

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2018

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

Councillors :

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

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

NTC 18/38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Dolan, Mrs L. Nelson, and Mrs. J. Illidge

NTC 18/39 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. T. Lawrenson declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council and Rudheath Parish Council.

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

NTC 18/40 OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers.

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NTC 18/41 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

- 4.1 The minutes of Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July, 2018 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.
Proposed by Cllr Rimmer and seconded by Cllr Rowley. Signed by the Town Mayor

NTC18/42 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 5.1 To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17th July. Noted by Cllr. Rimmer. To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21st August , 2018. Noted by Cllr. Jamieson who mentioned the need for update on School funding.

- 5.2 To note Planning and Environment Committee meetings held on Tuesday 17th July and 21st August, 2018. Noted by Cllr. Stott.

Cllr. Jamieson asked about the Waterways Strategy meeting. A Northwich Group formed but not having met yet, which includes the Weaver Navigation Society. Meeting is needed to ensure issues within the strategy. Refer to the NNP for possible future developments. Cllr. Jamieson wants to meet with Canal & River Trust, Environment Agency and CWAC. Cllr. Rowley mentioned he has contacts within E.A. and could check on any funding available. Cllr. Rimmer spoke about the adoption project on the river. Cllr. S Naylor mentioned the Regeneration Committee which he sits on and has discussed with Geriant Jones

- 5.3 To note the Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 13th August, 2018. These were noted by Cllr. Cooper. Cllr. Jamieson suggested, regarding the Subway Artwork that a plaque should be provided in recognition of the Awards for All funding. Cllr. Rowley raised the issue regarding the Skate Park – repairs are not sustainable, and is mindful that this keeps skate users out of Barons Quay. This should be of concern in future

- 5,4. To note the Policy and Operations Committee meeting held on Monday 13th August, 2018. Noted by Cllr. Cooper.

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NTC 18/43 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor attended the following events during July and August, 2018

Sunday 1st July	NTC	Civic Parade and Service
Saturday 7th July	Northwich Carnival Committee	Northwich Carnival
Sunday 8th July	146 (Northwich) Sqn ATC	Graduation of 62 entry FCTC Course
Tuesday 10th July	Lostock Country Care Home	Celebrating residents 70th wedding anniversary
Sunday 15th July	Winsford Town Council	Civic Parade and Service.
Sunday 29th July	146 (Northwich) Sqn ATC	Layup of original 1939 ADCC 146 Standard
Wednesday 15th August	J & S Oakmere	Bikers Meet supporters of NWAA.
Wednesday 15th August	NTC	Presentation of Freedom of the Town to Mr. David Roberts
Friday 17th August	River Weaver Navigation	Salt Towns Rally Middlewich
Friday 24th August	River Weaver Navigation Society	Salt Towns Rally Winsford
Monday 27th August	Northwich & Cheshire Festivals Ltd	Northwich Festival Moss Farm

NTC18/44 TOWN CLERK'S REPORTTravellers

Update was given on the current situation with Travellers. Travellers arrived at Whalley Road on 20th August. They were served Notice by Baliffs on Wednesday 22nd August and moved the following evening. All entrances and exits to the site were then blocked with NTC vehicles and the following day 400 tonnes of soil was delivered from the Dane View Barrett site The cost of the soil, use of men and equipment to load from Barrett Homes was provided free of charge. Our staff and an outside contractor spent the day moving soil into mounds to block all possible entrances to the field. The area will be grassed at a later date, and two bollards will be inserted into pathways.

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Winnington

Kyla Ashcroft, the Senior Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officer issued a 24 hour Notice for travellers to leave the Winnington site on 29th August.

