



**NTC 19/05 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES**

- 5.1 The minutes of Town Council Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper seconded by Cllr. Nelson. Minutes signed by the Mayor. All in favour
- 5.2 The minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Nelson seconded by Cllr. Cooper. Minutes signed by the Mayor. All in favour.

**NTC19/06 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- 6.1 To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2019. Noted by Cllr Nelson.
- 6.2 To note Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2019. Noted by Cllr. Rowley. Minutes to be amended to show Cllr. Rowley was nominated for Chair by Cllr. Nelson and seconded by Cllr. Stott.
- 6.3 To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Proposed by Cllr. Nelson, seconded by Cllr. Rowley. All in favour.

**NTC 19/07 TOWN MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor attended the following events during May.

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April.	Mayor of East Cheshire	Tour of Jodrell Bank
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Middlewich T.C.	Mayor’s Ball
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	NTC / ‘ The Indian ‘	Mayor’s Charity night/meal
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Winsford Town Council	Charity Mayor’s Ball
April 13th	Mid Cheshire Operatics	The Grange Theatre
April 18th	Knutsford Promenaders	Extreme Cake Makers at Arley Hall with Channel 4 TV
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	High Sheriff of Cheshire	St Georges Dinner
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	NTC Charity collection	North West Air Ambulance
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	146 Sqdn ATC Northwich	Presentation evening
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Poynton Town Council	Mayor’s Posh Party
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Royal British Legion	Service of commemoration in respect of V.E. Day.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Knutsford T/C	Mayor making **Attended by incoming Mayor
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sandbach T/C	AGM & Mayor making ** Attended by incoming Mayor

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**1.0 Verdin Park improvements**

NTC currently working on funding application for Verdin Park, needs to be submitted by beginning of July for decision in September. Total project cost will be in the region of £85,000. If the application is successful equipment will be purchased direct from suppliers and will appoint a contractor to carry out the installation as this will achieve better value for money. Work on the new cycle path from Winnington will commence shortly and this will contribute to the works being done by NTC within Verdin Park. Cllr. Rowley added it had not been possible to get all equipment.

**2.0 Victoria Street Play Area**

Refurbishment has now been completed at Victoria Street and was officially opened on 24<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks to Oakmere Toyota, JP Ceramics, Play & Leisure and the pocket Park Plus Fund for supporting this project. Thanks also to the staff and Councillors who were involved with the project and took the time to attend the opening. Has been well received, and well used by residents. Cllr. Cooper remarked this is an incredible transformation.

**3.0 Burnside Way Play Area**

2 pieces of equipment to be replaced over the next few weeks following damage. NTC continue to look for funding opportunities to refurbish the site in the future,

**4.0 Church Walk Paddling Pool**

Pool now open for the summer season following some repair work to the wetpour due to shrinkage. Pool surface also been repaired, repainted and pumps serviced. Regarding opening times, a decision is made each morning whether or not to open which is weather dependant, and this will be posted on the Church Walk Paddling Pool facebook page. We are advising people travelling from outside the area to call and check with the office for updates before they commence their journey. Events are planned for the summer at the pool which may include a small funfair and BBQ.

**5.0 Vickersway Park**

The Park is now open for the summer season and we are also planning some events over the coming months. All will be promoted through the website, social media and at other events.

**6.0 Old Hall Play Area**

NTC applied for some section 106 funding for this site which is now available. The amount being £5004, and have approached 4 Suppliers for quotes on a trim trail. Quotes based on supply only to enable us to get more kit for funds available and our staff will install on delivery. Play & Leisure were the preferred Supplier as when the park was visited with the designs these were the most popular when users asked. Cllr. Cooper reiterated that P&L offered the best deals and designs. Cllr. Rimmer has been in touch with the PCSO, and will share this report to Full Council.

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**7.0 Witton Cemetery**

Concrete plinth has been installed within the cemetery which is for the erection of headstones and for cremated remains only. A small flower bed has also been added to the area and re-turfed. The Sanctum 2 vault section will also have the addition of a flower bed shortly. The cemetery has been entered into the Cemetery of the Year award and we should hear over the next few months if we have been successful.

**8.0 Floral Displays**

Over the next few weeks, the town will be planted with summer bedding, installation of hanging baskets and the planting of tubs along with our Parks and Cemeteries planting programme. Bunting will also be installed throughout the town centre which is funded by the BID.

