HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 23 January 2025 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: I. Aldcroft (Chair) G. Campbell, S. Chadwick, D. Grant, V. Rigby, S. Rock, C. Sears, P. Wright Assistant Town Clerk, E. Tonge Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4866 Councillor Aldcroft outlined the procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4867 Apologies were noted from Councillors Bamforth, Burke, McKeon, Scoble, Walton and Williamson.

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

TC 4868 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 4869 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2025:

TC 4870 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 13 January 2025.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4871 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment amounting to £6,320.60:

Payee	Summary	Amount
Blacksheep Business Communications*	Phone/internet 01/11/24 – 31/01/25	35.72
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Membership renewal 2025	36.00

Leach Briely	Balance due on invoice no 30317 – VAT underpayment	90.00
Horwich Community Centre	VAT refund to 30.09.24	579.66
HM Revenue & Customs **	PAYE Month 9	2,984.09
Tameside MBC – GMPF	Pension contributions – January	2,595.13

Payments marked * were made by direct debit, ** authorised out of committee.

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 4872 19466/24

4 Medway Drive

Erection of two-storey extension at front with canopy together with two-storey extension at rear

Resolved to recommend approval.

19485/24 30 Thirlmere Avenue Erection of a two-storey extension at side and single storey extension to rear

Resolved to recommend approval.

19550/25 60 Fall Birch Road Demolition of existing rear single storey extension and garage together with the erection of a two-storey rear extension and garage to side with hip to gable roof conversion

Resolved to recommend approval with condition that appropriate materials are used.

19561/25

Vale Farm Cottage, Vale Avenue Demolition of existing garage together with erection of two-storey rear extension

Resolved to recommend approval.

19580/25

St Mary's RC Primary School, Victoria Road Erection of a 2.4m high weldmesh security fencing to part of external perimeter together with erection of a 1.8m high mesh internal fencing adjacent to school car park, main entrance and playground and an additional installation of an external pedestrian gate on the Victoria Road elevation of the school to facilitate independent

Resolved to recommend approval and asked if the potential right of way to Dale Street West and Back Dale Street West could be looked at with regard to this application..

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TC 4873 None.

CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED TO ALL COUNCILLORS) AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TC 4874 a. Bolton Council: notice of partially successful nomination from Horwich National Spiritualist Church to list Horwich Clinic, Jones Street as an Asset of Community Value

The correspondence was noted.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN OUNCIL AS 13 DJANUARY 2025:

TC 4875 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 10 February 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Chair Date.....