

Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of an Extraordinary special Meeting of Blackrod Town Council held on Monday 2nd November 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**)

113 **Apologies for Absence**

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

114. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

115. Matters arising from previous minutes.

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

116. Planning Applications.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Baines and seconded by Councillor Mr 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 2nd November 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.**

06232/20	Morris Homes. Loco Works	Reserved matters Pursuant to application 91352/14
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Councillors reiterated only their comments sent on previous occasions

09435/20	Clairvaux Little Scotland	Erection of porch At front & detached Rendered garage at Rear & raising of Flat roof to hip roof
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Councillors considered the application and offered no comments

117. Planning Decisions

Resolved.

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

118. Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 5th October 2020

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Baines and seconded by Councillor Bury and voted in favour and

Resolved

- 1. That the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 5th October 2020 be received and signed as a true record.**

119 Planning Correspondence/ Items on planning matters.

Bolton Council

Projected land disposal (Bolton Council)

It was noted that Bolton Council's current SAMP list had identified an area for sale of within the village. Following discussions between members it was felt that this particular area had been cared for, for a number of years, outside the work remit of Bolton Council and it was therefore proposed by Councillor Bury and seconded by Councillor Farrington and voted in favour and

Resolved

- 1. That the information be received and noted**
- 2. That the Town Clerk write to Bolton Council to request that the area of land in question be either donated to the Town Council or leased to the Town Council on a peppercorn rental value**
- 3. That the Town Clerk write and request support from Ward Councillors on the matter as a matter of urgency.**

Station Road

Dog Boarding business

The Town Clerk advised members that a number of complaints had been received in connection with a dog boarding business which had been set up on Station Road. The Town Clerk reported that Bolton Council (various departments) had been advised and a site visit to the premises had taken place, with an initial indication being given that a

breach of planning control had taken place. The Town Clerk advised members that the outcome of the alleged breach would be advised in due course.

Resolved.

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

A6 Bypass

Caravan removal

The Town Clerk advised that following instructions received from Bolton Council advices were still awaited on the outcome of the removal of a caravan parked in grounds off the A6.

Resolved.

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

120. Correspondence

There was no external correspondence received for the November meeting.

121. Public Participation

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

122. Town Centre Regeneration Fund (Horwich/ Blackrod)

Previously, The Town Clerk had provided members with a paper outlining the progress on the above item following conversations with Bolton Council's Deputy Leader that confirmed Blackrod Town Council's position in regard to the regeneration funds. Confirmation had been received that Blackrod will receive some of the funding going forward and that suggestions should be forwarded to the Steering Group relating to Public Realm items. A list of items was circulated to council members for comments and a new collated list was prepared.

Resolved

1. **That the updated matter be received and noted**

2. **That Cllr Bury as the nominated council representative liaise with the Town Clerk on the decisions made by members and forward on to the Chair of the Town Centre Steering Group in due course.**

123. Remembrance Day Parade 2020 Further Update

The Town Clerk provided members with a further update on the current situation surrounding the Annual Service of Remembrance and Parade 2020. These concluded that with the Tier 3 regulations being in force, the Town Council would move to continue to organise Remembrance Sunday Wreath Laying and short service with only 6 nominated personnel being present. This information would be conveyed to the public together with additional information how members of the public could then go ahead and lay their own representative wreaths. Additionally, the Town Clerk advised that Maroons would continue to be fired in Blackrod, again with all social measures on distancing being carried out. It was proposed by Councillor Hollick and seconded by Councillor Mrs Seddon and

Resolved.

1. **That the information provided be received and noted**
2. **That the Town Clerk proceed with the necessary arrangements for both events.**
3. **That the Town Mayor lay a representative wreath on behalf of residents and Councillor Farrington as the longest serving Blackrod Councillor lay the wreath on behalf of the Town Council.**

124. Access to Knightswood & Cemetery Area

The Town Clerk advised members that she had received a request for the above item to be placed on the Town Council's agenda. However, whilst full meeting criteria and debate is restricted, the Town Clerk advised that this item be deferred until such time further debate can be concluded.

125. Town Council's Statement of Accounts for the period ending 30th September 2020

The Town Clerk provided members with the latest auditable review of statements of the current financial year to 30th September for noting or comment. It was proposed by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Councillor Hollick and voted in favour and

Resolved.

1. **That the timely reconciled accounts and statements to 30th September 2020 be received and noted and approved.**

126. Roads and Footpaths & Maintenance Issues

Councillors were advised that due to the current circumstances they should continue to make their own arrangements to advise Bolton Council of repairs required for roads in addition to those reported through the office of the Town Clerk. Some of those reported this month include, Greenbarn Way pot holes, blocked gulleys and broken signage, lines requiring painting and fly tipping along Dark Lane and the A6 Bypass.

Resolved.

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

127. Finance

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

Resolved

1. **That the Chairman, Clerk and two members sign an authorisation amounting to £4853.97 (four thousand eight hundred and fifty three pounds 97p) dated 2nd November 2020**
2. **That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed**

128. Site Visits

No site visit were arranged other than those in connection with ongoing works at Blackhorse Street (Garden area) which are continuing to be developed.

(Councillors were also requested to examine themselves any planning application areas on-going to aid feedback as required on applications)

Other Matters/ Future Agenda Items for consideration

No agenda items were reported, other than the matters already deferred.

Other Matters.

The Town Clerk also updated members that the next steps on the Blackhorse Street project included the digging over of the remaining front areas, weed killing and bark laying to repress the growth of unwanted foliage throughout the winter months. Grey slate has also been introduced along the frontage of the project and work is currently being reviewed in relation to the remaining areas which border Nightingale Gardens.

Notification in regard to the lighting of the Christmas Tree on Blackhorse Street will be shared as soon as official guidance has been cleared.

129. Ward Councillor Updates.

As previously agreed in the current climate Ward Councillor updates will be circulated as and when they are received to enable information to reach members as soon as is convenient. As they have not been read at the extraordinary meeting they are not included in the minutes but are noted as received and circulated and a copy kept within the Town Clerk's papers from

Updates circulated from Cllr Mrs Baines and Councillor Wright.

- 130. The next extraordinary special meeting of matters of the Town Council was confirmed as being conducted by 7th December 2020 unless otherwise informed and the Town Clerk will advise members of any Agenda items or matters for discussion in the week prior to that date.**

Signed.....Chairman

