

At a meeting of
WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
held on
THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2008

Present:-

Chairman:- Councillor Mrs T Mycock

Councillors:-

Councillor Mr T Aldred	Councillor Mr J Grogan
Councillor Mr D Barnes	Councillor Mr J Mellor
Councillor Mr D Bradbury	Councillor Mr R A Neal
Councillor Mrs M Gibbons	Councillor Mrs K Ruane

Officials:-

Clerk of the Council: Mrs K Douglas

Apologies:-

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs M De Souza and Councillor Mr D Chorlton, who were on holiday, and from Councillor Mr S Baldwin, who was working.

253 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Neal declared a personal interest in planning issues, and will take any comments to the Development Control committee.

Cllr Grogan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the schedule of payments.

254 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 March 2008, copies of which had been circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record.

255 Public Question Time

There were no questions received from the public.

256 Planning Applications:

- 1. App no. 2008/0186: Erection of two-storey rear extension at 17, The Crescent, Hall Street, OL12 8TN.**

Resolved that Council has no objections to this application.

2. App no. 2008/0188: Erection of two dwellings on land at Millfold, Whitworth.

Resolved that Council has no objections to this application.

3. Application no. 2008/0207: Erection of single storey side extension at 26 Waingap View, OL12 8QD.

Resolved that Council has no objections to this application.

4. Application no. 2008/0192: Erection of a two-storey side extension at 1 Handel Street, Whitworth.

Resolved that Council has no objections to this application.

5. Application no: 2008/0245: Change of use from woodwork / joiners (Class B2) to dismantling of vehicles and storage of parts and accessories at Unit 8, Spodden Mill, Station Road, Facit, OL12 8LJ.

Resolved that Council objects to this application on the same grounds as the applicant's previous application.

257 To discuss a request for funding from a Mr Andrew Mills towards training whilst at University.

Resolved that Council cannot support this application for assistance, but suggests the applicant applies to the Rochdale AE & Parish Trust and / or United Charities.

258 To decide upon the affiliation of Councillors to various groups, committees and trusts.

Council considered the appointees to outside organisations, and resolved to make the following recommendations:

Local Strategic Partnership:	Cllr D Barnes
Whitworth PACT Panel:	Cllr M Gibbons
Rossendale PACT Panel:	Cllr D Barnes
Tourism Working Group:	Cllr J Mellor
Countryside Working Group:	Cllrs D Chorlton & K Ruane
Crime & Disorder Reduction:	Cllr D Bradbury
Burnley Area LAPTC:	Cllr R A Neal
Standards Committee:	Cllr J Grogan, Cllr D Barnes
Healey Dell Group:	Cllr D Barnes
Farrow Hoyle Committee:	Cllr J Grogan (1); Cllr T Aldred (2); Cllr T Mycock (3); Cllr D Chorlton (4)
Rochdale A.E. & Parish Trust:	Cllr J Grogan
Neighbourhood Area Forum:	Cllr D Barnes
Lancashire Local:	Cllr M De Souza
WTC Grievance Committee:	Cllrs Ruane, Aldred, Mellor
WTC Appeals Committee:	Cllrs Baldwin, Chorlton, De Souza
Lancs Charter Development Committee:	Cllr J Mellor, Cllr T Mycock
WTC Finances Monitoring Committee:	Cllrs Aldred, Bradbury, Chorlton & Gibbons
WTC Tourism & Leisure Committee:	Cllrs Bradbury, Chorlton, Mellor & Ruane
WTC Climate Change working group:	Cllr Chorlton (TBC)

259 To receive a report from the Town Mayor.

The Mayor reported that it has been a hectic couple of weeks in the lead up to the Mayor's Civic Dinner on Saturday, but that she is very much looking forward to it.

260 The Chairman or Clerk to answer questions from Councillors.

Cllr Neal enquired about progress on both a post box for Facit and the Town Council website. The Clerk informed Council that both were imminent.

261 To receive and adopt minutes:

a. Minutes of General Purposes Committee – 3 April 2008

Resolved that Council adopts these minutes, with an amendment to include Cllr Baldwin as present at the meeting.

262 To Authorise the Signing of Orders for Payment

*** Cllr Grogan left the room***

The Clerk explained a Schedule of Accounts Payable in the form of Report 2 of 2008 and asked for approval.

Resolved that approval be given for the payment of the Schedule of Accounts.

PART B:

263 To discuss a proposal for an Honorary Townsman of Whitworth.

It was resolved that Cllr Grogan be made an Honorary Townsman of Whitworth.

*** Cllr Grogan returned to the room***

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm