

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2017

Present : Cllr. Mrs. J. Myerscough-Illidge - Town Mayor

Councillors : D. Bowden A Cooper Miss S Eastwood
B. Jamieson P. Dolan M. Falzon
T Lawrenson A. Stott K. Rimmer
S Naylor Mrs. L Nelson T. Murphy

Also present: Chris Shaw Town Clerk
Liza Clansey Assistant Town Clerk/Registrar
Theresa Cash Council Secretary/Mayor's P.A.

NTC 17/67 PRESENTATION FROM DAVID ROBERTS CHAIR OF THE NORTHWICH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mr Roberts explained the process to date. This is a complex town to compile the Neighbourhood Plan. There had been a lot of volunteer work on this. Thanked Cllr. Cooper for his invaluable work in the preparation, written and developed Neighbourhood Plan, which reflects the commitment made. The Plan will influence how the town will look in future and will enable Planners to decide on further developments in town. Now waiting for the final element over the next few days. Mr Roberts then invited NTC to agree to submit the 6 week consultation to CWAC, who will appoint an Inspector to verify compliance of the Plan, which stands at some 100 pages in length. This will then lead to a referendum. Cllr. Cooper acknowledged other members of the N.N.P. Executive, in particular Rupert Adams. The Mayor, on behalf of NTC thanked all those for their hard work and to those who contributed to something that Northwich will benefit from in future. Both Cllrs Bowden and Rimmer mentioned the final input and acknowledged the volunteer help received. Cllr. Dolan moved to propose the request, which was seconded by Cllr. Cooper. All in favour.

NTC 17/68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs., B. Cooke, Mrs. D. Cooke, A. Dimelow, Mrs. A. Gerrard, Mrs G, Gough, S. Kryger, P. Naylor and Mrs. J. Storey

NTC 17/69 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. S. Naylor declared an interest in any matters relating to CWAC..
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

NTC 17/70 OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers.

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NTC 17/71 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

5.1 The minutes of Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd October, 2017, be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record. There was a slight amendment to be made but following correction made proposed by Cllr. Rimmer seconded by Cllr. Jamieson.

NTC17/72 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.1 To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17th October, 2017. These were noted by Cllr. Rimmer.

6.2 To note Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17th October, 2017. These were noted by Cllr. Stott.
Cllr. Jamieson made reference to the Watling Street plans. NTC will want to be represented to express our objection. This was proposed by Cllr. Jamieson, seconded by Cllr. Dolan. All in favour.

Resolved

NTC17/73 TOWN MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the following events during October, 2017

Thurs. 5th October	Winnington Park Primary School	Tour of school and Assembly
Saturday 7th October	The Samaritans	Fish Up Soup Big Band
Sunday 8th October	Winsford Town Council	Civic Service
Sunday 8th October	Soroptimist International	Charter lunch Willington Hall
**Deputy Mayor Cllr. Alison Gerrard attended		
Sunday 15th October	St Helen’s Church	Great Northwich Bake off
Friday 20th October	Age UK Women In Sheds	Launch party
Friday 27th October	Rotary Club NVR	Charter Night Dinner V/R Abbey
Saturday 28th October	Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal launch

****Cllrs. Nelson and Eastwood attended.**

The Mayor commented on some of the events she had attended. Also thanked the Deputy Mayor, and Cllrs. Cooper, Eastwood and Nelson.

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Liverpool Street Garages

All works to this area now completed. Quotes sent to Localities regarding re-soiling of this area, and they are also working with residents to look at the next steps to utilise this site for residents.

Land to the back of James Street

During the clean-up of Liverpool Street, it was noticed that fly tipping was beginning to build up at the far end of James Street. A barrier had been removed and some pales missing, enabling people to access this site. These works have now been completed by the landowner.

Verdin Park Consultation

Consultation is now underway with over 300 responses received by the online survey. Will now review the responses and ascertain what the community has asked for. Once this is done we can decide next steps for refurbishment of the Park and begin funding applications. Cllr. Jamieson thanked Cllr. Cooper for creating the consultation. Cllr. Cooper explained the process taken place. Different aspects and issues came out of the consultation. Key priority is to replace the play area and a skate park.

Yarwood Close Play Area Consultation

We now have some designs and costs back for the refurbishment of Yarwood Close Play area which have been sent to CWAC for approval. These proposals will be discussed at an Amenities meeting along with additional funding that NTC would have to contribute towards the scheme.

Town Centre Defibrillators

Following on from our last meeting, when the purchase of the defibrillators were approved, I approached the Rotary Club to ask if they would be willing to contribute any funds to the project to which they initially agreed with a contribution of £500. Following this an offer was made from both Rotary Clubs to cover the full cost of £3440.00. This is an extremely kind gesture from the clubs and means we can now transfer the money that we were going to spend on the defibrillators towards the Subway project. It is hoped the defibrillators will be installed over the next 2 weeks with a full press release sent to the Guardian.

Damage and Vandalism

Have recently had some issues on a couple of our sites over the last few weeks, and are working with the local PCSO to deal with the problem. This vandalism consists of damage at Danefields Play area with white gloss paint, a bin has had to be replaced at Whalley Road, and damage to the stained glass in one of our Chapels.

Subway Art Project

A funding application has been submitted to Awards For All for this project and will wait for approx. 10 weeks for the outcome. If successful, will start the project as soon as possible. Examples of the wrapping were distributed among Members. Cllr. Rimmer asked what the approximate cost will be. £13,000.

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Northwich Cenotaph Refurbishment

Works will begin shortly after Remembrance Parade on Sunday 12th November. All wreaths will be removed and placed within the Danebridge Memorial Park to enable the work to be carried out. Cllr. Stott asked how long this will take. It is hoped the refurbishment will be completed by Christmas, weather permitting.

Events

Remembrance

Annual Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 12th November, the Parade taking its usual course from Crum Hill, making its way to St Helen’s church. Following this we will observe the 2 minute silence at the Cenotaph and wreath laying. Refreshments will be available at Memorial Court afterwards.

Christmas Extravaganza

Event takes place on Saturday 25th November with activities throughout the Town Centre and Barons Quay between 10.00 a.m- 5.00 p.m. Included will be the BID Traders Market, Art Stalls, Land Train with an engine and five carriages. Reindeer, craft area, dinosaurs, Scooby Doo, Ginger Bread Man, Tractor and Trailer rides with the elves, swing grill serving authentic German foods and much much more. Promotional material, banners, flyers , posters and web based promotion etc. are now been designed and finalized. From 2.00 p.m. there will be live entertainment on the Library steps from local artists. Children’s Lantern Parade starting at Waitrose at 4.45 p.m. and will make its way up through Barons Quay onto the Library steps for the Lights switch on and fireworks display at 5.00 p.m. Support would be appreciated from Councillors, and TC will send specific tasks through to Members on the days leading up to the Extravaganza.

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, Snippets Hair Salon and the Information Centre in town.

Cheese and Wine Evening

The Mayor’s Charity Cheese and Wine evening will take place on Friday 1st December at 7.00 p.m. at the Council Chambers. Tickets are £10 each, and invitations have been sent out. Any questions/queries, please call the office.

NTC 17/75 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATES

Witton Cemetery Workshop

Due to the poor condition and bad state of disrepair of the existing doors to the workshop, they were difficult to operate. Three quotations were received for the installation of electric roller shutter doors which would be easy to operate, safe and maintenance free. Have now been installed by the chosen supplier at Finance Committee meeting. Other contractors did not include the electrical work. The cost was £2800 + VAT. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Cooper. All in favour.

Approved

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Asbestos Survey

Forthcoming work at Vickersway Park and Church Walk Toilets will need a full asbestos survey before any works can commence. If highlighted we would need to look at its removal before progressing with refurbishments plans. Quotes have been obtained for survey tests at both Vickersway and Church Walk at a cost of £250 each survey using SGS Environments.

Work has now been completed. TC assured Members there is no asbestos on site, reports held in office to that effect. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Nelson. All in favour.

Approved

Cenotaph

TC updated Members with Tender comparisons for work on the Cenotaph. NTC staff will be able to complete some of the work to reduce costs. Refurbishment costs will be £38,158.30 in addition there is the Management Project Fee of £5000 to Proffits. Work is to commence shortly. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Cooper.

Approved.

NTC 17/76 TOWN GATEWAYS

Cllr. Jamieson expressed concerns at the lack of progress on proposals to carry out Highways and environmental improvements detailed in the report to the Castle, Lostock and Winnington Gateways into Northwich. Suggested TC arrange a meeting with Localities, along with Winnington and Castle Ward Councillors to make progress on these key entrances to the town. Cllr. Dolan mentioned that issues are still outstanding. Cllr. Rimmer added that responsibility lies with CWAC, but does need progressing. Cllr. S Naylor commented that some success in cleaning up some sites, namely Castle Hill with some unsightly trees being removed, but it needs to be realised the tremendous budget pressures put on CWAC. Proposed by Cllr. Jamieson, seconded by Cllr. Dolan. All in favour.

Resolved

NTC 17/77 CWAC – LOW EMISSIONS STRATEGY

Cllr. Janieson explained background. Requested that TC arranges meeting with Martin Doyle (CWAC) to the next Planning and Environment Meeting, as we need him to explain and understand the criteria of the strategy regarding poor air quality in the town, that has been carried out in other towns within the Borough. Also to understand what changes there have been since last monitoring took place, and need to know if monitoring is appropriate. There are currently 50 monitoring stations in the area. Cllr. Bowden mentioned parents leaving car engines running outside schools. Proposed by Cllr. Jamieson and seconded by Cllr. Dolan to hold a meeting with Martin Doyle once arranged.

Resolved

NTC 17/78 CWAC – BUDGET PLAN 2018-2021

Members considered a response. Cllr. Cooper suggested setting up a small consultation group. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Jamieson. Preferably three to be in the group. Cllr. Nelson agreed to join Cllrs. Cooper and Jamieson.

Resolved

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NTC 17/79 CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY – DRAFT INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Cllr. Jamieson gave some significant details of the Risk Management Plan. Comments may also be made online. Closing date for this consultation is 2nd January 2018. Cllr. Bowden mentioned he had attended a meeting some months ago where representatives from Cheshire Fire gave details of their priorities. He felt reassured that priorities are being professionally handled. Cllr. Jamieson proposed and Cllr. Cooper seconded to place this item on December’s agenda. All in favour.

Resolved

NTC 17/80 CWAC & PARTNERS CORRESPONDENCE

- In relation to the Boundary Review Draft recommendations, Cllr. Jamieson commented about the content. Asked if Cllr. Cooper can respond to the Constituency Boundary Review Recommendations on NTC behalf. Explained what these were and the impact on Ward Members. Cllr. Cooper agreed to submit our comments. Proposed by Cllr. Jamieson, seconded by Cllr. Rimmer. All in favour.

Resolved

Included in Members Briefings –

- Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review – Members decided not to respond.
- Cllr. Dolan gave a detailed report on the early intervention to supporting children and older people, which is split into 3 tiers. This supports most charities, such as Age UK, MIND, VRDS etc., with additional funds from Cheshire Community Action. The funding model shows how the amount of pressure placed on people can be reduced. Cllr. Bowden added that voluntary organisations can help statutory organisations/social services, looking to improve traditional ways of dealing with certain issues.
- Planning Portal – A new online system from April 2018. Annual Planning update taking place on 30th January. Members are asked to contact TC if they wish to attend.
- HS2 - Cllr. Jamieson considers we should be represented at the next HS2 meeting on 16th January, at The Venue in Rudheath. Cllr. Boden attended the last meeting and is not persuaded on the plans. Cllr. Cooper advised the Minister has approved the route, but still uncertainties regarding the route through Mid Cheshire. May not be cost-effective, may need to revisit the proposed route. Cllr. Jamieson added the importance of attending meetings to reiterate this.
- Police and Crime Commissioner meeting – to be held 21st November in Ellesmere Port. Members to contact TC if they wish to attend.

Northwich Rotary Club Speakers Meeting – takes place on 27th November at Winnngton Rec. club. Will include a speaker from HS2 and Rotary Club giving update on Northwich River Festival which took place in July. It was mentioned at this point that Insp. Dave Snasdell is retiring from Cheshire Constabulary. TC to send a letter of thanks. Cllr. Bowden suggested his successor comes and meets with Members. Proposed by Cllr. Bowden, seconded by Cllr. Jamieson. who also asked if Outside Bodies meetings could be included in future agendas.

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Cllr. Dolan mentioned Mid Cheshire College with Warrington. Some courses moved now to Warrington, and the impact on Northwich students to this. Cllr. Rimmer commented the transport issue. Asks for meeting to discuss. Proposed by Cllr. Dolan, seconded by Cllr. Rimmer.

Resolved

Cllr. Cooper gave a brief update on the Mid Cheshire Rail line. The M.P. has had a response from Network Rail regarding all the works planned. Got the plans to address all issues, some long term issues are looking to 2019/20 but here is some progress seen. Cllr. Rimmer commented about new train services and messages given at stations, sometimes misleading.

NTC 17/81 MONTHLY SURGERY AT THE ARTISAN MARKET

Cllr. Jamieson gave update. This is a useful platform to answer questions, really helpful, but most issues raised lie with CWAC.

- 11-12 Councillor S. Naylor/Andy Stott
- 12 -1 Councillor A. Cooper/Town Mayor
- 1-2 Councillor Eastwood.

Update given on Verdin Park Gates and Piers by TC. NTC has applied for funding from Awards For All. These are Grade 2 Listed, so contacted the Conservation Officer. We need to apply for Listed Building Consent to CWAC. English Heritage will probably require the old gates to go back on even these have deteriorated.

Part B

In accordance with Local Government Act – Public Admission to Meetings Act 1960, the following agenda item is to be considered in the absence of press or public.

NTC 17/82 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting will be Monday 4th December, 2017 at 6.30pm. Following this meeting you are invited to stay for a Christmas drink and small buffet.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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