

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY, 2018

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

Councillors : A Cooper Miss S Eastwood S. Naylor
 B. Jamieson Mrs. A Gerrard P. Naylor
 A. Stott K. Rimmer
 Mrs. L Nelson M. Falzon

Also present: Chris Shaw Town Clerk
 Steph Astbury Admin Assistant

At the commencement of this meeting, the Mayor gave condolences to Cllr S Naylor on the death of his Mother. Mrs Naylor was consort to her husband Harold Naylor who was Mayor in 1977.

NTC 17/114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs.D. Bowden, B. Cooke, Mrs. D. Cooke, P Dolan, T Murphy, A Dimelow.

NTC 17/115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

Cllr. A Gerrard declared an interest in any matters relating to Rudheath Parish Council

Cllr. Falzon declared an interest in any matters relating to Barnton Parish Council

Cllr. S. Naylor declared an interest in any matters relating to CWAC

NTC 17/116 OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public to speak at the Open Forum

NTC 17/117 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

4.1 The minutes of Town Council Meeting held on Monday, 8^h January, 2018, be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. K Rimmer seconded by Cllr. M Falzon. All agreed.

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NTC17/118 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 5.1 To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16^h January 2018.
- 5.2 To note Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2018. It was further commented by Cllr. A Cooper on PL 17/71 regarding the variation on conditions to increase the height of the flue stack at the Lostock Site for Waste Management. Cllr. A Cooper raised the public concern already surrounding this. TC to request details of permissions granted and implemented from CW&C.
Cllr. B Jamieson raised suggestions of an alternative bus route of the Weaverham – Northwich service to incorporate users in Winnington. TC to arrange meeting with the Bus Company. Speed safety along Manchester Road and Winnington Lane was highlighted by Cllr. B Jamieson and requested that TC contact Sgt. K Davies, Cheshire Police for full statistics.
- 5.3 To note Grants Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2018.

TC17/119 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor attended the following events during January 2018

Tuesday 9 th January	NTC	Represented NTC at Cllr. S. Kryger's funeral service
Saturday 13 th January	Lostock Lodge Care Home 2-3 pm	1st Birthday celebrations
Monday 15 th January	Mayor's Charity Quiz Night	Oddfellows Arms, Davenham
Saturday 20 th January	Cheshire RBL 11 - 1	Annual County Conference at Daresbury
Tuesday 23 rd January	Cheshire Best Kept Station 7- 9.30	Awards Night The Grange Theatre
Wednesday 24 th January	Mayor's Escort Mrs Parkes	Charity lunch hosted by Mayor's Escort.

The Mayor also mentioned that she raised approx. £200 at the Oddfellows for her Quiz night and £120 at Mrs Elva Parkes house for her lunch events.

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Yarwood Close

TC updated members that the refurbishment at the play area is due to commence 26th February 2018.

Northwich Railway Station

After several meetings regarding Northwich Railway Station works will begin soon on the improvements after our annual winter pruning schedule.

Northwich Subway

The Mayor's project in association with the local primary schools, will soon be underway with works due to be completed by the end of April with an official opening by the Mayor at the start of May before her Mayoral year ends.

Northwich Cenotaph

Works are progressing well on the War Memorial project; it is due to be completed in 4 weeks' time.

Church Walk Paddling Pool

TC gave an update on the paddling pool work which has now started. All works are due to be completed before the season begins.

Town Centre Impact Day

On Wednesday 28th February 2018 another Impact Day within Northwich Town Centre will take place in partnership with BID, CW&C and local businesses and organisations. TC asked if members would like to attend.

Britain in Bloom

NTC, BID, CW&C and Barons Quay are all working together to enter the Britain in bloom competition this year. Members raised various questions regarding how this will be carried out. TC advised that we will be having a raised bed in Vickersway Park designed by the schools. Members also gave reference to the wild flower area within Witton Cemetery; TC advised that due to the weeds he is looking at an alternative full poppy mix.

Plastic Free Northwich

Following last month's meeting, it was suggested by Cllr. S Naylor that Tina Hickman from Plastic Free Northwich and Recycling, work with Transition Northwich as they are keen to support. Cllr. B Jamieson enquired as to whether Transition Northwich could have a marquee at the Community Fun Weekend. TC agreed to contact and invite them along.

Parkrun

The Parkrun has been set up in Northwich with the route showcasing some of the best views in Northwich. The official start date is yet to be confirmed.

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Other

TC advised members that he had received notification from CW&C to confirm that no election will be called and NTC are free to co-opt new members. Members requested that the available positions be advertised in the usual places including Northwich Guardian.

MEETINGS

Monday 5 th Feb 2018	Full Council	6.30 p.m.	NTC
Thursday 8 th Feb 2018	Community Asset Framework Consultation	5.00pm	NTC
Monday 19 th Feb 2018	Policy & Operations	6.00pm	NTC
Tuesday 20 th Feb 2018	Finance & GP	9.30am	NTC
Tuesday 20 th Feb 2018	Planning & Env	5.00pm	NTC

NTC 17/121 PRECEPT 2018/2019

TC was pleased to inform members that the precept remains the same with no increase from last year (Band D £75.13). Members thanked TC and staff for their hard work saying the 0% increase was welcomed and due to being well managed, expanding outside work, grants and other factors. Agreement on the amenities and cemetery fees were raised, this will take place at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

Northwich Town Council precept to Cheshire West & Chester for £488,563.

Proposed by Cllr. A Cooper, seconded by Cllr. S Eastwood. All agreed.

NTC 17/122 DATA PROTECTION & DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY

Members highlighted various amendments that need to be made to the documents, including removing irrelevant sections and including retention policy for burial records. Members also questioned whether the current storage of documents sufficiently counts as 'off site' storage. TC to obtain costs of off-site back up of computer documents. Members resolved to accept the Policy after amendments made.

Proposed by Cllr. A Cooper, seconded by Cllr. K Rimmer. All agreed.

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NTC 17/123 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Following recent resignations additional members for the Finance and General Purposes Committee were requested. Members raised that due to the times of the meetings they could not commit. It was resolved that Cllr. S Naylor will join this committee.

NTC 17/124 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Members discussed at length purchasing and installing two speed signs for Chesterway. TC to obtain costs and purchase from CW&C Highways. Proposed by Cllr. B Jamieson, seconded by Cllr. S Eastwood. All agreed.

NTC 17/125 OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. A Cooper attended the South of Manchester Railways Stake Holder event. He reported that a discussion took place on whether the current service pattern is sufficient for the rail usage. Further to this, it was also discussed that reopening the Northwich – Crewe line and the east/west Manchester line would be of benefit when the HS2 is being built. As a result of this, due to the repositioning of the A556, commuters may then choose to use the railway during busy periods.

NTC 17/126 CWAC CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr. B Jamieson informed members about the consultation on the Licensing of Rear Loading Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles as Hackney Carriages (taxis). Cllr. B Jamieson also informed members of the Highways & Streetscene service reporting. He also reported that the Davenham and Whatcroft Neighbourhood Plan has been approved.

NTC 17/127 MONTHLY COUNCILLOR SURGERY AT THE ARTISAN MARKET

There was no Artisan in January. Members were asked if they could attend the Council Surgery at the Artisan on Saturday 10th February 2018. The following Cllrs agreed to attend;

- 11am-12pm Cllr. S Naylor & Cllr. A Cooper
- 12pm – 1pm Cllr. S Eastwood & Cllr. A Cooper
- 1pm – 2pm Cllr. B Jamieson

NTC 17/128 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting will be Monday 5th March, 2018 at 6.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

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