

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 21 August 2025 commencing at 7.15 pm.

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

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4943 Councillor McKeon outlined the procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4944 Apologies were received and noted from Councillors Aldcroft, Bamforth and Rigby.

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

TC 4945 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 Social Club and Horwich Heritage, both are non-pecuniary.

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 4946 Three members of the public present, none spoke.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 24 July 2025:

TC 4947 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 24 July 2025.

TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR LARGER GRANTS SUBMITTED BY HORWICH HERITAGE FOR THE SUM OF £1500.00:

TC 4948 Resolved to approve the grant application to Horwich Heritage for the sum of £1500.00

TO APPROVE THE REPORT TO COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE 'APPLICATION FOR BORROWING APPROVAL FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS':

TC 4949 Resolved to approve the report supporting the 'Application for Borrowing Approval for Parish and Town Councils.'

TO APPROVE THE DRAFT 2025 – 2026 BUDGET SUPPORTING THE 'APPLICATION FOR BORROWING APPROVAL FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS':

TC 4950 Resolved to approve the draft budget 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 supporting the 'Application for Borrowing Approval for Parish and Town Councils.'

TO APPROVE THE 'APPLICATION FOR BORROWING APPROVAL FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS':

TC 4951 Resolved to approve the 'Application for Borrowing Approval for Parish and Town Councils.'

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4952 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment amounting to £3893.00

Payee	Summary	Amount
Bolton Council	Summer Planting	1280.40
Blacksheep Business Communications*	Phone/internet 01/06/25 – 31/08/25	36.64
Sage Accounting*	Monthly Subscription	112.80
Franking Sense Ltd	Printers	194.00
HM Revenue & Customs **	PAYE Month 4	894.87
Tameside MBC – GMPF**	Pension contributions – July	1200.41
HR Solutions*	Monthly Subscription	173.88
		£3893.00

(* payment made by direct debit, ** authorised out of Committee)

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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 4953

Planning Decisions on 21st August 2025 Town Council meeting

20724/25 | ERECTION OF A NEW OFFICE BUILDING | Bolton Wanderers Football Academy
Lostock Hall Farm Ox Hey Lane Bolton BL6 4BS

Resolved to recommend approval

20601/25 | REFURBISHMENT OF VACANT SHOP WITH CONVERSION OF FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR INTO 2 NO.SELF CONTAINED APARTMENTS TOGETHER WITH DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE. | 159 Chorley New Road Bolton BL6 5QE

Concerns about parking to be addressed.

Resolved to recommend approval

20786/25 | INSTALLATION OF 1 NO. SELF CONTAINED APARTMENT TO SECOND FLOOR. | 224 Chorley New Road Bolton BL6 5NP

Resolved to recommend deferral as all members were unable to access the application on the Planning Portal.

20766/25 | ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION AT FRONT TOGETHER WITH INSTALLATION OF A NEW FENCE AND GATE. | 13 The Strand Bolton BL6 6DB

Resolved to recommend refusal on the grounds of the height of the proposed gate and fence being out of character with the surrounding properties and the existing street scene.

20692/25 | DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CONSERVATORY TOGETHER WITH THE ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION. | 56 Napier Drive Bolton BL6 6GF

Resolved to recommend refusal on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site.

20745/25 | ALTERATIONS OF AN EXISTING SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION WITH THE ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION WITH INTEGRAL GARAGE TOGETHER WITH RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION | 2 Sefton Lane Bolton BL6 6HJ

Resolved to recommend refusal on the grounds of overdevelopment and out of keeping with the character of the area.

20819/25 | CHANGE OF USE FROM DWELLING (CLASS C3) TO RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTION (CLASS C2) TOGETHER WITH ERECTION OF BOUNDARY FENCE AND VEHICLE ACCESS GATE. | 1
Greenway Bolton BL6 6RP

Resolved to recommend approval

20795/25 | CHANGE OF USE FROM DWELLING (C3) TO 4 NO. BEDROOM HMO. (SUI GENERIS) |
73 Chorley New Road Bolton BL6 7QA

Resolved to recommend refusal for the following reasons; Existing HMO at number 63 Chorley New Road, close proximity will adversely affect the character of the adjacent and surrounding neighbourhood. Commercial bin storage on a main road frontage of a residential area, inappropriate.

20684/25 | ERECTION OF 2 NO. DWELLINGS. | Corner Of Captain Street And Mottram Street
Captain Street Horwich Bolton

Resolved to recommend refusal on the grounds of unsuitable orientation.

**BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR
INFORMATION ONLY:**

TC 4954 These were noted.

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

TC 4955 The correspondence was noted.

**TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN
COUNCIL AS 18 September 2025:**

TC 4956 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town
Council as 18 September 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.56 pm.

Chair Date.....