Verdin Park

Both entrances to Verdin Park have been blocked with vehicles to prevent any further use of the site by Travellers

Belmont Road

CWAC will be arranging for soil to be delivered to this site and will be placed around all areas that can be accessed by vehicles. Cllr. Rimmer made reference to Whalley Road, and comments seen on social media. From a cost of view we have control back. ATC advised that EA had previously moved some bollards for work to be carried out Cllr. Rimmer mentioned Saxons Lane situation – Cllr. Naylor advised he had attended a meeting with Cllr. Cooper, Cllr. Gaynor Sinar and our M.P. Mike Amesbury. Got some assurances that CWAC and Police are using legislation as best they can. Hopefully this situation will be resolved shortly. A proposed site in Ellesmere Port for Travellers will have the approval of planners. Would wish to congratulate NTC. Cllr. Rowley commented the cost of clearing up and would like clarification from CWAC as to how we may be able to recoup this from CWAC. As mentioned above, Planning application is now in for consideration and should have outcome by end of October. Cllr. Emmett asked about securing Verdin Park, we are still awaiting planning decision of our application. Cllr. Rowley proposed writing to CWAC regarding the above, seconded by Cllr. Taylor. All in favour.

Resolved

Defibrillator Update

The Defibrillator at the NatWest Bank was successfully used on 20th August, and has been replaced with new pads. These now need to go on town maps to show their location..

Northwich In Bloom

On 6th August three judges arrived in Northwich, and for two and a half hours looked around various sites including our Town Council offices, Growzone, Vickersway Park, Dane Valley cemetery and walked through the town. A decision is expected at the end of October, when we shall find out which certificate we will be awarded with.

Contracts

Grass cutting has commenced again following the dry weather spell. Watering of planters and baskets now take place twice weekly.

David Roberts

The Freedom of the Town of Northwich was awarded to David on 15th August, given his lifelong service to the community of Northwich, both as a Businessman and local community statesman. The Mayor commented that it was an honour for her, and it was a lovely evening.

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NTC 18/45 CHAIN

Cllr. Naylor gave some background to this matter. TATA incinerator Planning application was granted in 2012. Proposes to invite CHAIN to come to NTC and update us on their concerns. This meeting to include cross-parties. Cllr. Jamieson still has concerns regarding traffic movement increases. Proposed by Cllr. Naylor, seconded by Cllr. Rowley. Cllr. Naylor advised that CHAIN members are available 13th September at 6.00 p.m. and all local Councillors are to be invited. All in favour.

Resolved

NTC 18/46 CO-OPTION

Three Members are required to carry out interviewing prospective applicants. Cllrs. Rimmer, Rowley and Eastwood volunteered.

Resolved

NTC 18/47 CWAC HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The report sent to Members prior to this meeting were noted. Cllr. Jamieson commented it was an excellent report getting resolved most of the issues. There is a matter of 2 trees on Chester Road, Castle which block the footpath. Suggested we post leaflets to close residents and members to see if there are any objections to the trees being removed. Cllr. Cooper advised these were discussed previously and there was a backlash from the public. It was agreed at a meeting that Cllr. Cooper attended to leave this matter until after the local elections have taken place. Cllr. Rimmer commented regarding the trees is that the branches at the bottom that are the problem. Cllr. Rowley asked if they would be replaced if taken down. Cllr. Bowden asked if it was worth writing to the Heritage Group regarding the trees. Proposed by Cllr. Jamieson and seconded by Cllr. Rimmer. All in favour.

Resolved

NTC 18/48 CWAC AND PARTNERS CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr. Jamieson mentioned the Northwich Festival taking place in October.

NTC 18/49 MONTHLY COUNCILLOR SURGERY AT THE ARTISAN MARKET

The last Councillor Surgery took place in July. There were no specific comments received, apart from the ongoing Bus Service problems in certain areas.

The rota for next Surgery on 8th August, time are as follows.

- 11-12 Cllr. T. Murphy
- 12 -1 Cllr. M. Rowley
- 1-2 Cllr. G. Emmett.

NTC 18/50 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting will be Monday 1st October. 2018 at 6.30 p.m.

Cllr. Bowden mentioned that the TAG Group Leaders involved in the work on the Northwich Neighbourhood Plan are being invited to our next meeting to congratulate them and the community for their efforts, a thank you and well done.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.

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