



Nantwich Town Council

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee of the Council **held on 25th February 2008.**

Exceptionally, Councillor Moran, Chairman of the Committee, allowed Gavin Palin, volunteer first responder, to address the Committee before it considered the agenda.

Mr Palin explained that the First Responders in Nantwich and other parts of Cheshire were being required to reduce the service they could provide in accidents and emergencies. Mersey Ambulance Service was being merged to become part of the North West Ambulance Service.

A standardisation of practice across the North West meant that the local first responders could no longer administer entonox for pain relief, aspirin for cardiac problems or hypostop for diabetics. In addition, the 100% oxygen mask was to be replaced by a mask to be simply breathed in by the responder. Cheshire and Merseyside Community First Responders currently offer a much higher level of service than other similar services in the Trust area. The 'standardisation' would mean everyone would be reduced to a lower level and provide a poorer service to the community.

Mr Palin appealed for support from the Committee. This was a matter which affected health and threatened lives. It was agreed that:-

- (i) The Chairman of the Council would write to the Chairman of the North West Ambulance Service.
- (ii) Follow up enquiries would be made to the letters already sent to the local MPs and the Ambulance Service.
- (iii) Letters would be sent to local medical practices asking for their support.
- (iv) Councillors would support a vigorous campaign in newspapers and other media.

The Chairman thanked the First Responders for attending the meeting and for the clear explanation of the issues.

The committee then commenced.

Present - Councillors Moran (Chairman), Cafferty, Healey, Hope, Lewis, Martin, McGinnis, Simpson, Stockton, together with the Town Clerk.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Abbott (working), Farrall (holiday), and Williams (recovering from an operation).



2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Cafferty declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application P08/0094 (91/93 Hospital Street) as his son lived next door. Councillor Hope declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application P08/0114 (27 Millstone Lane) as a relation was the applicant and application number P08/0139 (66 Brereton Drive) as the applicant was a close neighbour.

The Councillors left the room during discussion of the relevant applications and took no part in the discussion or voting.

Councillor Stockton declared a personal interest in all the planning applications as a member of the Borough Council Development Control Committee.

3 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS.

The Committee considered the report on the Draft Supplementary Planning documents issued by the Borough Council for consultation by 26th March. One concerned "Development on Backlands and Gardens", the other concerned "Extensions and Householder Development." Broadly speaking, Members welcomed the documents, while expressing concern about the continued development in the town.

RECOMMENDED: that the response of the Town Council should be as follows:-

- i. The Town Council welcomes both documents and looks forward to the issue of more guidance of a similar nature.
- ii. As regards the 'Development of Backland and Gardens' document, the following paragraph is suggested as paragraph 4.4A:-

"Individual sites should not be considered in isolation. The points made in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 about the characteristics and surroundings of a particular site and about respecting existing properties are important. Equally important, however, is the effect which development may have upon the character of the wider locality. If potential developments are each regarded individually, one by one and only in the context of their close surroundings, then the gradual effect upon a wider area may be overlooked. The cumulative effect of development on backlands, and in particular, gardens, will also be taken into account. It will be unacceptable for an area to be changed in character and appearance due to repeated building on available previously developed land (e.g., gardens). The planning authority will take action at an early stage to prevent the loss of garden land, when it considers that repeated development of that nature would detract from the light, green and spacious character of a particular street, square, road or other locality in detriment to the amenity of the residents."



- iii. As regards the 'Extensions and Householder Development' document the following paragraph is suggested as paragraph 4.11A:-

"It is the responsibility of the applicant to create a match of materials and where a builder or other third party is used to construct the extension, the applicant must ensure, for example by a condition with penalties in the contract of works, that the match is consistent and visually acceptable."

4 ORDERS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO STANDARDS COMMITTEES.

The Committee noted the intended change to regulations which would give increased powers to local Standards Committees to deal with allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct by councillors.

5 DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2008/09.

The Committee noted the proposed dates for meetings of Council and Policy and Resources Committee from May 2008 to May 2009.

RECOMMENDED that Council on 12th May consider adopting the timetable of meetings as presented (the proposed timetable is attached to these Minutes.)

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

RESOLVED that the comments on planning applications listed in Appendix A should be submitted to the Borough Council Planning Officer.

7 SPEED GUN.

The Committee considered a request from Inspector Bob Hassall of Nantwich Policing Unit for a contribution of £1500 towards a Speed Gun. This would enable tickets to be issued from the NPU.

RECOMMENDED that the sum of £1500, as requested, be contributed with the proviso that, so far as possible, the gun be used only in the area of Nantwich and adjoining parishes. The expenditure to be from the next financial year's 'Miscellaneous Payments' line 52.

8 STREET SPORTS.

Councillor McGinnis mentioned a proposal for a contribution to the Street Sports Program for Nantwich. This is an extension of the Sports Programme run in Nantwich on the Barony to the open space at Queens Drive, operating from April into the summer months. The sum involved was £976 and it would be used to fund football and other sports for youngsters in that area.



