

NTC 17/85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

- Pecuniary Interest
- Outside Bodies Interest
- Family, Friend or Close Associate interest

Cllr T Lawrenson declared an interest in matters relating to CWAC and Rudheath Parish Council
Cllr. P. Dolan declared an interest in any matters relating to CWAC.
Cllr. Falzon declared an interest in any matters relating to Barnton Parish Council
Cllr. Gerrard declared an interest in any matters relating to Rudheath Parish Council

NTC 17/86 OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers.

NTC 17/87 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

5.1 The minutes of Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th November, 2017, be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer seconded by Cllr. Nelson. Cllr. Jamieson mentioned the Committee Meeting at Chester attended by Cllrs. Dolan and S. Naylor. (17/72 refers) Also in relation to item 17/76, this is currently with Localities.

NTC17/88 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 6.1 To note Amenities Meeting held on Wednesday 1st November, 2017. These were noted by Cllr. Cooper. Cllr. Jamieson mentioned Play area at Burnside Way – TC to arrange consultation with residents.
- 6.2 To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21st November, 2017. These were noted by Cllr. Rimmer
- 6.2 To note Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21st November, 2017.
These were noted by Cllr. Stott.
Cllr. Jamieson mentioned parking in Chester Road, Castle area. 30 minute restriction, request 1 hour. This would be helpful to local businesses. Cllr. Cooper mentioned consultation taking place, TC will chase up.

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Cllr. Mrs. J Myerscough-Illidge
Town Mayor

NTC17/89 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor attended the following events during November, 2017

Friday 3 rd November	Mid Cheshire Musical Theatre Company	Sister Act at the Grange Theatre
Saturday 4 th November	Northwich Rotary Club	Northwich Bonfire lighting
Friday 10 th November	Northwich Nappy Library	Launch of project
Saturday 11 th November	Royal British Legion Remembrance	Northwich Cenotaph Service of Remembrance
Sunday 12 th November	NTC	Remembrance Parade and Service
Sunday 12 th November	Rudheath Parish Council	Remembrance and wreath laying at Rudheath Cemetery
Tuesday 21 st November	Winnington Primary School	Parent Parking Charter launch day
Saturday 25 th November	NTC	Christmas Extravaganza – Town Centre Lights switch on.
Saturday 25 th November	Vale Royal Lions	Annual Charter Dinner, Sandiway Golf Club
Sunday 26 th November	St. Luke's Hospice	Light up a Life Service,
Monday 27 th	Rotary Club	Speakers Lunch at Winnington Rec. Club
Wednesday 29 th November	Rotary Club	Presentation Evening at Winnington Rec. Club
Thursday 30 th November	Roberts Bakery 130 year anniversary	Tree Planting at Vickersway/Whalley Road to celebrate 130 years of Roberts Bakery.

The Mayor wished to thank all staff and appreciated the hard work that goes into organising the recent Remembrance Parade and Service and the Cheese and Wine evening in support of her charities. Over £400 was raised

NTC17/90 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town Centre Defibrillators

Have now been installed outside the Nat West Bank and also in the stairwell at Barons Quay. Photo to be arranged shortly with the Guardian to include all partners involved with this initiative.

Northwich Cenotaph Refurbishment

Work has now been started with removal of old flags, railings and plaques. Stone has now been cleaned and pointing of the monument and surrounding walls has begun. Hoped to have the works completed by Christmas, but this is weather dependent..

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Christmas and New Year Opening Times 2017

Permission requested to close the Council Offices and Registrar’s Office on the following days over the Christmas and new Year period.

Friday	22 nd December	Closed from 12 noon for staff Christmas lunch
Monday	25 th December	Closed
Tuesday	26 th December	Closed
Wednesday	27 th December	Open
Thursday	28 th December	Open
Friday	29 th December	Open
Monday	1 st January 2018	Closed
Tuesday	2 nd January	Open

Staff will be on duty to feed and water the birds throughout the festive season. Notices will be displayed with opening and closing times. A contact number will be included in notices in case of emergency out of hours or when the offices are closed.

Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Cooper. All in favour.

Approved

Events

Tree of Lights

This ever popular event will take place on Friday 8th December around the holly tree outside our offices. Stars will be available in the next couple of weeks from NTC offices, Snipets Hair Salon and the Information Centre in town.

Christmas Extravaganza

Was very well attended this year and ran very smoothly. Many thanks to all who helped.

Remembrance

Parade and Service very well attended this year with many favourable comments on how well it was organized, both for the Parade, Service and wreath laying at the Cenotaph.

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NTC 17/91 SAFETY ON THE A556

Cllr. Bowden advised on the differing speed limits on a stretch of this busy road. Has reported this matter to the Police and Crime Commissioner Police only enforce the speed limit, but limit is determined by the Council. Any changes to speed signs, 50% of the cost will be borne by residents. Would like to explore ways of reducing the speed limit from Hartford to Davenham Roundabout. Cllr. Jamieson would like other neighbouring Parish Councils to be included for support on this, and TC to arrange a meeting. Cllr. Dolan mentioned the precedence on some roads. Police Commissioner should be keen to reduce hazards and accidents. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Nelson. All in favour to progress this matter in getting the speed limit reduced

Resolved

NTC 17/92 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

Income and expenditure – Play Equipment

TC explained to members that we have unused budget headings on line 4535/200 Play equipment and an unspent amount of £4847.00 and line 4571/200 Play Area Inspections, an unspent amount of £14,738.00. TC suggested these amounts be moved to a new heading ‘Play Equipment ‘ which will cover the cost of the refurbishment at Yarwood Close and Burnside Way together with funding. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Jamieson

