

## **Blackrod Town Council**

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Blackrod Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Blackrod Library/Council Services on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019**

#### **Present**

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

Councillors Mr A Bury  
Mr M Hollick  
Mrs S Gaskell

**Also Present:** Mrs S Lowis (**Town Clerk**) and 15 members of the public

#### **60 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Farrington, Cllr Mrs Seddon Cllr Bell & Cllr Mrs Baines and the reasons for absence accepted.

#### **61. Declarations of interest**

No declarations were received for the agenda.

#### **62. Planning Applications.**

It was moved by Councillor Hollick 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September 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.

**06534/19                      Blackrod Church School                      Replacement of  
Roof covering**

Councillors offered no comment

**06533/19                      396 Manchester Road                      Erection of single  
Storey ext at side/ rear**

Councillors offered no comment on the planning application

**63. 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.

**64. Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

It was moved by Councillor Hollick and seconded by Councillor Mrs Gaskell  
And voted in favour and

**Resolved**

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 be received and signed as a true record.

**65. Planning Correspondence/ Items on planning matters.**

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

**66. Public Participation**

.A local resident made those present aware of an attempted break in at her house, which had been reported to police.

It was also noted that the local web site for GMP was stating that there had been no incidents in the village, which members of the public expressed concerns when clearly items had been getting reported.

Other residents raised the subject of the ASB in the village and in particular their concerns in relation to the Phoenix House project (See Minute Number 72 below)

*(The Town Clerk said that she would look in to the matters of the non recording of incidents with the local police.- Update: Police officers confirmed that a new system was being implemented which was having a few issues and should be corrected soon).*

**67. Correspondence**

**Request for donation**

**Haigh, Blackrod and Aspull  
Ploughing**

The Town Clerk provided members with a donation request from the organisers of this annual event, which raises monies for Bolton Mountain Rescue and which funding figures had been included in the annual estimates received in January. It was proposed by Councillor Hollick and seconded by Councillor Mrs Gaskell and voted in favour and

**Resolved.**

- 1. That the request be received**
- 2. That an amount of £300 be donated to the event and the Town Clerk to proceed with the payment.**

**Donation Request**

**Letter of thanks**

**The Town Clerk provided members with a letter of thanks from the Blackrod Luncheon Club for the recent donation made by the town Council.**

**Resolved**

- 1. That the letter and contents be received.**

**68. 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.**

**69. Zebra Crossing**

Councillor Hollick raised the issue of safety on the zebra crossing outside of St Katharine's church due to speeding vehicles through the village and no adequate warning signage. It was noted that although there is a small flashing light in the vicinity this is often obscured by parked vehicles on the approach to the crossing. It was proposed by Cllr Hollick and seconded by Cllr Mrs Gaskell and voted in favour and

**Resolved**

- 1. That a request be made to the Blackrod Ward Councillors to make a visit to the crossing, accompanied by Town Councillors to view the issue for themselves.**

**70. Speed deterrents on Chorley Brow – 2<sup>nd</sup> Update**

Following a request to Blackrod Ward Councillors for assistance with requesting speed reduction measures for Chorley Brow/ Chorley Road, where an earlier update has been given by Ward Councillor Mrs Baines and Ward Councillor Mrs Cunliffe the Town Clerk provided information received from Ward Councillor Peter Wright Who advised that he had been in touch with Horwich Police in relation to residents creating their own speeding signs on this area and reported that as long as residents do not try to imitate official police signage, they were free to do so and that this information had been passed to Police Traffic Department.

**Resolved.**

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

## **71. Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Cllr Bury gave a verbal update in regard to the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan which included that the group had received points for clarification from the Examiner which were being worked on and returned by 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

### **Resolved.**

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

## **72. Anti Social behaviour in village**

Cllr Price provided a report following his meeting with Next Stage Ltd, together with Cllr Mrs Baines,( as replacement to the Town Clerk) in connection with the issues being raised in relation to Phoenix House in the village. The report outlined issues which had been raised with the council. It was proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Bury and agreed by those present that a meeting should be arranged with members of the public and management of Next Stage, which would be facilitated by the Town Council.

### **Resolved**

- 1. That the information and concerns of the general public be received and noted**
- 2. That the Town Clerk liaise with management at Next Stage to arrange a meeting with both members of the Town Council and additionally include invited members of the public.**

## **73. Street Naming application**

The Town Clerk provided members with a street naming application for the area formerly identified as Valynette, Grimeford Lane. It was proposed by Cllr Bury and seconded by Cllr Hollick and voted in favour and

### **Resolved**

- 1. That the application be received with no objections to the naming requested now identified as Whitehill Valley.**

**74. Roads and Footpaths & Maintenance Issues**

Councillors commented on works / items required for

Zebra crossing needing repainted  
Little Scotland pathway signs fallen.

**Resolved.**

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

**75. Finance**

It was moved by Councillor Bury and seconded by Councillor Hollick and voted in favour by all and

**Resolved**

- 1. That the Chairman, Clerk and two members sign an authorisation amounting to £5050.50 ( five thousand and fifty pounds 50p) dated**
- 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019**
- 3. That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed**

**76. Site Visits**

**Zebra Crossing to be arranged with Ward Councillors and Cllr Hollick.**

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

The Town Clerk gave an update in relation to the continuation of the lighting situation on Nightingale Gardens. An outline figure for replacement was indicated by the Bolton Officer with a suggestion that the local Ward Councillors be requested to fund it. **(The Town Clerk stated that she would approach the Ward Councillors following their return to work.)**

The Town Clerk also reminded councillors of their meeting with her and representatives from TfGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept in regard to the replacement bus shelter location

**Agenda Items**

None given at the meeting.

**78. Reports from Ward Councillors**

**There were no reports from Ward Councillors for the meeting.**

**The next meeting of the Town Council was confirmed as the Monday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7pm**

**The meeting closed at 8.25pm**

**Signed.....Chairman**