

Blackrod Town Council

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

Present

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

Councillors Mr A Bury
Mrs I Seddon
Mr G Farrington
Mr N Bell
Mrs S Baines
Mrs S Gaskell

Also Present: Mrs S Lowis (**Town Clerk**) Ward Councillor P Wright and 11 members of the public

100 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hollick and the reasons for absence accepted.

101. **Declarations of interest**

None given

102. **Planning Applications.**

It was moved by Councillor Bell and seconded by Councillor Mrs Seddon 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 November 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.**

**06955/19 14, fryent Close Raising the height of existing
Boundary fence**

Councillors discussed the application and offered no comment

**07046/19 Land north of Boardman Outline application for
The erection of 1 detached
Dwelling.**

Councillors considered the application which provided very little information and required clarity on aspects such as was it a 2 or 3 bedroomed property: was it a single or two storey building. Members of the public spoke to object to the proposals. Following consideration councillors elected to request that the planning application should be dealt with by Bolton Planning Committee and would request that this happen through a Borough Councillor.

07052/19 16, latham Rd side and single storey rear ext

Councillors noted that this application and offered no comment

**06994/19 The Cherry Tree Ext to existing car park
(38 places)**

Councillors debated the aspects of the increase in seating area and modifications to the land structures from grass to gravel and understood the merits of local business increasing its capacity. However councillors voted to object to the planning application as inappropriate development on greenbelt land.

07109/19

Pennington Fold Farm

variation to existing
Condition 12 06103/19

As the variation concerned minor changes to windows and chimney, Councillors voted to offer no comment on the application..

103. 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.**

104. Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 7th October 2019

It was moved by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Councillor Bell
And voted in favour and

Resolved

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

105. Planning Correspondence/ Items on planning matters.

Bolton Council

**Report in relation to Blackrod
Industrial Estate**

The Town Clerk read a report received from a Development Officer from with the Enforcement section of Bolton Planning in connection with concerns raised over many years in relation to the Blackrod Industrial Estate and in particularly relating to a complaint that had taken over 12 months to be responded to. The report from Bolton outlined that some matters that had been reported were breaches of planning: unauthorised use: others which were deemed to be lawful matters and advisory items which were advised as being a matter for other agencies or departments within Bolton Council. Following councillors concerns on the matters that concerned Health and Safety and the Environment it was proposed by Councillor Bury and seconded by Cllr Farrington and voted in favour and

Resolved.

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

2. **That the Town Clerk write a formal letter to Bolton Council stating that the Town Council had tried on several occasions to point out the seriousness of some of the complaints and issues and that where they had stated that other departments and agencies should be contacted that they are advised that they actually do so themselves , following their own guidelines in their own best interests.**

106. Public Participation

No members of the public raised items under this agenda item.

107. Correspondence

Residents Letter 1 and 2

Parking Issues The Cheethams

The Town Clerk asked members to also take in to consideration an additional letter similar to the one received. Councillors acknowledged the second letter.

The two letters were read in conjunction in regard to parking at the Cheethams. The first letter was a request not to have yellow lines put in at the Cheethams address. This matter was in hand with Ward Councillor Mr Peter Wright who confirmed that through discussions in Bolton he could confirm that Bolton have no current plans to place yellow lines in this area.

The second letter is a copy of a letter sent to a local nursery and was written in regard to parking in the same area and along Manchester Road and a request for yellow lines to be placed in the areas which would cause further parking problems.

Resolved

1. **That council members noted the answer provided by Ward councillor Wright to letter No.1 and acknowledged receipt of copy letter No,2, in regard to a request for yellow lines.**

108. 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.**

109. LALC AGM and Resolutions.

Following The Town Clerk giving members details of the forthcoming Annual general Meeting of the LALC and asking if any member had any resolutions they would like to be considered for submission to the LALC by the given date. Councillors present confirmed that they had no Resolutions to forward this year.

Resolved

- 1. That information regarding the date of the LALC AGM be received**
- 2. That confirmation was received that the Town Council did not wish to offer any Resolutions for consideration at the forthcoming AGM**

110. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Councillor Bury gave his monthly update in regard to the Neighbourhood Plan and provided members with an update on the Plan which will go to full council meeting in Bolton on 22nd January 2020 and if approved will go to Referendum via Bolton Elections Department.

Resolved.

- 1. That the update from Councillor Bury be received and noted.**

111. Update in regard to the bus stop facility on Blackhorse Street

The Town Clerk provided members with an update on the already confirmed bus stop which will be erected on Blackhorse Street. A delay had been reported due to contractors stock but plans are afoot to have this in place as soon as possible. In addition following a request from the Town Council for a second bus stop to be erected across the road on Blackhorse Street Bolton Highways and GMP have approved the Town Council's request and a Patronage Survey is due to commence in early November. This survey will ascertain if the demand for the second bus stop can be justified. Further updates to follow in due course.

