

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 20 February 2025 commencing at 7.15 pm.

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

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:
TC 4891 Councillor Aldcroft outlined the procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:
TC 4892 Apologies were noted from Councillors Bamforth, McKeon and Rock.

TC TO REMIND MEMBERS TO MAKE A DECLARATION CONCERNING ANY MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING OF WHICH THEY HAVE AN INTEREST:
TC 4893 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 4894 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2025:
TC 4895 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 10 February 2025.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION WORKING PARTY HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2025:
TC 4896 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Public Consultation Working party held on 5 February 2025.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE CIVIC SIGNS AND AWARDS SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2025:
TC 4897 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Civic Signs and Awards Sub Committee held on 10 February 2025.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE HORWICH COMMUNITY CENTRE SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2025:

TC 4898 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Horwich Community Centre Sub Committee held on 11 February 2025.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4899 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment amounting to £:6,924.60

Payee	Summary	Amount
Blacksheep Business Communications*	Phone/internet 01/12/24 – 28/02/25	36.59
Local Government Association	Employer subscription 2025 - 2026	556.80
Thomas Fattorini Ltd	Pat Mayor & Mayoress's medals 2024 - 2025	1,212.29
HM Revenue & Customs **	PAYE Month 10	2,773.88
Tameside MBC – GMPF	Pension contributions – February	2,345.04

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 4900 19589/25
 91 Catherine St East
 Change of use and alterations to existing vacant industrial unit/offices to form 7no one bed apartments with associated works.

This was a resubmission of previous application 10636/21 now expired. Comments from Flood Risk Team requesting a Sustainable Drainage Systems Strategy in order for application to be validated in order to demonstrate sustainable management of surface water run-off from the proposed development. No objection from Pollution Control and will require submission of PRA before any further comment. No objection from Highways as principle of change of use to residential was approved under previous application with 7 parking spaces as indicated on site plan to be conditioned.

Resolved to recommend refusal due to concerns raised regarding lack of parking, increased traffic, lack of bin storage and excessive number of apartments being proposed.

19394/24
 2 Berne Avenue
 Erection of a single storey side and rear extension

Resolved to recommend approval

11963/25

13 Snowden Drive

Erection of a single storey extension at side.

Resolved to recommend approval

19615/25

377 Chorley New Road

Demolition of existing garage and erection of 1no 4-bedroom dwelling House

No objections from Highways, as indicated on submitted site plan to be conditioned as an approved drawing, amendments to vehicle access crossing onto Chorley New Road as indicated on submitted site plan to facilitate access to both properties. United Utilities had provided wastewater and water distribution plans for the site which may affect proposed layout.

Resolved to recommend approval

19675/25

Uplands, Princess Road

Erection of dormer at rear and rendering to existing single storey extension at rear

Resolved to recommend approval

19688/25

Crantock, Princess Road

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 1no replacement residential dwelling

Pollution Control requested conditions to include a Construction Environmental Management Plan and PRA to determine potential contamination with remediation if required. Highways had no objections as traffic impact probably comparable to existing situation and level of car parking appears to meet Council parking standards. A bat survey undertaken and no evidence of bats recorded, property has low bat roost suitability.

Resolved to recommend approval

19671/25

Oak Lea Stables, Brownlow Road

Creation of hardstanding around riding area to form looped track to provide a greater winter turnout area

Resolved to recommend refusal due to inappropriate development in Green Belt and possible increase in traffic.

19454/24

36 Bond Close

Conversion of existing garage to granny annexe together with erection of front bay window

Resolved to recommend approval.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TC 4901 Contrary planning decisions were noted.

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

- TC 4902
- a. Bolton Council: confirmation from Planning Inspectorate re. appeal APP/N4205/W/24/3357841 against Council's refusal of planning application 17731/24 Cuboid Self Storage, Lostock Lane for continued use of car park for temporary installation of self-storage containers, example letter posted to neighbours
 - b. Emerson Group: information re. proposed planning application for M & S, Middlebrook Retail Park.

The correspondence was noted.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 10 MARCH 2025:

TC 4903 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 10 March 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Chair Date.....