Approved

Church Walk Tenders

Tenders were opened at Finance Meeting for the refurbishment of Church Walk toilets. Three quotations were considered and discussed. It was resolved that IDFM Ltd were the preferred supplier pending reference checks, specification checks and time scale to complete the work. Total cost £40,963.50 plus V.A.T. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Jamieson

Approved

Grass cutting equipment Tenders

Tenders opened for the purchase of two large outfield mowers. Various mowers were discussed with the TC and Operations Manager. Resolved that Gibson Garden Machinery be the chosen supplier of a Kubota high dump diesel ride on mower at a cost of £9,245.00 plus V.A.T and a Kubota diesel ride on out front mower at a cost of £16,389.00 plus V.A.T. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Jamieson

Approved

Yarwood Close

Tenders were opened and new play equipment discussed. TC informed members that CWAC would be paying £10,000 towards the cost. Play and Leisure chosen as preferred contractor for play equipment at a cost of £19,993.00. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Jamieson

Approved

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Skateboard Park

TC and OM talked to members regarding repair costs to the Skateboard Park at Vickersway, which is currently closed due to repairs needed and is unsafe. Due to age of ramps are costing NTC a significant amount to maintain. TC suggests we look at options to renew the equipment, and any funding that may be available. In the meantime repairs to the equipment to enable the park to re-open. It was resolved that Haywood and Jackson repair the ramps at a cost of £600 plus V.A.T. and future daily monitoring to ensure the park is safe to remain open. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Jamieson

Approved.

Park Run

At the beginning of the year, TC discussed a park run for Northwich, as these are extremely popular at other locations. The runs would take place every Saturday morning and would be free to attend as long as riders are registered and the areas were fully marshalled by volunteers.

TC and Northwich Running Club came up with a 5k route around Carey Park with permission from CWAC rangers who are fully supportive of the events.

The cost to set up the park run is a one off payment of £3,000. CWAC members have been asked to support this initiative. We have now secured £1750 from Members of Mersey Forest.

These events will hopefully be running by Spring 2018.

We will also work with local businesses and ask them to welcome park runners with offers if they complete the run.

At this point a letter was read from Cllr. Cooper's mother who is a life long cyclist. The contents were considered, and it was agreed the TC to respond to Mrs. Cooper.

It was resolved £3000 from NTC towards the event, funding from other areas will pay towards this cost to us. ATC to set up a new finance line on I & E for expenditure and income. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Jamieson

Approved

NTC 17/93 AMENITIES MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

Witton and Dane Valley Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Draft Rules and Regulations for our Cemeteries were updated to show all available grave sections in both Witton and Dane Valley, highlighting the various rules and regulations applicable. Discussed in detail and various comments and suggestions made. It was resolved that the Draft Rules and Regulations approved subject to alterations discussed. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Bowden. All in favour.

Approved

NTC 17/94 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

Due to the recent resignation of Cllr. Storey, CAWAC have been notified, a notice of Vacancy for Councillor has been placed on the Noticeboard. May we take this opportunity to wish Joanne all the best for the future and thank her for her contribution and time at Northwich Town Council. Cllr. Illidge proposed that a letter go to Cllr. Storey to this effect. Seconded by Cllr. Cooper. All in favour.

Approved.

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Town Mayor

NTC 17/95 CWAC AND PARTNERS CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr. Cooper mentioned the Local Plan Part 2. Suggested this item goes to be discussed at the Planning and Environment Meeting.

Inspector Snasdell Could it be enquired to the Inspector, as to break In's – these are not mentioned in the weekly update from the Police. Would be good to know how to protect the town centre, as it is known one shop in particular is being targeted. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Gerrard. All in favour.

Cllr. Jamieson reminded members about the forthcoming Planning portal information on 30th January at Christleton.

Members Briefings - Recycling Centres was discussed at Northwich Recycling Centre closed an extra day over the Christmas period. Fly tipping problem. Northwich one of the busiest Centres. TC has written regarding this problem, and will send reminder to CWAC.

Cllr. Jamieson commented regarding joint partnerships with other boroughs. Requests Cllr. Clarke to come and address Members.

NTC 17/96 MONTHLY SURGERY AT THE ARTISAN MARKET

Monthly surgery will take place on Saturday 9th December. There are now 2 benches installed in town. The next Artisan market will have the Mayor's attendance. The Mayor will be raising funds for her two charities by asking for donations from each stall holder in order to make up two hampers to raffle. Artisan Market stall will be manned by the following Councillors.

- 10-11 a.m. Cllrs. Stott and Murphy
- 11-12 Cllr. Dolan
- 12-1 p.m. Cllrs. Eastwood and Jamieson
- 1-2 Cllrs. Cooper and Jamieson.

Cllr. Rimmer mentioned of the Councillor Surgery starting at The Hub in Greenbank with CWAC Cllrs. Parkes and Kaur.

Outside Bodies

Cllrs. Jamieson and Murphy attended a site meeting in relation to the Lostock Sustainable Plant. Demolition has started on the current buildings and is hoped to be completed by 2021. All Materials will come in via road. Asjkd that we are kept informed. There is much local opposition. There will be 250 vehicle movements per day via road.

Cllr. Jamieson has asked that reports from Outside Bodies be included in future Full Council Agendas.

NTC 17/97 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting will be Monday 8th January, 2018 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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Town Mayor**