

..

Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackrod Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Blackrod Library/Council Services on Monday 5th August 2019

Present

Councillor. Mr J Price (**Chairman**)

Councillors Mr G Farrington
Mrs S Baines
Mrs I Seddon
Mr M Hollick
Mr N Bell
Mrs S Gaskell

Also Present: Mrs S Lowis (**Town Clerk**) and 13 members of the public

40 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bury and Cllr Mrs Warburton and the reasons for absence accepted.

41. Declarations of interest

Cllr Hollick declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 – Planning application 06359/19

42. Planning Applications.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Seddon and seconded by Councillor Farrington 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 5th August 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.**

06232/19	Horwich Loco Works	Reserved matters Pursuant to outline App 91352/14 (erection of 402 dwell)
-----------------	---------------------------	--

Councillors commented that although they understood the need for the housing numbers, which had already received prior approval many years ago for the area known as the Loco Works in Horwich, they commented that the impact of the roadways and access points would cause major problems for Blackrod and that in their opinion further thought should be given to the impact on the infrastructure which is in place and further consultation should take place.

06359/19	44, Chorley Road	Erection of 2 storey Side extension
-----------------	-------------------------	--

Councillors offered no comment on the planning application

06374/19	the Cherry Tree	removal of 2 fixed canopies & erection of decking & retractable awning etc
-----------------	------------------------	---

Councillors offered no comment on the application other than to note that any safety measures recommended within the vicinity should be carefully considered and monitored.

43. 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.**

44. Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 1st July 2019

It was moved by Councillor Farrington 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 1st July 2019 be received and signed as a true record.**

45. Planning Correspondence/ Items on planning matters.

There were no planning correspondence or items in relation to planning matters at the time of the meeting.

46. Public Participation

Horwich Cllr David Grant submitted a document for Council members (which was moved to receive) in relation to the recent outbreak of flies which was received by council members in relation to a series of complaints being made.

Another local resident made comments in relation to:-

- current crime level in the village
- Housing statistics
- poor condition of pavements and weeds growing out of pavements

Comments were received from a local resident in connection with a recent burglary.

Another resident made comments in relation to Dark Lane and the volume of rubbish which continues to be dumped in that area.

A local resident commented on trees which are overhanging along the A6 Bypass

Another resident commented on Dark Lane as well in connection with the rubbish bin size and location and was there a possibility of 2 bins being placed in the area

The same resident commented on fences in the fields from Dark Lane leaning over and in parts trampled down and blockages to the stile in the area, The resident also added that the PROW was being blocked and signs moved as an act of possible discouragement for walkers to access the PROW

(The Town Clerk said that she would look in to the matter of the PROW and report other matters)

47. Correspondence

Request for donation

Blackrod Methodist Church

The Town Clerk provided members with a donation request from Blackrod Methodist Church which asked for assistance in the purchase of a new stairlift with quotation provided. Following discussion by members it was suggested that in the first instance a request should be made to the diocese for assistance with the purchase as under the Disability Act no one should be treated in an unequal manner when accessing provision. The Town Clerk stated that she would inform the church Secretary and that the letter requesting the donation would be held until such time they advised to the contrary.

Resolved.

- 1. That the request be received and noted and the Town Clerk assist the Church Secretary where it was possible.**

- 1. That the Town Clerk write to the Ward Councillors for Blackrod in this regard to see if there is anything available.**

48. Local Council Update

The Town Clerk provided members with the latest edition of the Local Council Update Briefings.(Green Paper)

Resolved

1. That the information be received and noted.

49. Current Fly infestation in the village

Councillor Price introduced the topic of the current fly infestation within the village. (It was recorded that as per the communication from Horwich Councillor David Grant, J.D Dickinsons had been given an all clear report as being responsible). It was identified that the Environment Agency had carried out an investigation in to the situation and it was proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Mrs Gaskell and voted in favour and

Resolved

- 1. That a request be made to Bolton Council for a copy of the report from their environmental services division.**

50. Speed deterrents on Chorley Brow – Update

Following a request to Blackrod Ward Councillors for assistance with requesting speed reduction measures for Chorley Brow/ Chorley Road, the Town Clerk provided information received from Ward Councillor Mrs Cunliffe, which had been detailed by Bolton Council Network Planning as to why the area would not be considered as meeting the road safety measures. However, Councillor Mrs Baines in her capacity as a Ward Councillor also provided an update in relation to the speeding issue and it was noted that a petition had been passed to a member of Bolton Council who would also be looking in to the situation and advices would follow in due course.

