

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2018

Present : Cllr. Mrs. A. Gerrard - Town Mayor

Councillors :

Cllr T Murphy	Cllr K Rimmer
Cllr A Stott	Cllr. M. Falzon
Cllr. D. Bowden	Cllr. P. Dolan
Cllr. Ms. S. Eastwood	Cllr. S. Naylor
Cllr. T. Lawrenson	Cllr. P. Naylor
Cllr. Mrs. J. Illidge	Cllr. Mrs. L. Nelson

Also present:

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

NTC 18/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. Cooper, B. Jamieson, and A Dimelow.

NTC 18/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

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

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

Cllr. S. Naylor declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West & Chester Council

Cllr. P. Dolan declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council

Cllr. T. Lawrenson declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council and Rudheath Parish Council.

NTC 18/03 OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers.

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Cllr. Mrs. A. Gerrard
Town Mayor

NTC 18/4 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

4.1 The minutes of Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st May, 2018 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record. Signed by the Town Mayor.
Proposed by Cllr K. Rimmer and seconded by Cllr L. Nelson

NTC18/05 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

5.1 Of the Town and Parish Meeting held on Monday 12th June, 2017. Confirmed as a true and accurate records. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Nelson.

5.2 Of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 14th May, 2018. Confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Dolan, seconded by Cllr. Bowden.

NTC18/06 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.1 To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15th May, 2018. Noted by Cllr. Rimmer.

6.2 To note Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th May, 2018. Noted by Cllr. Stott, who asked that the comments previously sent regarding planning application for Winnington Kitchen Centre are amended in line with correspondence received from CWAC Planning. We now wish to withdraw these comments and Cllrs. Cooper and Stott will submit revised comments. Also wished to thank Cllr. Cooper for attending the Planning Meeting and speaking in relation to Dane Valley, which has been advised to us has been refused. Also Cllr. Rimmer wished to thank the efforts by Cllr. Cooper by speaking at the same meeting regarding the Hartford Manor proposals.

NTC 18/07 TOWN MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS

The Outgoing Mayor and Incoming Mayor attended the following events during May, 2018

Cllr. Mrs. Janet Myerscough-Illidge

Thursday 3 rd May	NTC	Opening of Subway project, Opening of the Paddling Pool, Opening of Yarwood Close Play area.
Saturday 5 th May	World Coffee and Tea Shop	Opening of new business in Crown Street, Northwich
Saturday 5 th May	NTC	BBQ at Church Walk Paddling Pool.
Sunday 6 th May	Fun 4 Freddie	Fundraiser at Winnington Park.
Thursday 10 th May	Sir John Deane’s 6 th Form College	Year 13 Awards Evening
Friday 11 th May	Rotary Club of Northwich V.Royal	Presidents Night dinner
Friday 11 th May	146 Sqdn. (Northwich) ATC	Presentation Evening **Deputy Mayor Cllr. Gerrard attended
Saturday 12 th May	City of Chester	Lord Mayor’s Last Supper **Deputy Mayor Cllr. Gerrard attended

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Cllr. Mrs. Alison Gerrard

Saturday 19 th	East Timor Community Northwich	Anniversary Independence of East Timor ** Deputy Mayor Cllr. Rimmer attended**
Sunday 20 th May	Chester Civic	Lord Mayor of Chester Elect Annual Civic Service

Reference was made by the Town Mayor, and Cllr. Rimmer to the Northwich Music Festival last weekend. Lots of very positive feedback received, and a bigger crowd than expected. The weather contributed to a great day and evening. Cllr. Rimmer also mentioned the welcome he received at the East Timor Community event. This community expressed their appreciation for the help and support they have received since coming to our area, and their community continues to grow in numbers.

NTC18/08 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Church Walk Paddling Pool and Vickersway Park

Both parks are now fully open and visitor numbers are increasing all the time. The Paddling Pool attracts visitors from as far as Liverpool, Leigh, Manchester and Warrington, along with local residents. It has not been realised how popular this attraction was going to be this year following further investment over the winter to improve facilities. We now have to double the staff at weekends and School holidays, and the pump room requires additional maintenance, A full report will be submitted at the next Amenities Committee meeting to discuss the running costs and staff requirements, and how we may manage the facility going forward.

Northwich Cenotaph

The only item requiring completion of the Cenotaph are new railings and installation of the lights, which should be completed by the end of the week. Planting of the Cenotaph will take place on 15h June at 11.00 a.m. and will be undertaken with the help of children from Church Walk School. Members are welcome to attend and help out.

River Dane Bank Collapse

Works are now complete and the new path is fully open. Willow trees have been planted to help retain the river bank from further collapse.

Northwch Subway/Yarwood Close/Paddling Pool

The opening of these facilities took place on 3rd May and was attended by Rt. Hon. Mike Amesbury M.P., Town Mayor and members and representatives from partners and local schools. All were extremely impressed with the projects and it was good to see people's reactions to the subway project which looks amazing.

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Junior Parkrun

The first junior Parkrun took place on Sunday 13th May in Vickersway Park with over 100 taking part. The Town Mayor started the run and then welcomed them all back in over the finish line.

Parkrun

The run is attracting up to 250 runners each week and is proving a very popular course. Runners have also been venturing into town after the run which is good news for local retailers.

Bench Fire

Unfortunately one of the two benches that were installed in Verdin Park has been set on fire and is totally destroyed. Due to the intense heat this has also caused considerable damage to the kerbing around the Bob Verdin monument and the new tarmac path. The matter has been reported to the Police and a claim has gone to our insurance company.

