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Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackrod Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Blackrod Library/Council Services on Monday 4th February 2019

Present

Councillor. Mr S Batchelor(**Chairman**)

Councillors Mr G Farrington
Mrs S Warburton
Mr A Bury (Snr)
Mr J Price
Mrs S Gaskell
Mrs I Seddon

Also Present: Mrs S Lowis (**Town Clerk**) and 9 members of the public and Ward
Councillors Mr S Pickup and Mrs S Baines

168 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Hollick and Councillor Bury (Jnr)and the reasons for absence accepted.

169. Declarations of interest

Cllr Batchelor

Agenda Item 5

Planning

170. Planning Applications.

It was moved by Councillor Warburton and seconded by Councillor Mrs Gaskell and agreed by all and

Resolved.

1. That the following planning applications, detail which had been previously circulated and voted on at the planning meeting held on 4th February 2019, 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.

05214/19	17, Harrison Cres	Erection of single storey ext at Front together with conversion Of existing garage to create Additional habitable space & Single storey at rear.
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Councillors offered no objections to the planning application

05262/19	14 Carlton Close	raising of existing ridge height Along with erection of side Dormer & a single storey Ext at the rear.
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Following some discussion councillors offered no comment on the application

05344/19	12 Clifton Drive	Erection of 2 storey side ext And installation of dormer To rear.
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Councillors voted to offer no comment on the application

05254/19	48, The Cheethams	Erection of 2 storey ext at Rear and 1st floor ext to side
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Councillors considered the submission and voted to raise no objections

171. Planning Decisions

Resolved.

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

172. Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 7th January 2019

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Seddon and seconded by Councillor Bury(Snr)
And voted in favour and

Resolved

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 7th January 2019 be received and signed as a true record.

173. Planning Correspondence/ Items on planning matters.

Wigan Council

Gtr Mcr Spatial Framework consultation

Resolved

1. That the item be deferred to the meeting of 4th March to allow for additional reading.
(Councillor Farrington added that the visual appearance should be an aspect Wigan Council undertake in the form of screening of properties bordering Aspall with Blackrod)

Chorley Council

Statement of community Involvement

The Town Clerk suggested that due to the short timescales any comments on the draft SCI should be forwarded to herself for collation, which will then be sent on the Chorley Council.

Resolved

1. That the document be received and noted
2. That the Town Clerk write to Bolton's CEO and ask if Bolton Council would be involving Town Councils in the preparation of any new policy document relating to Community Involvement.

174. Public Participation

A member of the public spoke in connection with the double standards Bolton Council appeared to show when dealing with certain aspects of planning procedures . For example, when objections are raised about certain matters such as TRO's and a re-consultation period takes place but not when planning applications are objected to.

Another member of the public, who is facing major concerns in connection with the issue of water damage on her land, despite concerns of this nature being raised with Bolton Planning in the earliest stages of the development of the area. The resident asked if this matter could be brought to the attention of the CEO during his visit with the Town Council and councillors stated that they would provide the CEO with her detailed concerns.

A member of the public spoke in connection with Dark Lane and ongoing concerns. The resident shared the communication with members where she had liaised with Bolton Officers and that works to improve Dark Lane were ongoing including cutting back the edges and removing debris from the area. The resident also commented that there had been 2 accidents on Dark Lane and fly tipping on the side of the road.

The condition of the flags on Meadow Way were also commented upon, showing signs of H &S Issues.

175. Correspondence

Request for a donation

Blackrod Scarecrow Festival

The Town Clerk read a letter from the organisers of the Annual Scarecrow Festival requesting that the Town Council consider a donation that would provide the transport for the two day of the festival for those residents and visitors who were less mobile to view the scarecrows around the village. The Town Clerk stated that there was funds to cover this request and it was proposed by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Councillor Bury(Snr) and voted in favour and

Resolved

- 1. That the letter and request for a donation of £400 be received and approved**
- 2. That the Town Clerk liaise with the organisers of the festival on the funding matter.**

Bolton Council

TRO 303920 Various addresses

The Town Clerk provided members with renewed papers in connection with the above TRO which due to objections being raised by the public had to receive a

renewed consultation. There was some debate as to whether the new papers included addresses belonging to a previous TRO and it was

Resolved

- 1. That the information be received**
- 2. That clarity should be obtained from the Bolton Officer in respect of the papers/ 2 x TRO**
- 3. That previous comments still stood in reference to earlier noted areas and forwarded to Bolton.**

Bolton Council

Road Closures Grimeford Lane

The Town Clerk provided members with information, previously circulated, regarding road closures on Grimeford Lane.

Resolved

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

176. Financial Estimates for 2019-2020

The Town Clerk referred to a set of documents previously circulated containing the financial estimates for the forthcoming year April 2019 to March 2020. Members having carefully considered the estimates and examined the proposals for increase/ decreases where applicable within the figures, voted unanimously in favour of the Town Clerk's/ RFO recommendations that would allow the Town Council to meet its financial obligations as well as carry out works that would create and promote community cohesion. It was to be noted that there was to be no increase requested for the third year running that would affect the residents of Blackrod. It was proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Farrington and voted in favour and

Resolved,

- 1. That the financial estimates as circulated and read be received, noted and agreed.**
- 2. That a precept request of £64847 be given to Bolton Council**
- 3. That the Town Clerk/ RFO be thanked for the work involved in the preparation of the 2019/2020 estimates in such thorough detail.**

177 Date for the Annual Parish Meeting

The Town Clerk in keeping with appropriate procedures asked council members to consider the date of the next Annual Parish Assembly. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Seddon and seconded by Councillor Price and voted in favour and

Resolved

- 1. That the date of the next Annual Parish Assembly be held on 16th April 2019**
- 2. That the Town Clerk proceed with due process ongoingly.**

178. Mayor Elect for 2019/2020

Councillors considered nominations for the position of Mayor Elect for the year 2019/2020. It was moved by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Councillor Mrs Seddon and unanimously voted in favour and

Resolved.

