

## **Blackrod Town Council**

### **Minutes of a Meeting of Blackrod Town Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Chairman** Cllr John Price

**Councillors** Mr A Bury  
Mrs S Gaskell  
Mr D Snowden  
Ms R Seddon  
Mrs K Grant  
Mr D Grant  
Mr N Bell  
Ms G Hughes Sinclair

**Also Present:** The Town Clerk: 1 Ward Councillor and 6 members of the public

#### **53. Apologies for Absence**

All members of the Town Council were present for the meeting.

#### **54. Declarations of Interest**

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

#### **55. Planning Applications.**

**16247/23**

**176 New Stret**

Councillors made no comment.

**56. Planning Decisions**

**Resolved**

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

**57. Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

The Chairman of the Council requested that the minutes, which had been received by members previously, be deferred so that any amendments could be requested through the office of the Town Clerk prior to the next meeting for possible clarification at a later date. No amendments were given at the meeting. The Town Clerk reminded members that minutes are about being a record of official decisions and not verbatim notes and therefore it was only the Resolution (official decision) on any matter that they approve or not which should form the basis of any requested change. It was moved by Councillor Mrs Grant and seconded by Councillor Grant and voted in favour and

**Resolved**

- 1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 be received and deferred.**

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

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

**59. Correspondence. General**

Bolton Council Consultation

Public Space Protection Order

**Resolved**

- 1. That the paper be received and noted**
- 2. That any feedback on the consultation in the name of the Town Council be with the Town Clerk by 19<sup>th</sup> September for collation**

**60 Public Participation**

A member of the public raised an issue in regard to the public footpath behind Dark Lane.

A member of the public reported an issue of the waste bin on Dark Lane being unstable, which required repair.

**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.**

**61. Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Cllr Bury brought members up to date with the latest information regarding the Neighbourhood Plan including:-

The development of circular routes around village

Assets of Community Value

Changes to the specification for the Housing development.

**Resolved.**

- 1. That the information and update provided by Cllr Bury be received and noted.**

**62. Youth Council Meetings**

1. The Town Clerk provided members with an updated list of forthcoming joint Youth Council Meetings.

2. Cllr Ms Seddon also spoke in connection with the Youth Council and widening the links and requested support too look at matters further.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Ms Seddon and seconded by Councillor Mrs Grant and

**Resolved.**

- 1. That the list of proposed dates be accepted with one minor administrative change**
- 2. That Cllr Ms Seddon liaise with the Town Clerk in the first instance on any future development of the Youth Council proposals .**

**63. Unsworth Medical Practice**

Cllr Bury proposed that following a list of resident's concerns that were being forwarded to various members that a proposal for a meeting be put to the practice for consideration. It was also noted that a possible offer of premises for the winter vaccination programme had been made which needed further exploration. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Bury and seconded by Cllr Mrs Grant and voted in favour and

**Resolved.**

- 1. That the Town Clerk make arrangements for a joint meeting between the Town Council and Unsworth Practice. (Now confirmed as 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 1pm)**
- 2. That Cllr Mrs Grant speak with the practice to ascertain if the offer of a place for vaccinations in the Winter would be acceptable.**

**64 Roads and Footpaths**

Councillors reported matters on:-

Po holes throughout the village and general state of the roads  
The water leakage on Nightingale Road and footpath behind the address  
The volume of HGV through village

**65. Finance**

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

**Resolved**

- 1. That the Town Clerk and two members authorise payments amounting to £8888.94( eight thousand eight hundred and eighty eight pounds & 94p only) and dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 for the payment of cheques as listed on the schedule of payments.**

**66. Site Visits**

No site visits were arranged  
Cllr Mrs Grant offered to take photographs of the public footpath off Dark Lane

## **67. Other Matters/ Future Agenda Items for consideration**

### **Other Matters**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the defibrillator donated by Hawthorns had been handed over to the Hilltops for placing on the outside of their wall. Members thought it would be a good idea for a collated list to be put together and a heat map on location be generated for public interest.

Cllr Mrs Grant advised that 2 community bins (for waste) were to be placed at the South end of the village when available.

Cllr Mrs Grant updated members on the Festival of Horwich which would take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> September with everyone welcome.

### **Agenda Item given at the meeting.**

Pride of Blackrod (discussion Cllr Snowden)  
50K Funding Initiatives (discussion Cllr Bury)

## **68. Ward Councillor Updates.**

### **Ward Councillor Grant update.**

Possible funding for training on defibrillator use  
Boundary changes had resulted in a loss of £1500 on the Ward Councillors Monies  
BT mast identified for Nightingale Gardens had been withdrawn  
Bolton at Home had been asked for a list of vacant properties as homes were needed in the borough

**The Town Clerk requested that the next part of the meeting be held in the absence of the public and press present.**

**69. Confidential Correspondence**

Members considered a communication in connection with a private matter and it was proposed by Cllr Grant and seconded by Cllr Bury and voted in favour and

**Resolved.**

- 1. That the Town Clerk draft a response to the communication for approval and posting.( Approved letter sent on 18/9/23)**

**The Time and date of the next council meeting was confirmed as October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 commencing at 7pm.**

**Signed.....Chairman**