

Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Blackrod Town Council held on Monday 4th April 2022

Councillor. Mr Nick Bell (**Chairman**)

Councillors

Mrs S Gaskell
Mrs S Baines
Mr M Hollick
Ms N Birley
Mr A Bury

Also Present: Ward Councillors David Grant and Peter Wright and 2 members of the public

Prior to the meeting commencing, and due to unforeseen circumstances, the Town Clerk had to leave the meeting. Notes were formally taken by the Chairman Cllr Nick Bell.

196. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Seddon, Cllr Farrington & Councillor Price

197. **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Mrs Gaskell and Cllr Bell declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Planning)

198. **Planning Applications.**

13222/22

25 Thirlmere Rd

**Erection of 1 detached
Out building**

Councillors made no comment on the planning application

13296/22

70 Nightingale Road

**Demolition of existing
Decking & Conservatory
And erection of rear
Ext and decking**

Councillors made no comment on the planning application

199. Planning Decisions

Resolved.

- 1. That the list of planning decisions received from Bolton Council be received and noted.**

200. Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 7th March 2022

It was moved by Councillor Bury and seconded by Councillor Hollick and voted in favour and

Resolved

- 1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 7th March 2022 be received and signed as a true record with the following abbreviated amendments**

Minute No 183 should read 35 fruit trees and not 235 as stated

Minute No 177 planning – under 13050/22 should state ‘under national planning policy’

201 Planning Correspondence/ Items on planning matters.

Bolton Council

Class use changes

Resolved.

- 1. Members received and noted the update**

202. Correspondence

Flats at Boardman Street

Ownership of land areas

Councillors were provided with documentation outlining ownership of the area in question, which clarified the car parking query.

Resolved.

- 1. That the information be received and noted.**
- 2. That Cllr Hollick pursue allocation of parking spaces now that ownership has been ascertained.**

203 Public Participation

Rev'd Shaun Swithenbank updated those present on a forthcoming meeting being held on 9th April in the Methodist chapel in relation to the future of the chapel building.

204. Blackrod Neighbourhood Plan (Update)

Councillor Bury provided members with an update on the Neighbourhood Plan in relation to the inclusion of a bench to be sited within the community orchard, which is waiting to be installed and the developer for the independent living project has estimated that 23 units would be able to fit on the plot of land nominally allocated with appropriate landscaping and parking spaces.

Resolved

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

205 National Pay Award (2021)

Members received documentation from SLCC relating to the 2021-2022 agreed national salary awards for Town Clerks and RFO's, which has been recommended to Councils to be implemented immediately. It was proposed by those present that the item be received and noted and implemented from the agreed date of 1st April 2021.

Resolved.

- 1. That the information be received noted and agreed**
- 2. That the Town Clerk be instructed to implement the changes as agreed by the SLCC**

206. Hill Lane Development. Developers Sculpture

Members were provided with details that indicated that there was to be no discrete heritage sculpture and that railings had been erected to satisfy the discharge of condition 3 on the planning application.

The meeting was adjourned to hear from Ward Councillor Grant on the above matter.

Councillor Grant advised that the heritage sculpture was supposed to be designed by a Local artist and a question has been raised with Bolton Council and answers waited. It was requested that the item remain on the next agenda until resolved.

The meeting recommenced.

Resolved

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

207 First Aid for the Village

Councillor Birley requested that the item be deferred until the next meeting of the Town Council

Resolved

- 1. That the item be deferred.**

208. £50 million plan for road improvements

Councillor Price had requested that the item be deferred until the next meeting of the Town Council.

Resolved

- 1. That the item be deferred**

209. 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. Meeting advises include:-

Main road through Blackrod which is in a terrible state throughout its length

210. Finance

It was moved by members present and voted in favour by all and

Resolved

- 1. That the Chairman, Clerk and two members sign an authorisation amounting to £5475.48 (five thousand four hundred and seventy pounds & 48p only) dated 4th April 2022**
- 2. That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed**

211. Site Visits

None applicable for the meeting

212. Other Matters/ Future Agenda Items for consideration

Other Matters

It was noted that a green bin request had been made for the new orchard area off Greenbarn way. Ward Councillor Grant spoke to identify that he would pick up the request and pursue action.

It was noted that the waste bin outside Greenhalgh's shop has gone missing

Speeding vehicles throughout the village continue to be a problem

1st Draft of a proforma was shared on behalf of the volunteer planning group made up of members from March meeting (see below)

The Town Clerk had identified to members that Leader of the Bolton Council Cllr Martyn Cox had responded to members invitation to meet with Blackrod Town Council at a date to be arranged in the future.

Agenda Item given at the meeting.

2 deferred items from the meeting held on 4th April

Draft planning document (Cllr Bell).

213. Ward Councillor Updates.

Councillor Mrs Baines

Reported on

Covid figures update

The provision of free courses for residents to engage with in regard to mental health training

Blackrod Women's Institute commenced on 1st March with plenty of support and thanks were made to Revd Wynne and Mrs Jean Hibbert for their support

Overgrown bushes now cut back on Station Road following complaints

Land at half acre now sold under SAMP with a 999 year lease – for agricultural or leisure use only

Horwich Health Centre have had formal plans agreed by NHS

Launch of a public health Tobacco strategy event at the Town Hall

Councillor Peter Wright

Reported on:-

Organisation of a CVS event on 3rd March to aid funding opportunities had a fantastic turnout with excellent reports being fed back on applications

Bolton Unity Festival being held on Easter Monday at the Bolton Stadium for community and voluntary groups to promote their activities and look at funding opportunities

Informed members about his disappointment on comments made in Bolton council that left Blackrod as a parish unmentioned. Councillor Wright had written to express his concerns to the Leader of Bolton Council.

Cllr David Grant

Provided a verbal report on the evening.

The next meeting of the Town Council was confirmed as being held on 25th April 2022 at 7pm.(brought forward due to the bank holiday.

There was also a reminder given to members of the forthcoming Annual Assembly taking place on 19th April in the Council Chambers.

Signed.....Chairman