Meetings

Greenbank Island – Meeting with Localities to discuss action that can be taken (meet on site at Greenbank Island – Thursday 7th June 10.00 a.m.

- Town and Parish Meeting - Tuesday 12th June 6.00 p.m.
- Finance Meeting - Tuesday 19th June 9.30 a.m.
- Planning - Tuesday 19th June 5.00 p.m.

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NTC 18/09 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Izettle Card Payment Machine

A card payment machine has been considered for some time at Vickersway Park. Hoped card payments would boost sales. Izettle offers a card payment machine which connects to a smartphone or tablet via Bluetooth or WiFi allowing contactless and PIN payments. Cost of reader is £29 plus VAT and 1.75% per transaction. No further cost. Card machine could be used in the offices when the shop is shut down during winter months. This was proposed by Cllr. Stott and seconded by Cllr. Illidge. All in favour.

Approved

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Cllr. Mrs. A. Gerrard
Town Mayor

Hedge Cutting Contracted 2018-2019

NTC carries out tractor and flail hedge cutting services for our contract services and also our own areas throughout the year. To ensure services that we provide continue to be cost effective and high quality we have requested Tenders from five contractors. It was agreed that N. Worth Contracting will be the chosen contractors with a total cost of £893.00 for our own areas and outside contract work. Initial contract will be for one year with the option to extend a further 2 years as necessary. This was proposed by Cllr. Stott and seconded by Cllr. Murphy. All in favour.

Approved

NTC 18/10 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2017/2018

Completed Return was distributed among Members prior to this meeting. This was proposed by Cllr. Rimmer and seconded by Cllr. Nelson. All in favour.

Approved

NTC 18/11 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2017/2018

Completed Internal Audit Return was distributed among Members prior to this meeting. This was proposed by Cllr. Nelson and seconded by Cllr. Rimmer. All in favour.

Approved

NTC 18/12 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Cllr. Dolan explained to Members regarding the panel set up for interviewing applicants. He wished to thank all applicants which were of a high caliber. Cllr. Naylor commented that with elections being held in 2019, it would be good to see more women applying.

Voting was carried out among Members with the following results and the respective Wards:-

Mitch Rowley	Witton
Colin Pratt	Bridge
Thomas Melville	Bridge
John Taylor	Bridge
Graham Emmett	Winnington

NTC 18/13 WINNINGTON VILLAGE BUS SERVICE

On behalf of Cllr. Jamieson, TC advised the request from residents for a meeting with themselves and the bus company regarding a service entering the estate. Cllr. Murphy made reference to communications he has had from residents. Cllr. Dolan suggests asking for a trial period to gauge the level and thoughts of passengers. Cllr. Bowden mentioned a resident in Leftwich who has stated the bus service is unreliable. TC has agreed to contact Arriva to invite them to next Full Council .

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**Cllr. Mrs A. Gerrard
Town Mayor**

NTC 18/14 TOWN MAYOR'S GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

The Town Mayor has observed a resident cleaning up detritus left following Travellers use of an unauthorised campsite. The Mayor suggested that in conjunction with the Northwich Guardian, a deserving person is nominated for an Award each month. Cllr. Dolan thought this an excellent suggestion with nominations to come from the public. At the end of each year perhaps a Person of the Year award. Cllr. Nelson had also viewed the person cleaning up but thought of the possibility of them being exposed to personal risk from a Health and Safety aspect. Cllr. Nelson has been contacted to ask if her and fellow Councillor Falzon could set up a Surgery. Could check possibility of obtaining funding to deal with similar issues. Cllr. Dolan commented that the Travelling community can create tension, but their lifestyle choice is by way of tradition. Cllr. Naylor added that this issue can be frustrating for residents, but the Borough councils have to follow a set procedure. All Members agreed with the Town Mayor to implement the idea of an Award. A meeting is to be arranged with Northwich Guardian.

Resolved

NTC 18/15 OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Naylor attended a meeting regarding College courses to teach relevant skills as the closure of Hartford Campus is imminent. No assurances were given but it is hoped to have a sports facility. Vulnerable people attending courses need support and may have difficulty travelling outside of this locality. Suggested could the college open up units in Barons Quay for this purpose?

Cllr. Naylor also attended the Northwich regeneration Forum. All good news regarding the proposed F.A. facility at Rudheath, and the incoming of some new businesses in Barons Quay. The town is on the up. Barons Quay will be a success, and the Weaver Square plans for future development. Cllr. Dolan added that he fully supports this positivity. There are still challenges ahead.

Cllr. Rimmer mentioned Plastic-Free Northwich initiative. Recently met with Tina Hickman who is feeling a bit overwhelmed with the project. Cllr. Rimmer has been asked to sit in as an observer at their next meeting. It is a matter of looking for funding.

Cllr. Rimmer also mentioned Network Rail's current problems and considers the services are worse than ever. Services cut will affect us on the Manchester/Chester line with late trains and cancellations, and having a massive impact on passengers.

Cllr. Murphy reported regarding Lostock sustainable project. Over the next 6 months there is a lot of work happening that NTC need to be mindful of.

NTC 18/16 CWAC AND PARTNERS CORRESPONDENCE

There were no comments from Members.

NTC 18/17 MONTHLY COUNCILLOR SURGERY AT THE ARTISAN MARKET

The next Artisan Market for Councillor Surgery will take place on Saturday 9th June 2018. Members discussed and agreed attendance to cover our stand.

PART B

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

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Cllr. Mrs A. Gerrard
Town Mayor

NTC 18/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting will be Monday 2nd July , 2018 at 6.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

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Cllr. Mrs. A. Gerrard
Town Mayor