

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 21 March 2019 commencing at 8.10 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: J. Bullock (in the Chair), M. Brady, S. Chadwick, R. Graham, M. Jarvis, J. Kellett, K. McKeon, G. Stone, P. Wright.
Deputy Town Clerk, C. Morris
2 members of the public

CHAIR TO OUTLINE THE FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

PL 3895 Councillor Bullock outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

PL 3896 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors Carruthers, Denton Holmes, Rock and Root.

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

PL 3897 Councillor McKeon declared a personal interest in planning application 05582/19

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2019:

PL 3898 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 February 2019.

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

PL 3899 In order to reserve her right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where the decisions about planning would be made Councillor Kellett would not take part in the discussion or voting

05250/19

Montcliffe Quarry, Georges Lane

Application for a lateral northerly extension to the existing quarry in order to facilitate the extraction of grit stone for the purpose of producing high grade stone and aggregates

45 objections had been received for this application which had been circulated to all Members prior to the meeting. Councillor Bullock informed members that he had attended the liaison committee which was rather subdued and felt the issues raised seemed to be concerns over the existing operations rather than the application itself. Members expressed concern over potential repeated applications and variations being made from the applicant. Members felt it wasn't possible to make an informed decision until further information had been provided. Councillor McKeon advised Members that the application would not be considered at Bolton Planning until end of May due to awaiting further information from the applicant.

It was noted that there was a feeling of disconnect with the Bolton Planning Officers who once attended Planning meetings as they gave Members and the public more information on important applications and answered queries and concerns residents may have had but due to financial cuts, this was no longer feasible.

Resolved to recommend a request from Councillor McKeon to receive a briefing from a Planning Officer prior to the meeting and to defer the application for consideration at the meeting of the Planning Committee on 18 April.

05389/19
6 Chorley New Road
Erection of timber framed shed/storage extension at side.

There had been no objections and one comment from Highways.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

05486/19
Mirwood, Fleet Street
Demolition of existing garage together with erection of a two-storey extension to front and side and single storey extension at rear with balcony over

There had been 2 objections due to the balcony overlooking the garden and bedrooms and increase in noise and 1 letter raising no objection.

Resolved to recommend refusal of this application due to being within a conservation area and not in keeping with the surrounding area. Members requested Planning Officers considered the slope of the area when making a decision.

05504/19
42 Kensington Drive
Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension together with conversion of garage to habitable room

Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

05517/19
12 Shaftesbury Close, Lostock
Erection of single storey extension to side and rear

Resolved to recommend approval of this application with 1 abstention noted.

05535/19
6 Medway Drive, Horwich
Erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension

There had been one objection due to overshadowing and balcony overlooking neighbour as property is lower down.

Resolved to recommend refusal of this application.

05559/19

14 Grace Street, Horwich

Erection of a single storey extension at rear together with replacement rear dormer.

There had been 1 comment from a neighbour requesting soundproofing between properties.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application,

05582/19

2 Hughes Avenue, Horwich

Erection of a single storey extension to rear

There had been 1 objection regarding loss of light and flooding if trees and shrubs are removed

Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

05587/19

20 Mallard Drive

Erection of part two storey/part first floor side/rear extension together with conversion of garage to habitable room including a single storey extension to front. Re-roofing of existing conservatory.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

PL 3900 None.

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

- PL 3901
- a. Bolton Council: notification of nomination of Horwich RMI Club, Ramsbottom Road, Horwich as an Asset of Community Value
 - b. Bolton Council: notification of temporary road closures, Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1994. Various streets for Civic Events 2019
 - c. CPRE: march newsletter.
 - d. CPRE: draft response from Directorate of Place to the Town Council's request for a drop-in session in Horwich on the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework Revised Draft prior the deadline for comments on 18 March

The correspondence was noted.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING AS 18 APRIL 2019:

PL 3902 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting as 18 April 2019.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

PL 3903 Councillor Bullock had spoken with Michelle Horrocks from Department of Place regarding the allocation of Bolton Councils £12 million being distributed to district towns. Bolton Council will appoint a delegated Officer in June to discuss proposals and funding allocated to Horwich.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chairperson Date.....