Resolved.

- 1. That the information from both parties be received and noted**
- 2. That Cllr Mrs Baines liaise with the Town Clerk on-goingly in regard to the situation.**

51. Site Visit Update. Manchester Road / Scot Lane area of the village. Parking Issues

Following a site visit to the area by council members a report was received which covered several points raised as to what may be solutions for the areas in question. It was however also noted that the promotion of waiting restrictions would be at a cost through Bolton Council and that funds for the request could not be found through the Town Council funds. Councillor Mrs Baines requested that the matter be left with her in the first instance to see what possibilities could emerge ongoingly. It was also suggested that a meeting with the management of the Owls Nursery could also prove

to be beneficial. Therefore it was proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Mrs Seddon and voted in favour and

Resolved.

- 1. That the report on the site visits be received and noted**
- 2. That the Town Clerk arrange a meeting with the management of the Nursery**
- 3. That an update be welcomed from ward Councillor Mrs Baines in due course.**

52. Neighbourhood Plan Update

No information and updates were included in the papers for this months meeting.

53. Anti Social behaviour in village

Cllr Price outlined some issues that had been happening within the village lately (including an item from Minute Number 46) and the Town Clerk and other members also contributed to information which was being reported almost daily. Members discussed how best to go about assisting all residents with their concerns and the Town Clerk informed members as to what information she had been giving to members of the public when they phones in the office. The Town Clerk also indicated that she had been given an invitation to attend a meeting with a local youth provider but that unfortunately she would be absent at the time of the meeting. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Farrington and seconded by Cllr Mrs Gaskell and voted in favour by all present and

Resolved

- 1. That the information and concerns of the general public be received and noted**
- 2. That in the absence of the Town Clerk, the Chairman should be in attendance at the meeting with the Youth organisation provider. (Phoenix Unit)**

54. Bolton Council's Governance Review

The Town Clerk provided members with both the context and outcome of the recent meeting held between the 3 Town Clerks including herself with Mr Andrew Campbell from the LGA as invited. The Town Clerk reported that she felt that there were differing observations between the three Town Councils in regard to the delivery of core business being carried out with the Borough Council and added that she herself in representing both the role of the Town Clerk 2019 and Town Council had widened the remit of the discussion on key strategic issues. Other information had already been passed on to council members following the meeting.

Resolved

1. **That the update be received and noted and the Town Clerk thanked for her input.**

55. Roads and Footpaths & Maintenance Issues

Councillors commented on works / items required for

Scot Lane – man hole fixed

Zebra crossing needing repainted

Chorley Road bend/ speed

Dropped kerbs crumbling already – wheelchair access a struggle

Resolved.

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

56. 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 £3860.78 (three thousand eight hundred and sixty pounds 78p) dated 5th August 2019**
2. **That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed**

57. Site Visits

None outlined.

58. Other Matters/ Future Agenda Items for consideration

The Town Clerk confirmed that TfGM had confirmed the location for the new bus stop on Blackhorse Street as suggested by the Town Council and will be setting a date for re-inspection in early September

The Solicitors acting on behalf of the Town Council re the transfer of land from Wiggitts had confirmed that all had been completed on 2nd August 2019. Funding from the developer will be transferred to the Town Council in due course

Agenda Items

Zebra Crossings (Cllr Hollick)

59. **Reports from Ward Councillors**

Cllr Peter Wright reported

That the £10 million pot of money for resurfacing works for the 20 wrds had received a further £2 million.

That he has been in touch with the local PCSO re speed deterrents and will report back ongoingly.

Monthly surgeries will be taking place date to be advised.

Ward Councillor Mrs Baines commented:-

That there is currently a polling station review taking place across the borough following geographical discrepancies being noted

23rd August Bolton food festival

**Lots of roads in the Ward being considered for updating works to be carried out
Grass cutting standards in Blackrod has been reported to John Sharrock (Bolton Council) who says he will investigate matters**

Community pay back being utilised to clear some of the fly tipping sites in Blackrod and Horwich

The TRO near nursely – advices to follow

Dog Fouling transfers now replaced on the ginnel behind the council chambers and other locations

Station road hedges have been reported and being investigated

Hole outside the cemetery ow being assessed

Horwich Health Centre Update a meeting has been arranged for the 19th August and an invitation is extended to the Town Council in Blackrod – re update on the development

The next meeting of the Town Council was confirmed as the Monday September 2nd 2019 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed.....Chairman