- 1. That Councillor Mr John Price be duly nominated as Mayor Elect for 2019/2020**

179. Deputy Mayor Elect for 2019/2020

Councillors did not receive any appropriate nominations for the above position and due to some council members not being in attendance, it was proposed by Councillor Warburton and seconded by Councillor Mrs Gaskell and voted in favour and

Resolved.

- 1. That the nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor Elect for 2019/2020 be deferred until the March meeting.**

180. Annual Meeting 2019

In keeping with appropriate council procedures, Councillors considered the date for the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Town Council. It was proposed by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Councillor Mrs Seddon and voted in favour and

Resolved.

- 1. That the date of the Annual Meeting be held on Monday May 13th 2019**
- 2. That the Town Clerk proceed with due process on-goingly.**

181. Flashing signage

Councillor Price gave members an update on a request from a resident regarding the possible installation of flashing lights that indicated horses were in the vicinity aimed at slowing down traffic. Councillors thought that as there are many stables within the village area that this would be a good item for consideration. Therefore it was proposed by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Councillor Bury(Snr) and voted in favour and

Resolved.

- 1. That the request be received and noted**
- 2. That the Town Clerk pursue the matter in hand with relevant departments ongoingly.**

182. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Councillor Bury(Snr) provided members with the monthly report of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for January 2019. This monthly update addressed points such as the Drop In event held at the Community Centre and 6 week pre submission consultation on the Draft Plan

Resolved.

- 1. That the monthly update be received**
- 2. That the Town Council continue to note the value of the work being carried out by Councillor Bury and the Steering Group.**

183. Roads and Footpaths & Maintenance Issues

Pot holes and issues with crumbling tarmac	Blackhorse Street
Flags	Meadow Way
Lighting	PROW off new development
HGV vehicles in village	Soil deposits
Horse Box/ HGV	Cul de sac off Scot lane

Resolved.

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

184. Finance

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

Resolved

1. That the Chairman, Clerk and two members sign an authorisation amounting to £3302.01(three thousand three hundred and two pounds 01p) dated 4th February 2019
2. That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed

185. **Site Visits**

No site visits were requested at the meeting.

186. **Other Matters/ Future Agenda Items for consideration**

The Town Clerk gave the dates for the house to house collections taking place by SCOPE as 1/4/19 to 21/4/19

The Town Clerk provided residents and members with details of the next few police surgeries being held in the Library Building 6-7pm on 28/2/19 and 28/3/19 and 25/4/19

The Town Clerk advised members that she had received a list of dates for the Community “Whats On” events, which she stated should ensure that many events are not clashing in the village. A very helpful tool.

Agenda Items for February 4th meeting - given at meeting.

Skip Hire	Councillor Price
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187. **Reports from Ward Councillors**

Ward Councillor Pickup reported:

That TFGM had agreed a new bus shelter for Blackhorse Street subject to a patronage count.

(The Town Clerk requested that Ward Councillor Pickup liaise with her on this matter as it had already formed part of a planning application AND

That a portion of the land in question now belonged to Blackrod Town Council and not Bolton Council or Highways and that the bus shelter should not impact on this portion of land as it had been designated for other purposes and that the Town Council had also been in touch with TFGM re its installation. Ward Councillor Pickup confirmed he would liaise with the Town Clerk)

Gave a report on recent numbers of burglaries in the last two weeks.

University of Bolton Stadium to stage 2 matches in the 2021 Rugby World Cup

Additional capital funding is being allocated for each ward in the borough. Councillor Pickup said he was seeking to use the majority of funding to repair the worst sections of road in Blackrod.

Bolton Council had received a good rating in a recent OfSTED for Adult & Community Learning.

A new driver feedback sign being erected at Wiggins Terrace to assist with slowing down vehicles.

Ward Councillor Mrs Baines reported:-

That details of the last 3 years data regarding the Two Towns Forum monies had been requested.

A request has been made for details of the deprivation fund formula which should also include Blackrod

Public Realm Budget is £22880.01 and Highways budget is £50K for the Ward. She is against email voting on how these monies should be spent and rightfully the view of the Town Council should be considered. This has been commuted back to the Area Coordinator and will keep the Town Council updated.

Erection of 5G masts being erected near to Station Road bridge/ chorley new road Horwich and one other.

Has looked in to the report of illegally parked cars in Blackrod (Now moved)

On going case works (as advised to Town Clerk) continuing with one showing no signs of contravening planning

Two Towns Funding given to Blackrod Luncheon Club £200 and Centenary Garden £100

Royal British Legion. Ward Councillor Mrs Baines has been appointed Poppy Appeal Coordinator for Horwich and is looking to suggest an amalgamation with Blackrod. Bolton now have their own Appeal Coordinator. More information to follow.

Invitation for councillors from Bolton at Home to view a shared ownership launch in Westhoughton on 19th Feb.

Ward Councillor Mrs Cunliffe written report

That dropped kerbs for Nightingale Road and Whitehall lane have been completed

That zebra crossing at Blackrod Primary School to be completed by mid march weather permitting

Bolton is investigating extra capital funding to improve highways and neighbourhoods.

(other items covered in additional reports and agenda item)

The next meeting of the Town Council was confirmed as the 4th March 2019 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed.....Chairman