

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 24 July 2025 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: K. McKeon (Chair), G. Campbell, S. Chadwick, D. Grant, S. Williamson. C. Moncado Sears.
Town Clerk, M. Brady.
2 Members of the Public.

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4931 Councillor McKeon outlined the procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4932 Apologies were received and noted from Councillors Aldcroft, Bamforth, Burke, Rigby, Rock, Scoble, Walton, Wright.

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

TC 4933 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.
Councillor Chadwick declared an interest in the RMI Cricket Club and stated while he would take part in the discussion, he would not vote.

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 4934 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 19 June 2025:

TC 4935 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 19 June 2025.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRANTS
TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2025:

TC 4936 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the
Grants to Voluntary Organisations held on 19 June 2025.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PC WORKING
PARTY MEETING HELD ON 17 JULY 2025:

TC 4937 The auto generated report for the online responses and the
hard copy survey responses to Questions 2 and 3 were
collated and presented to Council in a written report. It was
requested the full results from the hard copies be added,
members were advised the hard copies were available in the
Clerk's Office for inspection.
Whether the meeting of the PC Working Party was quorate
was questioned, it was explained the purpose of the meeting
was to collate the results into a report for Council, which
completed the requirements stated in the Terms of
Reference for the Working Party.
Councillor Grant moved the report be approved and a named
vote be taken, this was seconded by Councillors Campbell.
Councillor Moncado Sears moved approval be deferred, this
was not seconded so failed. Council voted on the motion to
approve the report as follows;
For: Councillors Campbell, Grant, Williamson. McKeon (4)
Against: Councillor Moncado Sears (1)
Abstain: Councillor Chadwick (1)

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4938 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment amounting
to £21,140.52

Payee	Summary	Amount
Bolton Council	Winter Gritting	14,400.00
Blacksheep Business Communications*	Phone/internet 01/05/25 – 31/07/25	35.21
Sage Accounting*	Monthly Subscription	112.80
		1,750.00
HM Revenue & Customs **	PAYE Month 3	3,633.00
Tameside MBC – GMPF**	Pension contributions – July	1,367.80
HR Solutions*	Monthly Subscription	173.88
JRB Enterprise Ltd	Poop scoop bags	36.43
Signs of the Times Ltd	Civic Plaque Club Houses	581.40
<u>LGA 1972 s137</u>		
Horwich Harvest Project	Grant for Replacement and renewal of equipment	200.00
St Catherines PCC	Grant for Additional Seniors' Teas	500.00
Horwich Community Choir	Grant For Refreshments	100.00

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):

TTC 4939

20137/25 Erection of a single storey extension at side together with replacement of existing roof on chiller and fridge storage unit | Unit 5 Lodge Bank Bolton BL6 5HY

Accept. 4 for, 1 abstention

20564/25 Erection of a maintenance building | Bolton Wanderers Football Academy Lostock Hall Farm Ox Hey Lane Lostock Bolton BL6 4BS

Accept. 4 for, 1 abstention

20595/25 Change of use from dwelling (c3) to office (class e). | 26 Church Street Bolton BL6 6AD

Recommend refusal on the grounds of potential negative impact of any signage on a row of terraced houses in a conservation area. Potential disruption to neighbours in wholly residential area. 4 for, 1 abstention.

20676/25 Demolition of existing stables and erection of 1 no. detached dwelling. | Hilltop Stables Georges Lane Bolton BL6 6RT

Recommend refusal on the grounds of inappropriate development in green belt and a conservation area, referenced by previous application. 4 for, 1 abstention.

20447/25 Erection of a new external plant to support new clean room | Hitachi Automotive Products Ltd Aspinall Way Bolton BL6 6JH

Accept. 4 for, 1 abstention.

20554/25 Replacement of existing side extension with a new single storey side extension. | 8 Ardley Road Bolton BL6 7EG

Accept. 3 for, 2 abstention.

20612/25 Erection of a single storey rear extension together with enlargement of garage. | 60 Fall Birch Road Bolton BL6 4LG

Accept. 3 for 2 abstentions.

20659/25 Demolition of existing and erection of a new single storey extension at rear. | 8 Ridgmont Drive Bolton BL6 6RR

Accept. 3 for, 1 against, 1 abstention.

20643/25 Erection of a single storey side extension with a new access. | 18 Hawthorne Avenue Bolton BL6 6JD

Accept. 3 for, 2 abstentions

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TC 4940 These were noted.

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

TC 4941 The correspondence was noted.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 21 August 2025:

TC 4942 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 21 August 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Chair Date.....