RECOMMENDED that a contribution of £976 be made to the Street Sports Programme from this year's budget (line 43 Potential section 137 grants) and the expenditure be authorised under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council being of the opinion that it will bring direct benefit to the area or some of the inhabitants of the area and will be commensurate with the expenditure to be incurred.

9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be now excluded from the meeting because the following items concern financial issues or business affairs of third parties best considered in confidence.

10 CAPITAL RESERVE.

The Committee briefly considered the future of the present capital reserve and, indeed, the future status and position of the Town Council in the likely new unitary. **RESOLVED** that the issue be referred to the Finance Committee with a view to a report and recommendation to Council in due course (a suitable date for the committee to be agreed by the Clerk and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Councillor Cafferty).

11 DANCE.

Councillor Moran (the Chairman of the Committee) had suggested a discussion concerning Todd Miller and the Joe Loss Orchestra, but withdrew the item from the agenda.

12 TOWN MEETING.

The Clerk suggested a rather different form of meeting on 14th April.

The proposal was:-

- 6.45pm Annual Town Meeting followed by Council Meeting
- 7.45pm Christmas lights awards
- 8.05pm Grant cheque presentation
- 8.30pm Quality Status celebration.
- 9.30pm Close.

The suggestion was approved by the Committee, but more precise timings and invitations were to be agreed between the Council Chairman and the Clerk.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No	Applicant	Development	Site
P08/0094	Muller Pallatine Properties Ltd	Amendment to approval P06/1195 consisting of minor changes to external appearance (window sizes rear door and chimney position) and uses to either 1 No. A1, A2, A3 and B1 unit, or 1 No. A1, A2, A3 & B1 unit at Ground Floor and 1No. A2 and B1 unit at First Floor.	91 and 93 Hospital St.

Comment:

The Town Council objects to this application for amendment to uses of the premises in that it includes 'A3' which is pubs, bars, restaurants and takeaways. Because of its position in a predominantly residential location, close to a sharp bend with a nearby junction and roundabout and parking restrictions, the Council consider the property entirely inappropriate for a takeaway which would inevitably involve cooking smells, litter, and frequent vehicle movements. The Council believes if permission is given for use class A3, then the use class applicable to this property should be restricted to exclude "take away" and probably "pub".

P08/0112	Barclays Bank plc	Listed building consent for the installation of netting to front area of roof bird deterrent spikes and spring guard system to window sills and cornice.	Barclays Bank plc, 11 Churchyardside.
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Comment:

No comment.

P08/0114	Mr J Hope	Single storey rear extension.	27 Millstone Lane.
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Comment:

No comment.

P08/0118	Miss V Josling	Conversion of dwelling back to original two dwellings and a two storey rear extension to each.	56-58 Wall Lane.
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Comment:

No comment.

P08/0120	Charter Homes.	Removal of existing house and construction of three two storey houses.	Hacienda, Shrewbridge Road.
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Comment:

No comment.



No	Applicant	Development	Site
P08/0123	Miss M Shaw	New canopy to petrol filling station new panels to car wash, new fascia panel to kiosk, new price clock totem.	WM Morrison Petrol Filling Station, Station Road.

Comment:
No comment.

P08/0128	Castlegate Homes Ltd.	Substitution of house types (plots 19-33)	Millstone Lane.
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Comment:
No comment.

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ADDITIONAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No	Applicant	Development	Site
P08/0139	Mr & Mrs Boffey	Demolition of carport, building of two storey side extension and front canopy.	66 Brereton Drive.

Comment:
No comment.

P08/0172	Mr J Collinson	Single detached garage.	2 Meanee Drive.
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Comment:
No comment.

P08/0176	Mr S Gillespie	Proposed erection of summerhouse	Land opposite 12 Nixons Row.
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Comment:
No comment.



Monday 12th May 2008	Town Council Annual Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 19 th May 2008	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm
<i>Monday 26th May 2008</i>	<i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>
Monday 9th June 2008	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 23 rd June 2008	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 14th July 2008	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
<i>Monday 25th August 2008</i>	<i>August Bank Holiday</i>
Monday 15th September 2008	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 29 th September 2008	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 13th October 2008	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 27 th October 2008	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 10th November 2008	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 24 th November 2008	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 15th December 2008	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm followed by Chairman's Christmas refreshments but not before 8.00pm
Christmas & New Year Holidays <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Boxing Day</i> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Thursday 25th December 2008</i> <i>Friday 26th December 2008</i> <i>Thursday 1st January 2009</i>
Monday 12th January 2009	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 9th February 2009	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 23 rd February 2009	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 9th March 2009	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 6th April 2009	Annual Town Meeting 7.00pm Immediately followed by Town Council Meeting but not before 7.30pm.
<i>Friday 10th April 2009</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>
<i>Monday 13th April 2009</i>	<i>Easter Monday</i>
<i>Thursday 4th May 2009</i>	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Monday 11th May 2009	Town Council Annual Meeting 7.00pm
<i>Thursday 25th May 2009</i>	<i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>