

## **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> December 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  
Cllr M Hollick

**Also Present:** Mrs S Lewis (**Town Clerk**) Ward Councillor P Wright and 16 members of the public

#### 123 **Apologies for Absence**

All council members present for the meeting.

#### 124. **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Bury declared an interest in an item on the planning agenda.

## **125. Planning Applications.**

It was moved by Councillor Bury 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 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.**

**07353/19                      134, Greenbarn Way                      Conversion of loft**

Councillors discussed the application and offered no comment

**07125/19                      Blackrod Comm ctr                      Erection of outside  
Storage container**

Councillors offered no comment on the application

**07372/19                      The Cherry Tree                      Variation of condition 2  
On 06374/19**

Councillors noted that this application and offered no comment

**07294/19                      5, Hill lane                      Erection of single storey  
Side & rear ext &  
Demolish garage**

Councillors offered no comment other than the refuse bins require containment

**07231/19**

**Adjacent to Valynette**

**variation to existing  
Condition 19 04051/18**

Councillors stated that contradictory to what is said on the planning application the site can be seen from the road and perhaps planners would need to visit the site but otherwise offered no comment.

**07310/19**

**Huyton Lodge**

**Demolition of existing  
Conservatory & erection  
of single Storey ext at rear**

Councillors considered the application and offered no comment.

**126. 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.**

**127. Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 be received and signed as a true record.**

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

**At the time of the meeting no planning correspondence had been received.**

**129. Public Participation**

A member of the public brought up the matter of flooding in various parts of the village, including near to several addresses which were noted where water was running through gardens.

*(Councillors noted the concerned comments and it was advised that Floodrisk had been asked to carry out further investigations.*

**Resolved**

- 1. That the information be heard and that the Town Clerk contact Ward Councillors to request that they also look in to the issue raised with Floodrisk and Bolton Council.**

Another resident asked if there had been any feedback about the matter which had been raised about Dark Lane.

*(The Town Clerk advised that the information was with Ward Councillors who were to contact the resident concerned to assist with the matter)*

Another resident brought up the matter of the Post Office (within the Spa) reducing its opening hours of the Post Office again.

*The Town Clerk advised that she would ensure that contact be made with the GPO in this regard to request clarity as this is not what had been proposed when the suggestion of moving the Post Office to the Spa Shop had been identified.*

**130. Correspondence**

**At the time of the meeting no general correspondence had been received for the meeting.**

**131. Confirmation of decisions reached at the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The Town Clerk requested members to formally resolve the decisions made at the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in regard to the Town Councils complaint made to Bolton Council. *(The Town Clerk stated that there was to be no further discussion on this item during the meeting.)* It was therefore proposed by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Cllr Mrs Seddon and voted in favour and

**Resolved**

- 1. That the decisions taken at the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in regard to the Town Council's complaint be agreed.**

**132. Confirmation of decisions reached at a meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The Town Clerk requested members to formally resolve the decisions made at the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 with local residents and provision based in Blackrod in regard to the way forward. (*The Town Clerk stated that there would be no further discussion on this item at the meeting*) It was therefore proposed by Councillor Mrs Gaskell and seconded by Councillor Mrs Seddon and voted in favour and

**Resolved**

- 1. That the decisions taken at the meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in regard to forward planning for residents be agreed.**

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

Councillors commented on works / items required for

A large hole appearing close to Blundell Lane.

The repairs that had been made at the top of Hill lane had now become loose again.

Cllr Farrington indicated that the flooding in the area of Blackrod Primary School could be caused by gullies becoming blocked

Yellow lines outside the Primary school urgently need replacing as promised.

**Resolved.**

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

**134. Finance**

It was moved by Councillor Hollick 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 £3858.44 ( three thousand eight hundred and fifty eight pounds 44p) dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**
- 2. That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed**
- 3. That the Chairman, Clerk and two members authorise the transfer of £20,000 from the Deposit Account to the Main Account and £1500.00 from the Deposit Account to the Civic Account.**

135. **Site Visits**

**No site visits were assigned.**

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

Cllr Farrington asked members to note that the signs on the car park on Blackhorse Street had now been completed,

The Town Clerk advised that there would be works being carried out on the A6 on the following week, together with works on Station Road.

**Agenda Items**

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| Cllr Hollick | Zebra Crossing outside St Katharine's Church |
| Cllr Hollick | Concrete lamp standards                      |
| Cllr Bell    | Communication strategy                       |

137. **Reports from Ward Councillors**

**Ward Councillor Peter Wright reported that:-**

Cllr Wright advised that he had asked for the planning committee to make a site visit to the application regarding Boardman Street

**Ward Councillor Mrs Baines reported that:-**

That she had attended the Endeavour Service event at Bolton Central Library where one of the speakers had been the great grand daughter of Emeline Pankhurst. Health commissioning officers have given an update on the Horwich Health Centre in that it will be April 2020 until it is known if a bid for the works had been successful. Additionally the location may now change. Neighbourhood Management budget had been discussed in council last week and the suggestion that £15K be allocated to each ward had been called for further review. Attached for the Town Clerk council rules and regulations Bolton Mayors xmas Fayre will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> December Boltons new housing delivery plan is out for public consultation. David Johnstone has been appointed as the new geographical inspector for Bolton West.

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

**Prior to the close of the meeting the Chairman asked for the following point to be noted.**

- 1. That thanks were to be recorded for the quick response to the recent fire amongst student buildings in Bolton that had been undertaken by Local Services.**

**The next meeting of the Town Council was confirmed as the Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7pm**

**The meeting closed at 8.35pm**

**Signed.....Chairman**