

**NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2018**

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

Councillors :

Cllr T Murphy	Cllr K Rimmer	Cllr. G. Emmett
Cllr A Stott	Cllr. Mrs. L. Nelson	Cllr. T Melville
Cllr. D. Bowden	Cllr. P. Dolan	Cllr. M. Rowley
Cllr. Ms. S. Eastwood	Cllr. S. Naylor	Cllr. J. Taylor
Cllr. T. Lawrenson	Cllr. A. Cooper	Cllr. B. Jamieson

Also present:

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

**NTC 18/20** **PRESENTATION FROM MRS. DILYS HOOPER REGARDING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 'THANK YOU' CAMPAIGN**

Introductions and welcome to Mrs. Hooper who spoke regarding the RBL Thank You campaign being launched in 2 weeks. Gave a brief background and explained this relates to fallen Servicemen and Women and those who have served in our Forces. It will run for 12 months. Silhouettes of 5 feet in height depicting a sailor, airman, Commonwealth soldier, Nurses, Munitions and Suffragettes, will be available to purchase at £250 each. This is not a fundraiser unlike the RBL Poppy Appeal, and it has shown that lots of Town Councils support the Thank You campaign so far. Scouts, cubs, Girl Guides and Brownies are to become involved in the campaign in a bid to promote. Any organisation purchasing a silhouette will have their logo within it. As we are about to mark the 100 anniversary of the end of WW1, this type of campaign will not happen again. Cllr. Jamieson asked if this is linked to Remembrance, but this is something apart from that. Cllr. Cooper asked if Mrs. Hooper has spoken to the B.I.D. or Heritage Lottery for funding for events relating to WW1. Mrs. Hooper also asked if any members have and friends or family who are Normandy veterans as she is mindful their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary is coming up shortly. Mrs. Hooper left her contact details and other materials in connection with the Thank You campaign. The Town Mayor thanked Mrs. Hooper for attending. Also introduced to members was Emma Haspell who works for Winsford Town Council, and was here to observe our Meeting.

**NTC 18/21** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P. Naylor, M Falzon, and Mrs. J. Illidge

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**NTC 18/22    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. 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 18/23    OPEN FORUM**

There were no speakers.

**NTC 18/24    SIGNING OF THE MINUTES**

4.1 The minutes of Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.  
Proposed by Cllr Nelson and seconded by Cllr Jamieson. Signed by the Town Mayor

At this point Cllr. Rimmer spoke about the Citizen Award. Mentioned the Travelling Community currently in the area. Has spoken to the Gypsy and Travellers Liaison Officer at CWAC. Who advised this goes to Court in 2 days. There are many concerned residents with over 40 caravans on a site. Lots of complaints regarding noise, generating a fear factor in children, dogs and general disturbance. Cllr. Rimmer has spoken to the Travellers and a clean-up team is on standby. He has committed to contact complainants.

**NTC18/25    REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- 5.1 To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. Cllr. Nelson Noted by Cllr. Rimmer. Cllr. Cooper asked that reports on items relating to the Summer Playschemes and GDPR be brought to next Full Council meeting.
- 5.2 To note Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. Noted by Cllr. Stott, Cllr. Jamieson pointed out a small amendment he wanted making to the minutes relating to PL 18/15 to say that the information had come to his attention via Social Media.

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## NTC 18/26 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor attended the following events during June, 2018

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Royal British Legion	Commemoration and thanksgiving
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Northwich Library	National Bookstart week at Grozone
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Cheshire West Voluntary Arts Network	Community and Voluntary Arts Awards 2018
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Mid Cheshire Scouts	District A.G.M. **Deputy Mayor Cllr. K. Rimmer attended
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	CWAC	VIP Civic Lunch with H.M. The Queen Chester Racecourse
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Middlewich T.C.	Celebrating Cheshire's Young Musicians
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Crowton Primary School	Northwich Sings 2018
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	The Grange School	Peter Pan production
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	The Indian, Chester Road, Castle	Relaunch of The Indian restaurant **Deputy Mayor Cllr. K. Rimmer attended
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Vale Royal Disability Services	Mrs. C. Pickthall's funeral
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	N.T.C.	Planting with schoolchildren at the newly refurbished Cenotaph
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Neuromuscular Centre Winsford	Open Day 2018

The Town Mayor commented that she felt it a huge honour to have been invited to Chester for the V.I.P. Lunch with Her Majesty The Queen and Megan Markel. Cllr. Cooper thanked the Mayor for attending so many events during June. Also mentioned was the death of Christine Pickthall of V.R.D.S. Cllr. Dolan added she was a dedicated person to the community.

