

Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackrod Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Blackrod Library/Council Services on Monday 24th April 2017

Present

Councillor. Mrs A Cunliffe (**Chairman**)

Councillors

Mr S Batchelor
Mr G Farrington
Mrs I Seddon
Mr J Price
Mr M Hollick

Also Present: Mrs S Lowis (**Town Clerk**) 12 members of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting proper, The Chairman of the Town Council led a tribute to Councillor Mrs Pat Barrow who had sadly passed away after completing 30 years of service to the Town Council and people of Blackrod Councillors and members of the public wholeheartedly responded that Councillor Mrs Pat Barrow will be sadly missed.

The Chairman of the Council also welcomed back Councillor John Price following his recent spell of convalescence.

The Chairman then convened the meeting proper.

230. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Bury (Snr) and Councillor Bury (Jnr) and the reasons for absence were noted, approved and accepted.

231. Minutes of Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 4th April 2017

It was moved by Councillor Batchelor and seconded by Councillor Mrs Seddon and voted in favour and

Resolved.

- 1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 4th April 2017 be received and signed as a true and accurate record with an amendment at Minute No 229 made by Councillor Cunliffe which should include the point that TfGM had agreed to replace bus shelters**

232. **Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Cunliffe exercised her right not to speak on any planning applications so as not to lose her right to speak on any applications when submitted to Bolton Planning Committee.

233. **Planning Applications. (Received from the meeting of the Town Council Planning Committee held on 24th April 2017)**

It was moved by Councillor Batchelor and seconded by Councillor Hollick and agreed by all and

Resolved

- 1. That the following planning applications, details of which had been previously circulated to members and considered and voted on at the meeting of the Town Council Planning Meeting held on 24th April 2017, together with comments made be duly noted.**
- 2. That prior to Councillor's considering each application at the Planning Committee meeting, members of the public present were given the opportunity to speak to the Town Council on any particular planning application as listed.**

**00526/17 61, Vicarage Road retention of porch and canopy
To front.**

No members of the public spoke in connection with the application. Councillors queried the storage requirement for bins and for clarity of the length and position of the canopy in question. Councillors voted to pass no further comments.

**00642/17 6, Blackhorse Street erection of dormers to front
And rear elevations to form loft
Conversion and erection of single
Storey ext at rear.**

No member of the public spoke in connection with the application and councillors voted to offer no comment

234. Planning Decisions

Resolved

That the list of planning decisions and conditions made by Bolton Council, copies of which had been previously circulated are received and noted.

235. Planning Correspondence/ Items on planning matters.

Hill Lane

Resurfacing Works

The Town Clerk read a notification, previously circulated, in regard to the resurfacing works scheduled to commence on 24th April.

Resolved.

- 1. That the information be received and noted**

Blackhorse Street Development

**Update on 2 items brought up in
Previous public participaton.**

Councillor Price provided information on an incident involving an ambulance/ collision with walls belonging to neighbours, down the Public Right of Way 078 next to Blackrod House. Councillor Price also provided an update in regard to the topic which had been muted of yellow lines on the corner of the road and a loading bay/ vehicle entrance in the same area, following the intended removal of the former public toilets. Councillor Farrington indicated that he would be against the removal of the former toilet block but agreed that the yellow lines would only further add to parking issues further along the road. It was proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Hollick and voted in favour by all present and

Resolved.

- 1. That the further updates be received and noted**
- 2. That the Town Clerk make enquiries in connection with the legalities surrounding PROW and an update on the bollards for the same location.**

236. Public Participation

Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned for 15 minutes to allow for public participation

A member of the public requested that in the light of the matters being raised as updated in connection with the development at the former Waste Recycling Centre could a meeting be arranged between Council members, residents and the developers and Care Home.

(Following agreement with council members, the Town Clerk stated that she would look in to the question raised)

Resolved.

1. Members of the public were thanked for their contributions by the Chairman on all matters.

236. **Correspondence**

No correspondence was received for the meeting.

237. **Blackrod Neighbourhood Plan Update**

In the absence of Councillor Bury (Snr) the Town Clerk stated that a further update would be given in the report for the month of May in June as the month of April activities had not yet been finalised due to the early meeting.

Resolved.

1. That the update from the Town Clerk be received and noted

238. **Nominations for a replacement representative on the LALC**

Following a request by the Town Clerk this item was deferred to the next Council meeting to allow for all members to be present.

Resolved.

1. That the item be deferred until the council meeting being held in June.

239. Roads and Footpaths & Maintenance Issues

Council members detailed areas of concern, which included previously identified issues as well as new areas including-

The resurfacing of Hill Lane was met with approval.

The footpath on Scot Lane continues to be blocked with vehicles

The Town Clerk reminded council members that reports to the relevant departments could be given direct by Council members and residents alike and that councillors did not have to wait to report any issues through a council meeting.

Resolved.

1. That the information be received and reported, where applicable.

240. Finance

It was moved by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Councillor Mrs Seddon and voted in favour by all and

Resolved

1. That the Chairman, Clerk and two members sign an authorisation amounting to £4992.24(four thousand nine hundred and ninety two pounds 24p) dated 24th April 2017.
2. That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed.

241. Site Visits

No Site visits were arranged.

242 Other Matters/ Future Agenda Items for consideration

Agenda Items for June 5th Meeting given at the meeting.

Access at Nightingale Road/ Chorley Road

Cllr Hollick

MOT Testing Station

Requesting police action for the blocking of public footpaths on Scot Lane(Councillor Farrington)

243. **List of Outstanding Correspondence**
Resolved

1. That the list of outstanding correspondence be received and noted

244. **Reports from Ward Councillors**

No reports were received from ward Councillors present or in writing.

The next meeting of the Town Council was confirmed as the 5th June 2017 at 7pm. (instead of May 1st a Bank Holiday)

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed.....Chairman