

Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Blackrod Town Council held on Monday 9th January 2023

Chairman (Deputy) Cllr Mrs Gaskell

Councillors

Mr M Hollick
Mr J Price
Mr A Bury
Mr G Farrington
Mr N Bell
Ms N Birley

Also Present: Ward Councillor Peter Wright

134. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Seddon and Cllr Mrs Baines and the reason for absence was accepted.

135. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made for the agenda items.

136. Planning Applications.

15061/22

211-213 New Street

Councillors were asked to reconsider, for a second time, the planning application as listed for the changes identified to the above address and again confirmed that they had not received a complete set of paperwork to be able to consider the application including a design and access statement and advised that they would seek to request again a deferral of the application until all paperwork could be considered. Councillors also advised that as the application made clear that there would be a flat on the first floor of the building, not necessarily as part of the existing operation of the shop premises that this should be adequately addressed for fire safety considerations.

137. Planning Decisions

Resolved

- 1. That the information regarding planning decisions be received and noted.**

138. Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 5th December 2022

It was moved by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Bell and voted in favour and

Resolved

- 1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 5th December 2022 be received and signed as a true record without amendment.**

139 Planning Correspondence/ Items on planning matters

There were no correspondence on planning matters received for the meeting.

140. Correspondence

Donation Request

Blackrod Church School

Councillors were asked to consider a donation request made on behalf of Blackrod Church School, written by two children representatives in regard to new musical instruments for the school. The donation request was duly considered and it was proposed by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Councillor Price and voted in favour by those present and

Resolved

- 1. That the request be received and noted**
- 2. That a donation of £250.00 be made to Blackrod Church School**
- 3. That the Town Clerk proceed to make the necessary arrangements for the payment.**

Donation Thanks

St Katharine's Church Toddler Group

The Town Clerk read a letter of thanks that had been received from St Katharine's Toddler Group for the donation that the Town Council had provided them with in December.

Resolved.

- 1. That the letter of thanks be received and duly noted.**

Donation Thanks

Popplewell Trust

The Town Clerk read a letter of thanks that had been received from the Trustees of the Popplewell Trust thanking the Town Council for their recent donation.

Resolved.

- 1. That the letter of thanks be received and noted.**

141 Public Participation

There was no public participation recorded at the meeting.

142. Update from the visit by Bolton CEO and Leader of the Council

Both the Town Clerk and Council members provided feedback on the recent visit made by Bolton Council's new Chief Executive and the Leader of Bolton Council which had been held on 7th December 2022 in the council chamber. Councillors felt that they had been heard and relevant points had been taken on board; that issues from the past and ongoing had been raised and noted by the Bolton team and that the in the main the meeting had had some positive outcomes but that issues with funding streams and communications had still some way to go. Additionally, within the meeting the new CEO extended an invitation for the Town Clerk to attend a Bolton meeting of Senior Officers in the New Year, in order to build on existing relationships. *(The meeting has been scheduled for 19th January in the Town Hall and invitations given to other representative Town Clerks from the surrounding areas.)*

Resolved

- 1. That the update from the meeting be received and noted**
- 2. That the Town Clerk at any planned meeting also be noted.**

143 Proposed Council meeting dates for 2023/2024

The Town Clerk provided members with a provisional copy of proposed meeting dates for council meetings throughout the forthcoming year. It was noted that one date needed to be rescheduled due to the planned bank holiday for the King's Coronation.

Resolved.

- 1. That the information be received and noted**
- 2. That an amended list of provisional meeting dates be forwarded to members by the Town Clerk, which with the amendment would be adopted formerly at the meeting in February.**

144. Former Mayoral Civic Chain

The Town Clerk presented members with a proposition in regard to the former Mayoral Civic Chain, which the Town Clerk proposed be set within a presentation plaque and hung in the Council Chamber. Following a discussion members agreed that this would be a preferred outcome for the very old chain, with all its historic value and it was proposed by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Cllr Bury and voted in favour by those present and

Resolved.

- 1. That the information be received and noted**
- 2. That the Town Clerk proceed with gathering information in relation to the task from appropriate sources to be brought back to the Town Council for agreement at a future date.**

145. Roads and Footpaths

Councillors reported matters on:-

Pot holes on Scot Lane, Vicarage Road area and various other places within the village

Wrecked railings on Scot Lane which had been hit by a vehicle

Signage knocked down on Scot Lane

Blocked drainage along Scot Lane

Traffic Lights knocked down in Scot lane area.

Some flooding on the A6

Dipping of road on Hill lane/ Little Scotland area

Councillors felt that the Borough Councillors should be assisting with the many problems in Blackrod and it was therefore proposed and

Resolved

- 1. That the information be received and noted**
- 2. That the Town Clerk contact the Ward Councillors and outline the concerns and issues and request their support to remedy the matters.**

146. Finance

It was moved by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Councillor Bury and voted in favour by all and

Resolved

- 1. That the Chairman, Clerk and two members sign an authorisation amounting to £6667.20 (six thousand six hundred and sixty seven pounds & 20p only) 9th January 2023**
- 2. That the Council authorise the payment of cheques as listed**
- 3. That the Chairman, Clerk and two members authorise the transfer of funds from the Deposit Account to the Main Account for £10000.00.**

147. Site Visits

The site visit previously discussed for the areas of Dark lane/ A6/Grimeford Lane as previously requested by Cllr Farrington was mentioned. It was decided that this visit would be best carried out with an engineer from Bolton Council in attendance and the Town Council are still waiting for a response from Highways on availability.

Resolved.

- 1. That the Town Clerk re-remind Bolton on the request a for an engineer to accompany members on the visit with a date set for the site visit being made following acceptance by Bolton officer.**

148. Other Matters/ Future Agenda Items for consideration

Other Matters

The Town Clerk stated that the lighting of the Christmas Tree 2022 had been extremely successful with over 400 people in attendance including singing by the Community Choir: Blackrod Church School Choir: a local Trio of band players and other civic guests.

Other matters raised by Cllr Farrington have been recorded under Roads and Footpaths.

Agenda Item given at the meeting.

No items for future agenda given.

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149. Ward Councillor Updates.

No Ward Councillors reports were given at the meeting.

**The next meeting of the Town Council was confirmed as being held on 6th
February 2023 at 7pm**

Signed.....Chairman