

Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Blackrod Town Council held on Monday 3rd July 2023

Chairman Cllr John Price

Councillors

Mr D Snowden
Ms R Seddon
Mrs K Grant
Mr D Grant

Also Present: The Town Clerk and 10 members of the public

21. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Nick Bell: Cllr Bury: Cllr Mrs Gaskell and Cllr Hughes-Sinclair and the reasons for absence was accepted.

22. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made for the main body of agenda items.
Cllr David Grant declared an interest in all planning applications.

23. Planning Applications.

15620/23

Markland Farm

Following a question raised on the PROW and dimension sizes councillors voted to make no comment.

16091/23

212- 213 New Street

Councillors heard from members of the public and voted in favour to raise no objections to the application.

13101/23

70 church street

Councillors discussed issues relating to the ownership of the surrounding land which is identified as privately owned and not available to the applicant; parking issues that would arise as there is no parking available on the surrounding land which is privately owned as well as other parking availability detailed which is a [public car park nearby which is well used. Other issues raised was the safety of children where vehicles are in and out of the nursery situated on the private land and having no where to store bins due to the private land element. Following debate councillors voted to object to the development as presented.

15961/23

Cherry Tree Restaurant

Councillors raised several concerns including access issues, as there have been several accidents in the nearby area due to the high speed road running alongside and gas and coal investigation concerns as well as lack of disabled parking. Councillors voted to request a sit visit by the planning committee to the application address.

24. Planning Decisions

Resolved

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

25. Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 5th June 2023

It was moved by Councillor D. Grant and seconded by Councillor Snowden and voted in favour and

Resolved

- 1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 5th June 2023 be received and signed as a true record without amendment.**

26 Planning Correspondence/ Items on planning matters

There was no correspondence on any planning matters received for the meeting.

27. Correspondence. General

Donation Request

Blackrod Scarecrow

Resolved

- 1. The request for a donation to the Scarecrow Festival, previously approved for £175.20, was proposed by Cllr Grant and seconded by Councillor Mrs Grant and voted in favour by all.**

28 Public Participation

A member of the public raised several points in relation to Dark Lane area which included the need for grass cutting and pavement cleaning as well as activity taking place in a field off Dark Lane, which is being observed.

Another local resident brought a matter to the attention of members in connection with the siting of a green container within the area of the Blackrod Community Centre, which was felt to be in the wrong place and which is attracting children playing on it, which may prove dangerous. The information included a request for the planning application to be checked.

Resolved

- 1. Those participating in the public participation section of the meeting were thanked by the chair and members for their input to the meeting.**

29. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Unfortunately Cllr Bury was called away from the meeting prior to its start so no update in regard to the Neighbourhood Plan was given at the meeting.

30. Roads and Footpaths

The Chairman informed members that they were able to feed complaints or raised issues on the above directly to Bolton Council with a request that reports should also include the Town Clerk for information. Councillors reported matters on:-

Overgrowth on public footpaths throughout the village
Concerns on the movement of Japanese Knotweed in to the village

31. Finance

It was moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Snowden and voted in favour by all and

Resolved

- 1. That the Town Clerk and two members authorise payments amounting to £5224.08 (five thousand two hundred and twenty four pounds & 08p only) and dated 3rd July 2023 for the payment of cheques as listed on the schedule of payments.**

32. Site Visits

No site visits were arranged

33. Other Matters/ Future Agenda Items for consideration

Other Matters

The Town Clerk informed members that she was having a meeting with a Bolton Officer in regards to funding on 4th July 2023 in the council chamber as well as attending a quarterly meeting with Bolton Chief Executive and the wider leadership team on Thursday 6th July in Bolton.

Agenda Item given at the meeting.

None given

34. Ward Councillor Updates.

Ward Councillor Grant confirmed that Ward members are busy with case work at this time.

The Time and date of the next council meeting was confirmed as July 31st 2023 commencing at 7pm.

Signed.....Chairman