

Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Blackrod Town Council held on Monday 2nd August 2021

Councillor. Mrs S Baines (**Deputy Chairman**)

Councillors Mr G Farrington
Mr A Bury
Mr J Price
Mrs S Gaskell
Mr M Hollick
Mrs I Seddon

Also Present: Mrs S Lewis (**Town Clerk**) and Ward Councillor David Grant and 11 members of the public

Prior to the meeting proper an announcement, in regard to the recent death of the Leader of Bolton Council, Councillor David Greenhalgh was made , with a public tribute paid by the Deputy Chairman of the Town Council on behalf of the Town Council.

45. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Nick Bell and the reasons for absence accepted.

46. **Declarations of interest**

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

47. Planning Applications.

There were no planning applications to be heard at the meeting

48. Planning Decisions

Resolved.

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

49. Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 5th July

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

Resolved

- 1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 5th July 2021 be received and signed as a true record.**

50. Planning Correspondence/ Items on planning matters.

There was no correspondence relating to planning available for the meeting.

51. Correspondence

Bolton Council

Missing bin and seat on Dark Lane

The Town Clerk provided members with an update from Bolton Council in relation to the issue of missing items on Dark Lane as well as issues with missing fencing which having been investigated by Bolton Council would be brought to a conclusion externally.

52. Public Participation

A member of the public brought up the subject of the PROW in the village and what could be done to ascertain how many PROW there were and location and what residents could do to help alleviate the conditions of the PROW on a voluntary basis. Councillor Bury informed those present that work connected to PROW was an item contained within the Blackrod Neighbourhood Plan and the Town Clerk stated that the Town Council had a good working relationship with the PROW team in Bolton and felt sure that going forward there would be ample opportunities to involve members of the public on many projects for the village going forward.

53. Children's Charter

The Town Clerk reminded members of the presentation given by the Headteacher of Blackrod Church School and confirmed that she hadn't heard any further on the suggested project outlined at the last meeting but assumed that this was down to the current school holidays and that she would pick the matter up with the Headteachers on their return in September.

Resolved

- 1. That the Clerk liaise with the Primary School Heads for feedback on involvement moving forward.**

54. 2021 Service of Remembrance

The Town Clerk requested members to agree the time of day for the forthcoming 2021 Service of Remembrance. It was proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Farrington and voted in favour by all and

Resolved

- 1. That the Service of Remembrance remain as an afternoon service commencing at 2pm for a 2.15 service at the cenotaph.**
- 2. That the Town Clerk liaise with all parties involved in this regard.**

55. Council owned Christmas Tree at Blackhorse Street

A discussion took place between members in regard to the positioning of the new Town Council owned Christmas Tree, following the decline of the current tree. The

new tree has been locally donated. Several areas were discussed, some more viable than others in terms of ownership of land and it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Seddon and seconded by Councillor Bury and voted in favour by all and

Resolved

1. **That the Town Clerk proceed with obtaining electrical quotes from nominated parties for the cabling, storing and procedures required for the lighting of the Christmas Tree which would in turn dictate the location where the new tree could be placed.**

56. Adoption of Town Council Policies 2021

In keeping with good governance, the Town Clerk asked members to re adopt the current list of policies which the Town Council had formulated and had in hand for another period of two years, unless matters arising caused changes to present policies. It was proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Mrs Seddon and voted in favour by all and

Resolved

1. **That the policy list in hand be noted as no changes to date**
2. **That the list of current Town Council policies be readopted for two years unless changes are introduced requiring further discussion and adoption.**

57. Roads and Footpaths & Maintenance Issues

Councillors were advised that they can 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.

Reports included:-

White lining required in various areas
Yellow lines need reassessment in various areas including outside the Primary School
Parking on pavement issues again, notably Scot lane
Overgrown bushes within the village in various areas noted

Resolved.

1. **That the information be received and noted and any communications with Bolton Council relayed as required.**

58. Finance

It was moved by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Hollick and voted in favour by all and

Resolved

That the Chairman, Clerk and two members sign an authorisation amounting to £6102.36 (six thousand one hundred and two pounds & 36p only) dated 2nd August 2021

1. That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed

59. Site Visits

No official sites were outlined for visits but it was suggested that council members visit the area proposed for the erection of the new Christmas Tree and note various areas where yellow and white lines required improvements.

Other Matters/ Future Agenda Items for consideration

No other matters or agenda items were reported,

Agenda Item (not already noted)

Planning Process.

60. Ward Councillor Updates.

Ward Councillor Mrs Baines provided updates on

Covid Update for Bolton

Attendance at the Endeavour service

Case work involving disability issues

Overgrown pathways including pathway through to Horwich Rail Station

Bolton's Wellbeing Conversation

Summer activities at Central Library

Phase 5 SAMP disposals (relating to Horwich)

Public Health Weight Management project

Ward Councillor David Grant updated on

Application objection
Farm Shop at Cherry Tree pub
Provided papers for the Town Clerk on other financial matters.

All ward Councillors were thanked for their contributions to the meeting

- 61. The next meeting of the Town Council was confirmed as being on September 6th 2021 at 7pm. This meeting will be held under normal guidelines.**

Following the completion of business the retiring Town Mayor Cllr John Price invited guests to attend the presentation that was to follow the meeting of his charity cheques raised through his Mayoral year which included:

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| St Katharine's Messy Church | £500.00 |
| Blackrod Guiding Association | £500.00 |
| Backup (Homeless) Charity | £500.00 |
| Bolton NHS (Heart Unit) | £1500.00 |

All present including invited guests expressed their appreciation for the funding raised on behalf of the charities/ organisations.

Signed.....Chairman