

Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of an Extraordinary special Meeting of Blackrod Town Council held on Monday 7th December 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**)

131 **Apologies for Absence**

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

132. **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Bury declared an interest in Agenda Item 13 (Town Centre Development)
Town Clerk: Item 12 on the agenda. Blackrod House.

133. Matters arising from previous minutes.

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

134. Planning Applications.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Seddon 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 7th December 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.**

09730/20	39, Greenbarn way	Erection of single storey Ext at side
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Councillors offered no comments or objections

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

Councillors also received information on a notification under county matters of a variation of condition (14) on planning application 97782/16 (additional access) to Montcliffe Quarry in Horwich.

135. **Planning Decisions**

Resolved.

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

136. **Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 2nd November 2020**

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

Resolved

1. That the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 2nd November 2020 be received and signed as a true record.

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

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. A response had been received from Bolton Council's Asset Management division, acknowledging the Town Council's concerns and thanking the council for their response to the consultation. The Town Clerk advised members that she was not aware of any consultations received or requested in regard to land disposals in Blackrod. It was therefore proposed by Councillor Bury and seconded by Councillor Hollick 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 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.

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.

Resolved.

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

138. Correspondence

Resident Communication

Hill Lane Junction with Vicarage Rd

The Town Clerk updated members on a communication she had received in regard to an accident which had happened at this junction where two cars had collided due to poor visibility through cars being parked on both sides of the road. The resident had asked what actions could be taken to avoid this happening again. The Town Clerk advised members that she had informed the resident concerned of the yellow lines due to be painted along Hill lane and that clarity on timescales would be requested from Bolton Council.

Resolved.

- 1. The items was moved to be received and noted.**

RAF Association

Letter of introduction

The Town Clerk advised that the above item should be deferred to a future meeting.

Resolved.

- 1. That the item be deferred to a future meeting be accepted.**

139. Public Participation

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

140 Youth Council Update

The Town Clerk updated members on the current position involving the Town Council's Youth Division whereas no joint meetings have taken place due to the restrictions imposed by the Covid regulations but advising members that the youth members had received their Youth Council and that they would write to the Town Council with any matters that may arise or initiatives to be undertaken ongoingly. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Gaskell and seconded by Councillor Price and voted in favour and

Resolved.

- 1. That the information be received and noted, with all current actions approved.**

141 Pelican Crossings in Blackrod

The Town Clerk informed members that Ward Councillor Peter Wright had advised that he had managed to get Bolton to agree to repaint all pelican crossings in Blackrod, which will also include the crossing outside the Health Centre, where members had shared concerns on its visibility.

Resolved.

- 1. That the information be received and noted, with thanks.**

142 Land for sale in Blackrod (opposite Blackrod Primary School)

The Town Clerk advised members of the update in regard to their requests involving this area of land. The Town Clerk advised that the owners of the land in question (Electricity North West) had decided to abandon the sale/ auction of this land due to difficulties previously not identified with cables running through the land in question. The Town Clerk advised that she had asked for the Town Council be kept in the loop should the matter in hand be resolved.

Resolved

- 1. That the item and update be received and noted.**

143. Yellow Lines in location of cemetery gates/ access to knightswood

This item on the agenda has been deferred until a future meeting

144. Blackrod House

(This item was to be removed from the agenda by the 3rd party. However following discussions amongst members it was resolved to record the outcome.)

The Town Clerk advised that members had received a preliminary request from Blackrod House to temporarily install a gated access to Blackrod House through land owned by the Town Council. This would allow visitors to visit relatives in keeping within government guidelines on access for relatives. A proposal was presented to yourselves, prior to withdrawal by the 3rd party and it was decided that the entry point which had been requested would not be suitable. However members confirmed that an alternative suggestion made by the Town Council for possible access through the rear fencing of the car park facility would be an option for future consideration. It was therefore proposed by Councillor Mrs Baines and seconded by Councillor Bell and voted in favour and

Resolved.

- 1. That the decision by the 3rd party to remove the request be noted**
- 2. That a suggestion made by members for alternatives be held on file for future references.**

145. Town Centre Regeneration Fund (Horwich/ Blackrod Development Areas

Regeneration Funding

Following a previous list of items being prepared from a number of outlets as well as yourselves on areas within Blackrod to be considered for development proposals in keeping with public Realm matters, an amended list was subsequently submitted to Horwich Town Centre Steering Group for submission to Bolton Council's project planners for consideration for funding support. Additionally it was agreed by the Horwich Steering Group that Blackrod Town Centre would be included in the title of the Steering Group and amended terms of reference issued. It was therefore proposed by Councillor Mrs Gaskell and seconded by Councillor Price and voted in favour by all and

Resolved.

- 1. That members agreed to the updated list going forward to the Regeneration Steering Group**
- 2. That Blackrod Town Council's name be added to the Steering Group and Terms of Reference by Horwich Chairman**
- 3. That Cllr Bury continue as the representative on the Regeneration Group, in liaison with the Town Clerk.**

146. **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.

Resolved.

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

147. **Finance**

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

Resolved

1. **That the Chairman, Clerk and two members sign an authorisation amounting to £3847.00 (three thousand eight hundred and forty seven pounds) dated 7th December 2020**
2. **That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed**

148. **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)

Following a request by a resident Councillors were asked to visit the chapel street area to look at the parking issues there. The same information was given to Ward Councillors and Bolton Highways.

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. It has been suggested that as well as rockery areas and visual container, the area could benefit from a commemorative piece of rockery stone be laid gifting the area from the Town Council to the residents of Blackrod. Costs to be presented to the Town Council at a future date.

The organisation of Remembrance Sunday and Maroons on 11th November passed without incident and wreaths from the Town Council were laid by the Mayor Councillors John Price, representing the village and Councillor Farrington on behalf of the Town Council.

Covid Regulations also affected the lighting of the Christmas Tree. However a short service took place with both the Mayor and Mayoress present together with a church representative. It was noted that a great deal of co-operation was received from local residents to which the Town Council were extremely grateful.

Lighting has also been re-established in the ginnel at Nightingale Gardens. Thanks have been sent to Ward Councillors Mrs Baines and Mr Peter Wright.

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 and Councillor Wright.

The next extraordinary special meeting of matters of the Town Council was confirmed as being conducted by 4th January 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

