

Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Blackrod Town Council held on Monday 25th April 2022

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

Councillors

Mrs S Gaskell
Mr M Hollick
Ms N Birley
Mr J Price
Mrs I Seddon

Also Present: Ward Councillors David Grant and Peter Wright and 5 members of the public

214. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Baines, Cllr Farrington & Councillor Bury

216. Declarations of interest

No declarations were given at the meeting

217. Planning Applications.

13334/22 Blackrod Community Centre re-siting shipping container

Councillors offered no comment on the amended application

13417/22 **58 Station Road** **erection single storey side & rear wraparound ext with loft**

Councillors offered no comment

13484/22 **257 Manchester Road** **single storey rear ext**

Councillors offered no comment

13530/22 **Whitehill House** **erection detached dble garage**

Councillors offered no comment

13531/22 **whitehill Cottage** **erection of double garage**

Councillors offered no comment on the application

14548/22 **12, Meadow Way** **erection single storey ext front & rear & conversion Exist garage**

Councillors offered no comment

13559/22 **Valynette** **erection of single storey front/ rear ext, detached Dble garage, full rendering**

Councillors offered no comment

Planning Assessment Form

Councillors also considered a draft planning assessment form collated by Cllr Bell to be used in conjunction with planning papers and/ or when conducting visits to look at planning applications. It was proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Cllr Mrs Gaskell and voted in favour and

Resolved.

1. That the information be received and noted
2. That councillors when viewing a live planning application use the assessment form as an aide to convey better information back to a planning meeting.
3. That the form will be used for approximately 6 months to assess its practicality as an aide.

218. **Planning Decisions**

Resolved.

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

219. **Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 4th April 2022**

It was moved by Councillor Hollick and seconded by Councillor Mrs Gaskell and voted in favour and

Resolved

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 4th April 2022 be received and signed as a true record.

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

Land at Hill Lane Development.

The Town Clerk provided members with a copy of the discharge of the condition placed on application 94656/15 by Bolton Council on the Art works at Hill lane Development.

Councillors elected to step out of committee

to allow Ward Councillor Grant to add further information in its regard.. The information consisted of proposals being considered at a time for a planning application when seeking approval, which is not always set in stone but a concept.

Councillors returned to committee.

Resolved.

- 1. Members received and noted the update but expressed concerns on the outlook which had been left for neighbouring properties in that area.**

221. Correspondence

No correspondence was received for the meeting.

222 Public Participation

There was no public participation comments or queries raised at the meeting.

223. Blackrod Neighbourhood Plan (Update)

No Neighbourhood Plan Update for this month.

224 Change of future council meeting date during 2023

The Town Clerk advised that all members had agreed to a change of date for a 2023-2024 meeting following a personal request made by the Town Clerk. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Councillor Hollick and voted in favour by all present (and by proxy vote and by those not present)

Resolved.

- 1. That the change of date requested for the August meeting in 2023 move from 7th August 2023 to 31st July 2023**

225. Blackrod District Public Realm Update

Councillor Bury, in absence through the Town Clerk, provided members with an update in relation to the regeneration projects which had been identified for the village and initially discussed through the Horwich and Blackrod Town Centre Steering Group – where they had not all been considered viable. Following meetings with Bolton Council by Cllr Bury/ Town Clerk further considerations had been given to the outlined projects as part of the Town Centre Funding and these were progressing well, with Bolton Council Officers liaising directly with the town Council on design work and costings. Further information to be given back to the own Council when itemised details had been costed for further discussion.

Resolved

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

226 First Aid for the Village

Councillor Birley brought members up to date with information regarding defibrillators in the village and discussions that had taken place with a Steward at the Hilltops Social Club and First Aid Training possibilities including qualifications. Discussions took place in relation to a suggestion which had been made that individual groups could have a named responsible person who was First Aid trained. Councillors thanked Cllr Ms Birley on the work she had carried out on her first Council project and although very supportive of all the work and ideas agreed in the first instance that

Resolved.

- 1. That the information was excellent and informative**
- 2. That the Town Council itself could not put on the training for members of the public in First Aid but would always support any venture where it could, but that it would be up to individual groups in the village to undergo any first aid training should they wish to do so.**
- 3. That Cllr Birley continue to look in to the benefits of the project with reports back to the Town Council as a form of update.**

227. £50 million plan for road improvements

Councillor Price brought up the deferred item from a previous meeting in regard to the announcement of the £50 million pounds road improvements, where once again this had been made public without any consultation with Blackrod, who also were affected by current road issues and not just their neighbours Horwich and Westhoughton. The debate also addressed other items which had been previously discussed where Blackrod and the Town Council had not been involved in discussions but whose items affected the residents of Blackrod. It was therefore proposed by councillor Price that a letter expressing dissatisfaction with actions Bolton Council take or don't take, that impact on Blackrod, be sent to the Chief Executive Officer of Bolton and the Leader of Bolton Council, with a request for a meeting and that the letter be signed by all councillors. *The Town Clerk advised that the decision to agree to all councillors signing a letter could not take place in their absence but that a letter could be drafted* for sight by all members, which following agreement would go to those named above in their name.

Resolved

- 1. That the proposal for a draft letter and members agreement be sent to members for approval**
- 2. Following approval that the letter be sent on to Bolton's CEO and the Leader of Bolton Council**

228. 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:-

Station Road
Dark Lane
Manchester Road

229. Finance

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

Resolved

- 1. That the Chairman, Clerk and two members sign an authorisation amounting to £4562.43 (four thousand fivehundred and sixty two pounds & 43p only) dated 25th April 2022**
- 2. That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed**

230. Site Visits

None applicable for the meeting

231. 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 which to date had not materialised

Parking on Hill lane had become a problem again with cars causing obstructions through Little Scotland

That the waste bin had been erected on dark Lane but had then gone missing again.

Speeding vehicles throughout the village continue to be a problem

Dog Grooming business on Castlecroft/ Manchester Road was mentioned in regard to additional cars parking and blocking side roads.

That an extension on a property on Poole Green had been queried, though this had not come through the normal planning application process to the Town Council. ***Ward Councillor Grant stated that he would look in to the matter.***

Agenda Item given at the meeting.

None given at the meeting

232. Ward Councillor Updates.

No Ward Councillor briefings were given on the night.

The next meeting of the Town Council was confirmed as being held on 6th June at 7pm

There was also a reminder given to members of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting which would take place on May 9th 2022 the Council Chambers.

Signed.....Chairman