## NTC18/27 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### Northwich Cenotaph

All works now completed at the Cenotaph and an official opening is being arranged in the next few weeks. A big thank you to all that were involved in this project especially Steph in the office who put in many hours into the research with the schools and sending information to the contractors as necessary. Cllr. Cooper says we should be keen to get RBL involved, but this has already been arranged by NTC.

### Summer Bedding

Planting has been taking place over the last few weeks, and due to the hot weather we are struggling to keep on top of the watering to try and keep the plants in good condition.

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Northwich In Bloom

NTC in partnership in partnership with the BID, CWAC and other partners will be entering the ' In Bloom' competition which is a national competition. Our judging date will be 6<sup>th</sup> August and so it will be all hands on deck prior to this to ensure that the town looks its best.

Church Walk Paddling Pool

The paddling pool is as popular as ever with visitors coming from Manchester, Liverpool, Chester and further afield. Due to increased costs, and as discussed at the last full council, we now have a donations box for visitors to pay towards the cost of the pool. The pool is now double staffed during busy periods due to its popularity and there is more general maintenance and cleaning tasks to be done by staff. The filters now have to be cleaned out 3 times daily and the whole system back washed and rinsed every 2 days to keep the water quality to a very high standard. Cllr. Cooper asked how the donations box is doing and the shop is being well used. TC wished to convey a massive thanks to the staff manning the shops both at the pool and Vickersway Park.

**EVENTS**

Funtopia

Has taken place on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June in Verdin Park. Children had the chance to play on numerous inflatables, crazy golf and much more. Funtopia will return in August for another weekend of fun.

Civic Sunday

Took place yesterday 1<sup>st</sup> July. TC gave an update on this annual event. Our local M.P. the Rt. Hon. Mike Amesbury attended with Mayors from our neighbouring towns, Knutsford, Winsford and Middlewich. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant was also in attendance.

Community Fun Weekend

This ever popular event will take place on Saturday and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July in Vickersway Park with all the usual attractions including live bands, BBQ bar, fairground rides, tractor and trailer, birds of prey and much more. If any members wish to volunteer over the tow days, please let Lesley know and she will include you in the rota.

**NTC 18/28 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

The following recommendations have been approved from the Finance and General Purposes Committee

Blinds for outside staff room

Following on from GDPR recommendations, have received a quote for blinds to be fitted in the outside staff room and Operations Managers office. Supply and fit blinds to the windows will be £185 plus VAT. A key code will also be fitted to the outside staff rooms seating area. Proposed buy Cllr. Stott, seconded by Cllr. Bowden. All in favour.

**Approved**

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Heart Start

TC informed members we have received free training from Heart Start and free defibrillator checks for the past 6 months. In light of this, the instructor from Heart Start has asked if we could pay for a uniform for him costing £100. Finance members suggested any further literature displays our logo for the advertisement of NTC supporting Heart Start. Proposed by Cllr. Stott, seconded by Cllr. Bowden. All in favour.

**Approved**

**NTC 18/29 NORTHWICH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr. Cooper gave update. Referendum took place 21<sup>st</sup> June. Yes vote showed 88.3% in favour. At the start this was always intended it to be community led. David Roberts has given up a great deal of time, and leaders of the TAG Groups. Feedback from residents truly reflects what people want and their concerns. Cllr. Bowden agreed with this and praised Cllr. Cooper for translating a massive amount of data and write this in the form of policies. This has been superb in terms of efforts and skills. Also wished to thank members of the Executive by way of a formal letter of thanks to so many who helped and supported. Mentioned the expertise of the TAG Leaders and got solid backing from them. Also suggested a framed certificate to be provided as recognition for what they have done. Proposed by Cllr. Bowden, seconded by Cllr. Rimmer. All in favour.

**Approved**

**NTC 18/30 TO NOTE LAPSED ATTENDANCE OF CLLR. A. DIMELOW**

Unfortunately due to illness Alan Dimelow non-attendance at Council meetings has reached 6 months so he automatically ceases to be a member of the Council. CWAC will be contacted to inform them of the vacancy. We shall be writing to Alan thanking him for his time on the Council. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Bowden. All in favour

**Approved**

**NTC 18/31 PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Mr Rowley will represent Witton Ward and will join both Finance and General Purposes, and Amenities Committees.