**9.0 Belmont Road and Winnington Parklands**

Both fields have now been bunded to help deter illegal encampments throughout the summer with over 700 tonnes of topsoil imported to create the bunds. Joint initiative between NTC, CWAC, and Rudheath & Witton Together Many thanks to Barratts who kindly donated the soil for the project. Permanent and removable bollards have been installed on both sites. Cllr. Cooper wished to thank NTC and other Councillors. This took a long time to get into place with partners. Residents will appreciate the efforts and deterrents now in place.

**10.0 Outside Contracts.**

Our outside contracts continue to grow, adding to our portfolio. Local Town and Parish Councils. continue to contact us for various services ranging from grass cutting, hedgecutting, planting, play area inspections, Christmas lights and much more. This is a great reflection on the high quality and service that we provide throughout the year and many thanks to all staff for delivering these services.

**11.0 Northwich BID**

We work very closely with the BID Team in Northwich, and from 30<sup>th</sup> May until 27<sup>th</sup> June businesses will be voting on whether they wish the BID to carry on for a second term. Working in partnership with the BID and other partners, we have achieved many improvements within the town over the last 5 years and hope this will continue with a ‘Yes’ vote in June.

**12.0 Dead Dead Good Weekend**

Event took place over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May, across town at many venues including Barons Quay, Brio, cafes and pubs. This was the first year and was very well attended. Dates are already planned to repeat next year and members will be advised details of these nearer the time.

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**13.0 Verdin Park Music Festival**

Cllr. Gerrard was not present to give a report to members but Cllr. Murphy reported this was a fantastic event, bigger and better than previous years. Cllr. Rimmer added he had received lots of very positive comment, but would have been nice if other Councillors could have come along and supported. Visitors are amazed this is a free admission and many filmed the event to place on social media. Cllr. Stott attended and reiterated these views. Cllr. Rowley suggested placing the filming on our website. Cllr. Murphy delivered leaflets promoting the Festival in his area. There was a marvellous atmosphere for all ages present. Increased costs need to be considered.

**14.0 Queen’s Royal Garden Party**

Due to NTC winning Council of The Year 2018, the outgoing Mayor Cllr. Alison Gerrard was invited to attend the Queen’s Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, to represent Northwich. The Mayor’s P.A. accompanied Cllr. Gerrard. Theresa gave a brief account of their day there, and what an honour and privilege it was to have had the opportunity to attend. The Queen was in attendance with several members of the Royal Family.

**15.0 Upcoming Meetings**

Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Grants Committee meeting 5.30 p.m. at NTC Offices
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Annual Parish Meeting 6.00 p.m.at the Council Chambers
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Full Council Meeting 6.30 p.m. at the Council Chambers
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Amenities Committee Meeting 5.30 p.m. at NTC Offices
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Finance and General Purposes meeting 9.30 a.m. NTC Offices
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Planning & Environment meeting 5.00 p.m. at NTC Offices.

Cllr. Cooper mentioned regarding Planning Committee meeting and how he is to suggest meeting time to be altered. Will be discussed at next Planning meeting.

**NTC19/09 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**1.0 Coffee Machine Vickersway Park**

Finance Committee were presented with 3 options to replace the old faulty machine at Vickersway Park with a new one over a 3 year period with full warranty and servicing included in the monthly cost and NTC will own the machine at the end of 3 years. Finance Committee resolved to award Cheshire Coffee Services the contract to supply the coffee machine at a monthly cost of £89.00 over a 3 year period. TC advised Cllr. Cooper when asked, that the Coffee machine will cover its costs. Proposed to accept by Cllr. Stott, seconded by Cllr. Rowley.

**Approved**

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**CCTV Upgrade**

Finance Committee given a report on our current CCTV provision, and the proposal to upgrade the remaining 5 cameras within the cemetery. CCTV provision and monitoring are currently provided by Network Vision who also provide maintenance and servicing. Finance Committee agreed that the contract be awarded to Network Vision as our current supplier, and once all CCTV is in place and the current contract ends, we shall seek additional quotes for maintenance and monitoring of the full system. Proposed by Cllr. Stott, seconded by Cllr. Rowley. All in favour.

