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Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of an Extraordinary special Meeting of Blackrod Town Council held on Monday 4th January 2021

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**)

142. **Apologies for Absence**

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

143. **Declarations of interest**

No declaration of interests were declared

144. Matters arising from previous minutes.

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

145. Planning Applications.

It was moved by Councillor Farrington 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 4th January 2021, 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.**

09906/20

The Bungalow Leigh ten

**Removal of condition
3 on app 226311/04**

Councillors noted the request for the removal of condition and voted to offer no comment on the matter other than to ask Bolton Council to note that the restriction was placed by Bolton Council in 1971 under the Town and Countryside Planning and removal would require a legal act. Additionally, although in the majority council members were sympathetic to the current situation, to fully agree a removal would appear to set a precedent and/ or further opportunities for larger development at the location, which may not be appropriate. Additional comments included the suggestion that the farm may still be offering opportunities for the sale of farm products such as eggs and milk and as such could be said to still be operating under farming conditions which should be checked prior to any formal decision being made.

09946/20

Adjacent Valynette

**Variation to condition 19
On application 07979/20**

Councillors offered no comment to the application

09983/20 **91, Greenbarn way** **Erection of single storey front
Side and rear ext.**

Councillors offered no objection to the application

10040/20 **6 Castlecroft Ave** **Erection of single storey ext at
At side and rear**

Councillors offered no comment to the application

09950/20 **84, Greenbarn way** **Erection of single storey ext side
And rear**

Councillors voted to offer no comment as long as access was applicable.

146. **Planning Decisions**

Resolved.

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

147. **Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 7th December 2020**

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

Resolved

- 1. That the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 7th December 2020 be received and signed as a true record.**

Bolton Council

Projected land disposal (Bolton Council)

It was previously noted that Bolton Council's current SAMP list had identified an area for sale within the village, which had been cared for, for a number of years, outside the work remit of Bolton Council and a letter had been sent to Bolton Council on the matter. The Town Clerk advised members that in the latest follow up from Bolton Council they had confirmed that the piece of land at the top of Ridgeway/ New Street identified under Phase 1 of the SAMP would be deferred for decision until later in the year. The three remaining pieces of land identified are Half Acre Lane/ Chorley Road, Former Highways Depot at the foot of Whitehall Lane. It was proposed by Councillor Bell and seconded by Councillor Bury and voted in favour by all and

Resolved

- 1. That the information be received and noted**
- 2. That the Town Clerk write to Bolton Council to request that the Town Council is added to the list of consultees on all asset management issues to do with Blackrod.**
- 3. That the Town Clerk write and request that the Ward Councillors keep us informed on this item and any other item of a similar situation.**
- 4. That the Town Clerk in the first instance continues to liaise with Bolton Council on any future matters concerning land disposals by way of communication.**

Enforcement Updates.

Station Road

Dog Boarding business

The Town Clerk advised members that this item is still outstanding for a response from Bolton Council.

A6 Bypass

Caravan removal

The Town Clerk advised that the outcome on the above is still outstanding by Bolton Council, despite repeated reminders.

Dark Lane

Breach of notice. Planning consent

The Town Clerk provided members with a letter from Bolton Council advising that a breach of planning control may have taken place at the above location and which was being followed through by Bolton Council – who in turn had advised that there was no justification for pursuing the matter further and that the person responsible for the breach would be advised to regularise the matter as soon as possible.

Resolved.

- 1. That the matters in hand be received and noted.**

149. Correspondence

There was no external correspondence for the meeting.

150. Public Participation

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

151 Yellow lines

The Town Clerk advised that this matter had been deferred until a future meeting.

152. Council meeting dates

The Town Clerk provided members with a list of priority dates for future meetings but advised they were for information only and actuals will be confirmed in February's meeting.

Resolved

- 1. That this list be received**
- 2. That any amendments should be advised to the Town Clerk prior to the February meeting.**

153. 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, blocked drains, flooded areas and roadway on Hill lane near to the Goose and Gander has started to see deteriorating areas.

Resolved.

1. That the information be received and noted.

154. Finance

It was moved by Councillor Bell 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 £4153.75 (four thousand one hundred and fifty three pounds & 75p only) dated 4th January 2020
2. That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed

148. Site Visits

None advised.

Other Matters/ Future Agenda Items for consideration

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

Other Matters.

The Town Clerk advised she had chased the completing of the lights within the ginnel on Nightingale Gardens and had also reported the open electricity source buried in the Council owned garden area.

149. 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

- 141. The next extraordinary special meeting of matters of the Town Council was confirmed as being conducted by 1st February 2021 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