Resolved

- 1. That the update and information be received and noted**
- 2. The Town Clerk to continue to liaise with TfGM in this regard. Council members also thanked the Town Clerk for her persistence with this project.**

112. Update in regard to the Remembrance Day Poppy distribution

The Town Clerk provided members and residents present with an update on the poppies that were being erected throughout the village. This had taken place

following requests from local residents and confusion as to who would take responsibility for this years poppy display. It was the understanding from the majority of members that last year's display had been as a one off to commemorate the 100 years 1918—2018. However following many residents requests the decision had been taken for the poppies to be purchased using civic funds and any donations forthcoming would be given directly to the British Legion. Councillor Mrs Baines also brought members up to date with future possibilities going forward. It was decided that all 5 main entrances to the village would be covered this year. The Town Clerk informed members that decisions regarding any displays next year should be considered from a financial point of view in early spring 2020.

Resolved

1. **That the information be received and noted.**
2. **That a note of thanks be given to all those who helped to erect the poppies.**

113. Update in relation to zebra crossing on Church Street

(Item deferred to the next meeting in the absence of Cllr Hollick)

114. Report from recent Town Towns Forum Meeting

Cllr Price provided members with a report from a recent Two Towns Forum Meeting held on 8th October 2019. The meeting now only occurs once a year and 5 of the 6 Ward Councillors for the area had been present and approx. 20 members of the public. Cllr Mrs Baines added to the report to state that she had raised a couple of items in connection with funding pots, one of which was being looked at and the other where Blackrod had received nothing.

Resolved.

1. **That the report be received and noted**
2. **That Cllr Mrs Baines continue to pursue the financial matters on behalf of Blackrod.**

115. VE Day 2020

The Town Clerk updated members following clarification from the Blackrod Community Group that the Community Group did not have any activities planned to commemorate VE Day (the 75th anniversary of which will take place on 8th May 2020)other than to possibly lay a wreath. The Town Clerk also asked members to note that Bolton Council had currently no plans to move on this item either. However the Town Clerk will bring the matter to members attention again in the New Year,

Resolved.

1. That members note the various decisions in regard to the forthcoming event in 2020

116. **Remodelling of land on Blackhorse Street now owned by the Town Council**

The Town Clerk asked if members would set a date for a meeting of those interested in joining together her with ideas in regard to the remodelling of an area of Blackhorse Street. Members stated that this would be a good idea and it was

Resolved.

1. That the Town Clerk arrange a meeting for those interested in joining this working group.TBA

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

Councillors commented on works / items required for

A large hole appearing close to Blundell Lane.

That a reminder be sent in regard to painting the white lines in various locations which have become too faint.

Resolved.

1. That the information be received and noted.

118. **Finance**

It was moved by Councillor Bell 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 £4044.37 (four thousand and forty four pounds 37p) dated 4th November October 2019
2. That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed

119. **Site Visits**

No site visits were assigned.

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

The Town Clerk gave an update in relation to the track and car park at the side of the cricket club.

Cllr Price gave a quick update on the flooding which was occurring within certain areas of Blackrod which Bolton Floodrisk states is surface water. The matter is ongoing.

A number of burglaries had taken place in the village

Reminders were given in regard to the Remembrance Day Service being held on Sunday 10th November and Maroons being held on 11th November 2019.

Agenda Items

None given at the meeting.

121. **Reports from Ward Councillors**

Ward Councillor Peter Wright reported that:-

Updated on the issue with yellow lines which had been through mis information being quoted

That a larger sign had been requested for the pelican crossing

That a request for the next two town forum had been made to be held in Blackrod
Dealing with residents in regard to parking in the Cheethams area.

Ward Councillor Mrs Baines reported that:-

That there were still tickets left for the Annual Remembrance Concert in Bolton

A Brexit meeting was held on 31st October at the RMI club chaired by Chris Green

Sue Johnston has been appointed as the Brexit Lead for Bolton Council

October 14th saw the launch of Healthy Weights Initiative

Public Realm monies: Cllr Wright and Cllr Baines had attended a MOM meeting at

Town Hall to discuss Public Realm Monies and Community Safety monies. Of the

£800 left within the public Realm funds Cllr Baines had suggested that this money be spent on better signage at Blackrod Primary School.

Horwich Health Centre- ongoing issues awaiting confirmation of funding
Cllr Mrs Baines is going out with nursing services for the homeless. to gain an insight into their role (food kitchen etc)

TfGM have confirmed that the bus stop issue on the A6 is near to the busy road but no accidents have been reported. However they are recommending a hardstanding on the grass verges to allow pedestrians to feel safer but there is no funding and needs to be investigated.

It was requested that it be noted that there has been no Ward Councillors report from Ward Councillor Mrs Cunliffe for the fourth meeting in a row.

122 The Town Clerk requested that the chamber be cleared for consideration to be given to two confidential matters, which the Town Clerk brought to members attention.

Following closure of the meeting both matters were discussed by members of the Town Council and it was proposed by Cllr Farrington and seconded by Cllr Bell and voted in favour and

Resolved.

- 1. That the Town Clerk arrange a closed informal meeting of the Town Council to confirm actions to be taken regarding both matters.**

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

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Signed.....Chairman