**Approved**

**NTC19/10 NATIONAL CARERS WEEK 10-16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Cllr. Rowlands was not resent to give an update. This is an annual campaign in relation to Adult Social Care. Town Mayor Cllr. Rimmer declared he wants to lead on this initiative. Cllr. Rowley pointed out we are all Carers in many respects and it is right to highlight it. Decision of the Council is required to support this. Proposed by Cllr. Stott, seconded by Cllr. Nelson. All in favour.

**Approved**

**NTC19/11 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTIONS**

TC explained our Co-option Policy which had previously been distributed to Members. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Nelson. All in favour.

**Approved**

**NTC19/12 CWAC CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Cllr. Cooper spoke regarding details previously distributed to Members. Suggests we respond to CWAC. TC is to produce a report to determine what energy savings can be made, look at biofuels, paper, insulation etc., and set out deliverable timescales. Cllr. Naylor supports this Motion, and advised at the last CWAC meeting this was passed. Considered the cost to NHS in respect of air pollution etc., and we must do better for our children’s future. Cllr. Murphy commented in respect of the incinerator and fracking. CWAC having highlighted these matters but eventually having it imposed on them by Central Government. Cllr. Lawrenson also mentioned the development at Dane Valley. It was proposed to respond as discussed by Cllr. Cooper and seconded by Cllr. Naylor.

**Resolved**

**NTC19/13 NEW COUNCILLOR INDUCTIONS**

Due to all the services NTC carry out ranging from Burial grounds, play areas, Paddling pool, allotments etc., we additionally undertake contract services for neighbouring Town and Parish Councils and BID. New Councillors are invited to have a tour of the areas and services that we provide, and an opportunity to meet the staff within the office, and grounds maintenance team that maintain the Parks and Cemeteries. Invitation is also extended to new Ward Councillors for Northwch and existing Members that were re-elected. TC to arrange a day for all members to undertake a tour of NTC areas.

**NTC19/14 CWAC & PARTNERS CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr. Rimmer mentioned the display boards at Greenbank Station and the new ‘promise to pay’ process. Relayed a personal experience regarding a ticket purchase.

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**NTC19/15      MONTHLY COUNCILLOR SURGERY AT THE ARTISAN MARKET**

Cllr. Emmett reported a resident complaint regarding litter – no response from CWAC when reported. Cllr. Rimmer advised that he should contact CWAC direct in his capacity of Councillor, and he will be responded to. TC advised that the site in question is unadopted. NTC and others have done cleansing in the past at our expense. Cllr. Cooper suggested we contact CWAC for support. (Mark Simmons – localities)TC mentioned other sites that have been cleansed repeatedly in the past. Cllr. Nelson mentioned caravans and cars parked with people living in them in Rudheath area. Cllr. Cooper advised that Planning enforcements should be taken up. TC to contact. TC also asked if there are any volunteers for a Give and Gain as there seems no alternative to keeping these places clean and tidy. Cllr. Rowley suggests gated areas and pursue if possible. TC to speak to Localities. Proposed by Cllr. Emmett, seconded by Cllr. Rowley

There will be some changes trialled from this month. Food, gym ,bar, fairground rides in Barons Square/Leicester Street.

Councillor rota for next Artisan agreed as :

- 10-11.      Cllr. T Murphy
- 11-12      Cllrs M Rowley and A. Cooper
- 12-1      Cllr. S. Naylor

**Resolved**

Cllr. Edwards left the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

**NTC19/16      ASSET REGISTER**

Approve Annual Return . Item missed on Finance and General Purposes Recommendations. Proposed by Cllr. Emmett, seconded by Cllr. Nelson.

**NTC19/17      OUTSIDE BODIES UPDATES**

Cllr. Rowley attended HS2 Advisory meeting. Will be a series of site investigations starting this month. Possible 18 sites, 3 sites nearest Northwich are Rudheath, Budworth and Pickmere. Intrusive tests to be carried out later this year, and there is a further ongoing meeting planned.

Cllr. Naylor spoke about CWAC’s newly elected Members. He has met with our MP and spoke about getting the very best for Northwich. A meeting planned with TC to have a walkaround and discuss regeneration. Northwich first and foremost, as town has got a promising future, and determined to get the night time economy up and running.

Cllr. Bowden reminded Members that the Northwich Literature Festival starts tonight. Anything to support the Library would be very good indeed.

**NTC19/18      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of the next meeting will be Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 at 6.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m..

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**Cllr. Mrs. A Gerrard**  
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