

**3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

**YOU ARE DULY SUMMOND to attend** a meeting of the Blackrod Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Blackrod Library/ Council Building on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January commencing at 7pm**

**Signed Stella Lewis**

**Town Clerk**

## **A G E N D A**

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1. Prayers if Clergy are in attendance
2. Housekeeping
3. To receive apologies and approve the reasons for absence.
4. To record Declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed  
*(Members are requested to declare any interest they may have in the business as set out on the Agenda, to which the Code of Practice appears.)*

- 5      **Councillors to attend a meeting of the Town Council Planning Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and agree written comments to be forwarded to Bolton Planning Committee**

<b>17302/23</b>	<b>Abbey Farm Arley</b>	<b>erection of a 1<sup>st</sup> floor ext &amp; external alterations to House, wall and gates</b>
<b>17387/23</b>	<b>Goodman Fold Fm</b>	<b>retrospective planning Demolition of 2 storage Buildings and erection of new storage</b>

6.      Councillors to receive a list of planning decisions made by Bolton Council

7.      **To submit for signature and accuracy, the Minutes of the proceedings of the following meetings:**

1.      **Meeting of the Town Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*(Councillors please note you are only voting on accuracy of minutes.  
There can be no matters arising from these minutes under this heading  
and only members present at the said meeting can confirm accuracy)*

8.      Councillors to consider their response, if any, to the following **correspondence/ items relating to various planning matters** and discuss any matters arising where appropriate

**None available at time of meeting**

**9. Councillors to receive correspondence & consider relevant actions**

None available at time of the meeting

**10. Council to adjourn the meeting for approximately 15 minutes to allow for public participation**

**Please note information from Town Clerk in relation to public participation attached.**

*(Councillors please note: \_ Members of the public present may put questions or make observations regarding matters in relation to the Parish. However, can I remind all members that questions or matters raised do not require any response from members nor should matters not on the Agenda be debated since no decision can lawfully be made during this time but may be added to the following monthly agenda if considered relevant.)*

**11. Councillors to receive an update if available from Blackrod Neighbourhood Plan if available (to include decision on the area considered for layby) (Cllr Bury)**

**12. Councillors to consider the decision made by Bolton Council in relation to the entrance to Scot Lane playing field (Cllr Bury)**

**13. Councillors to consider the implications of Bolton Council's Budget consultation ( as previously sent out in December).**

**14. Councillors to consider a previous offer made by Cadent for provision in Blackrod (Cllr Mrs Gaskell)**

**15. Councillors to consider activating the use of the Town Council's Facebook page with relevant discussion on content.(Cllr Mrs Grant)**

**16. Finance –1. That Councillors present authorise an amount of £6540.87 ( six thousand five hundred and forty pounds and 87 p)for the payment of cheques as listed on enclosed schedule and received by members prior to the meeting.**  
2- members to note scheduling spending at month 10 against precept estimates.

1. Councillors to consider the condition of various Roads & Footpaths for either reporting themselves or through the office of the Town Clerk

17 .Councillors to request or detail any site visits which may be required

- 18 Councillors are requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of Information, not included elsewhere on the Agenda, and to raise items for future Agendas.( **Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making**)

Training for members on the Code of Conduct and Use of Social Media delivered by the Borough Solicitor will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6pm prior to the council meeting.

- 19 Councillors to receive verbal/ written reports from Ward Councillors if present on matters which have not been included on this Agenda and of interest to Blackrod Residents.

20. ( a) Councillors to receive external communication for further consideration  
(b) councillors to receive update in regard to the Town Clerk Vacancy

21. Confirmation of the date for the next meeting of the Town Council will take place on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7pm.**

