

Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of an Extraordinary special Meeting of Blackrod Town Council held on Monday 4th May 2020

For the purpose of accountability and transparency, the items included in these minutes from the special meeting have followed the guidelines issued under the Coronavirus Act s78 in that provision has been made for members to participate in a meeting without all being together in the same place.

Present by agreed provision.

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

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

Also Present: Mrs S Lowis (**Town Clerk**)

1. **Apologies for Absence**

All members of the Town Council were present through their comments for the meeting

2. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Matters arising from previous minutes.**

The Town Clerk noted that there were no matters arising from the minutes which had been previously circulated.

4. **Planning Applications.**

It was moved by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Councillor Price as Chairman and agreed by all and

Resolved.

1. **That the following planning applications, details of which had been previously circulated and voted on at the planning section of the extraordinary meeting held for the 4th May 2020, together with comments made be duly noted.**
2. **That prior to Councillors considering each application due to the format of the meeting due to the Covid19 regulations no members of the public had asked for an opportunity to speak on any particular planning application as listed on the Council noticeboard.**

08120/20

Rivington Business Park

**change of use from
Commercial to
education
Purposes and various
Other works**

Councillors offered no objection to the planning application but whilst being supportive of the educational venture they did raise the issue of localised air quality within the locality and asked the planning committee to make appropriate air quality checks prior for safeguarding purposes for all concerned especially due to its close proximity to a recycling plant. Additional comments included the provision of additional car parking spaces from 11 to 13 but with a staff of 35 this may become an issue and parking in that area is already a cause for concern amongst residents.

08114/20 **565 Manchester Rd** **Erection of 2 residential Dwellings**

Councillors considered the application and offered no objection as long as the properties are in keeping with others in the same terraced block. It was noted that development work had appeared to have begun prior to the application being heard.

08169/20 **land south east of half acre lane** **erection of a hybrid Agricultural/ equestrian Building & hardstanding Yard area**

Council members noted that this was an application for an agricultural building and although in the greenbelt this type of structure is an accepted exception under the NPPF. Council members voted to offer no objections to the application but did indicate however that should lighting for the area be subsequently applied for that the level of angle and hours of permitted lights being given, that consideration is given to the local neighbourhood area so as not to become obtrusive.

08243/20 **Douglas House A6 Bypass** **outline application for The erection of one Residential detached Dwelling following Demolition of stables**

Councillors considered the application and voted unanimously to object to the application. The Blackrod Neighbourhood Plan in line with the NPPF and Bolton Council do not support development in the greenbelt unless it conforms to the qualifying exceptions. The proposed 2 storey dwelling would have an impact on the openness of the site over and above single storey stables so would be considered as inappropriate development in green belt.

08257/20 **3, Corston Grove** **Erection of 2 storey Side ext and a single Storey rear ext with Roof lights.**

Councillors considered the application and voted to offer no objections to the application.

5. **Planning Decisions**

Resolved.

1. **That the list of planning decisions and conditions made by Bolton Council copies were received and noted.**

6. **Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 6th April 2020**

It was moved by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Councillor John Price as Chairman and voted in favour and

Resolved

1. **That the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 6th April 2020 be received and signed as a true record.**

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

There were no planning correspondence for discussion

8. **Public Participation**

Due to the nature of the extraordinary meeting there was no public participation or verbal requests from the public.

9. **Correspondence**

Resident Letter in relation to a planning matter Greenbarn Way

The Clerk provided members with an update in regard to a copy letter which had been received in connection with a planning application made several weeks ago to which residents felt they hadn't been consulted upon and had raised several points with Bolton Council Planning Committee. The Town Clerk explained to members that the particular planning application had been before the Town Council at their meeting

on 2nd March, where council members had voted to object to the development on the grounds of over development. When a query was raised if the Town Council still got to hear planning applications the Town Clerk had advised the resident of the current situation in that planning applications were still be considered in line with recent legislation when dealing with the business and processes of the Town Council.

Resolved

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

10. Blackrod Post Office

Following several reports about the service of the Blackrod Post Office, including opening hours, The Town Clerk informed members that she had written to the General Post Office to advise on the current situation of changes to opening times and admittance to the general shop and had received an acknowledgement that the situation would be looked in to.

Resolved.

- 1. That the information be received and noted and outcome awaited in due course.**

11. Financial Support for Communities. (Copy letter previously circulated)

Councillor Bury asked for the above letter to be circulated and is seeking further information on the matter. This item may form the basis of a discussion at a future meeting.

Resolved

- 1. That the letter and information contained by received**
- 2. Cllr Bury to look in to the matter ongoingly and report back any findings.**

12. Remembrance Day 2020 Update

The Town Clerk advised members that following communications from Bolton Highways in connection with the Remembrance Day Parade 2020, she had sent out for several quotes in regard to the parade control, which were returning as extremely

expensive for what is involved. The Town Clerk advised that she was liaising further with GMP and that the matter would need further discussion with members in the future.

Resolved.

1. **That the information be received and noted**
2. **That the Town Clerk continue to liaise with various parties on the outcome for the Remembrance Day Service and Parade.**

13 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Bury provided information for members in regard to the consideration of Neighbourhood Plans that is in place effective from April 7th (Previously circulated). This information is for plans which have reached the Referendum stage and indicates that significant weight may now be given when planning applications are being considered.

Resolved

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

14. Roads and Footpaths & Maintenance Issues

Councillors advised that due to the current circumstances they had made their own arrangements to advise Bolton Council of repairs required for roads.

Resolved.

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

15. Finance

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

Resolved

1. **That the Chairman, Clerk and two members sign an authorisation amounting to £3078.33 (three thousand and seventy eight pounds 33p) dated 4th May 2020**

2. **That the Chairman, Clerk and two members sign an authorisation of transfer of funds from the Deposit Account to the Main Account for a total of £15,000**
3. **That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed**

16. **Site Visits**

No site visit were arranged.

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

No items were given for a future meeting

Other Matters.

The Town Clerk advised that she had now received the audit papers for this year and Work would be ongoing over the next couple of months

The Town Clerk advised that Blackhorse Street upgrade is making progress with brickwork and fencing in full swing. A delay on the arrival of materials being the only holdup.

The Town Clerk advised that Libraries and Museum Staff are returning to work but this does not include Blackrod Library at this moment in time.

Ward Councillors Cllr Mrs Baines and Cllr Wright have advised that they will let me have ongoing updates as and when they receive them for circulation.

I have been approached by a possible new service coming in to Blackrod, who are keen to develop an ongoing relationship with the Town Council and Community and once I have received additional information from them I will advise more in due course.

The next extraordinary special meeting of matters of the Town Council was confirmed as being conducted by Monday 1st June 2020 and the Town Clerk will advise members of any Agenda items or matters for discussion in the week prior to that date.

Signed.....Chairman

