Resolved to move out of committee to allow members of the public to speak. Neighbouring residents had raised objections to the application due to the proposed extension being forward of the building line and not in keeping and out of character with the street scene and also requiring steps, not shown on the plans, and which would extend almost to the pavement. There were also concerns about increased car parking on the road due to a lack of off-street parking associated

with this application.

On return to committee, the residents were advised that should the Planning Officer be mindful to approve this application as a delegated decision, they could ask a Ward Councillor to consider requesting that it should be considered by the Planning Committee.

Resolved to recommend refusal due to the impact on car parking as the extension will take away off road parking and its design is not in keeping and is out of character with the street scene.

18007/24

Former agricultural building, Horwich Moor Farm, Matchmoor Lane
Prior approval application for the proposed change of use of an agricultural building into 1 No. dwellinghouse together with associated operational development.

Resolved to move out of committee to allow a member of the public to speak. The applicant, Mrs Tracy Millar informed Members that this was a re-submitted application that had been recommended for approval at Horwich and refused by Bolton on grounds of lack of information to prove that the building had been solely in use as an agricultural building and also an agricultural building could not be adjoining a house. This was disputed by the applicant who confirmed that the building had been used solely for agricultural purposes since planning permission was granted in 2013 and this and along with the expansion of the farm could be fully evidenced by the existence of animal movement licences.

On return to committee, it was resolved to recommend approval and Mrs Millar was thanked for her attendance and the information provided.

17849/24

Essity UK, Mansell Way
Outline planning application for employment development comprising up to 33,189 sqm of B8 uses and ancillary development with all matters reserved for future consideration save for access

Resolved to recommend approval.

17816/24

Caldbeck, Chorley Old Road
Variation of condition 16 (approved plans) on application 11071/21.

Resolved to recommend approval.

17953/24

Horwich Health and Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Road

Siting of 2 no. wall mounted signs to front and side together with 1 no. totem signage at building entrance

Resolved to make no comment.

17919/24

44 Kensington Drive

Demolition of existing rear conservatory and the erection of a single storey rear extension

Resolved to recommend approval.

18000/24

4 Wilson Fold Avenue

Demolition of existing conservatory and attached converted garage at side together with erection of a single storey side extension.

Resolved to recommend approval.

17994/24

167 Crown Lane

Installation of window to side elevation to ground floor flat together with reducing size of existing window to first floor flat

Resolved to recommend approval.

17927/24

68 Chorley New Road

Demolition of existing dwelling and detached garage together with erection of 1 no. new dwelling

Resolved to recommend approval.

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

17908/24

Flat above 349 Chorley New Road

Erection of first floor external deck area to flat and rear store below

Resolved to recommend refusal due to loss of privacy of neighbours at rear.

17980/24

Toro 69 Church Street

Erection of external seating area to side elevation together with installation of double doors replacing existing window

Resolved to recommend refusal as the terrace is obtrusive and by virtue of its height and scale has a negative impact on the surrounding conservation and completely unacceptable to bulldoze the wall of a 400 year old building and then submit a retrospective application after the development has been completed. Council requested that Councillor Rigby ask for this application is considered at Planning Committee.

17860/24

67 Evergreen Avenue

Erection of 2 no. dwellings with new access off Greenstone Avenue together with proposed plant room behind brick boundary wall

Resolved to recommend refusal due to overdevelopment as limited space for landscaping and is not in keeping with the character and appearance of the surrounding area.

17731/24

Cuboid Self Storage, Lostock Lane

Continued use of car park for the temporary installation of self-storage containers

Resolved to recommend refusal due to unsightly visual impact and concern about the contents of the containers and the temporary nature of the application. It was noted that this was a retrospective application and that enforcement action had started in response to residents' concerns.

17916/24

48 Old Vicarage Road

Erection of single storey extension to side together with demolition of existing carport and retention of single storey garage

Resolved to recommend approval.

17894/24

Lesi Carwash, Chorley New Road

Retrospective application for the erection of building to forecourt together with the change of use of the building to car servicing

Resolved to recommend refusal due to inappropriate development due to size and scale, noted the retrospective nature of this application.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TC 4656 Noted.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: FOR INFO.ONLY:

TC 4657 a. Cavendish Consulting: meeting invitation re planning application 3158/22 for new Aldi store at the junction of De Havilland Way and

Chorley New Road.

- b. Bolton Council: Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan 2022 to 2039 Adoption Statement
- c. Bolton Council: notice of temporary road closure for Bolton Community 10k run on 28 April 2024 De Havilland Way from Mansell Way to Burnden Way 7.00am – 1.00pm approx.
- d. Horwich Heritage: objection to planning application no. 17980/24 Toro, 69 Church Street.

The Town Clerk had made Members aware of a complaint from a member of the public about the badly littered state of the Eccleston Homes building site on Lever Park Avenue next to the perimeter fence near Old Lords Farm and beyond and reported that the rubbish had now been cleared.

The correspondence was noted.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 13 MAY 2024:

TC 4658 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 13 May 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....