Mr Melville will represent Bridge Ward and will join Finance and General Purposes Committee replacing Cllr. Falzon.

Mr. Taylor will represent Bridge Ward and will join Planning and Finance Committee.

Mr. Emmett will represent Winnington Ward and will join Finance and General Purposes Committee

It was moved by Cllr. Jamieson and seconded by Cllr. Cooper to accept this recommendation.

**Approved**

**NTC 18/32 CWAC HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Cllr. Jamieson has asked that answers to our questions already distributed to members be discussed further at the next Planning and Environment Committee meeting.

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**NTC 18/33    CAR PARKING**

TC advised he has only received back a few answers, and will refer these back to Planning and Environment Committee. Cllr. Dolan added that we have asked for a meeting, but none has currently been offered. Cllr. Rimmer agreed this has a potentially serious impact. Cllr. S Naylor recommends we write to the Chief Executive and explain that NTC are frustrated at the lack of response to our questions. Cllr. Murphy asks to include the Car Park at Cheshire F.A. HQ at Moss Farm

**NTC 18/34    CO-OPTION**

Mr Colin Pratt was co-opted as a member of Northwich Town Council. Unfortunately Mr Pratt was involved in a serious accident on Manchester Road on 4<sup>th</sup> June and remains in hospital. Contact has been made with Mr. Pratt’s father who advised he has at least another 3 months in hospital.

It is therefore recommended that we re-advertise the vacancy and write to Mr Pratt wishing him a speedy recovery and thanking him for taking the time to apply for the position. Proposed by Cllr. Jamieson, seconded by Cllr. Rimmer.

**Resolved**

**NTC 18/34    FREEDOM OF NORTHWICH**

Cllr. S. Naylor read a lengthy statement in support of Mr David Roberts receiving the Freedom of Northwich for his exceptional achievement and recognition of the town. He would like to nominate David Roberts for this prestigious award, being a local Businessman and part of the Roberts Bakery family which has brought tremendous wealth to the town. David is passionate about our town, particularly about the river and architecture. He has been Chair of the Steering Group in producing the Northwich Neighbourhood Plan, and is a most deserving person to receive the Freedom of the Town. Olympic medal winner Matt Langridge was the first person to receive the Freedom of Northwich in recent years. Cllr. Bowdon agreed wholeheartedly David is always determined to get the best for the town. Cllr. Dolan added he was very pleased to support. Cllr. S. Naylor proposed this action and was seconded by Cllr. Bowden. All in favour.

**Approved**

**NTC 18/35    CWAC AND PARTNERS CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr. Rimmer wished to comment on the fact he had spoken to Tina Hickman (Plastic Free Northwich) who has set a challenge to Councilors to come up with ideas how to reuse single use plastic. Cllr. Rimmer has agreed to act as liaison. Cllr. Bowdon mentioned the local Schools Parliaments and asking them for support. Cllr. Cooper also suggested Scouts and Brownies to be invited in, and will ask them.

Referring to CWAC Correspondence, Cllr. Jamieson drew attention to the Police and Crime Commissioners correspondence regarding volunteering opportunities and urged members to read and apply if possible. The briefing of Manchester Airport’s new drop off areas coming into operation shortly.

TC has sent out correspondence to members regarding the Weaver Square Masterplan. Cllr. Jamieson suggests a meeting at NTC to discuss proposals to meet the obligations set out in the NNP. TC needs dates to arrange a meeting.

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**NTC 18/36 MONTHLY COUNCILLOR SURGERY AT THE ARTISAN MARKET**

Cllr. Cooper gave an update on approaches made at the last Artisan Market Councillors stand. Whilst promoting the NNP, Cllr. Rimmer added that there appeared to be a little confusion from members of the public living outside the Parish of Northwich. These people are recognized, and we have made every effort to involve everyone during the consultation period. Only those people living within the actual Parish of Northwich were entitled to vote at the Referendum. The current local bus services have also brought up concerns.

The next Artisan Market will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July and a rota was agreed for Councillors attending.

**NTC 18/37 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

There will be no meeting in August due to recess, so the next meeting will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 6.30p.m.

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

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