



## Nantwich Town Council

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2007.

**Present** - Councillor McGinnis (Chairman) Councillor Cafferty (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors, Abbott, Farrall, Healey, Lewis, Martin, Moran, Simpson, Stockton and Williams together with the Town Clerk.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no questions or comment by members of the public on this occasion. The Chairman welcomed the 'Nantwich B' group the National Women's Register, a number of whom had attended to observe the Council meeting. Inspector Hassall was welcomed to the Council meeting by the Chairman.

#### **57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Hope who was unwell.

#### **58. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2007**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007, which had been previously circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **59. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman briefly outlined the variety of attendances he had made as representative of the Town Council:-

**14 September 2007.** Together with the Mayor and Mayoress of Crewe and Nantwich, formally opened the path by the riverside, funded by the Town Council.

The same evening had attended the installation of the vicar at St Mary's Church, Acton.

**15 September 2007.** Opened an extension to the Nantwich Fire Station.

Later that day attended the formal opening of the new club house at the Tennis Club, built partly with grant aid from the Council.

**17 September 2007.** In association with Elaine Dodd the Town Centres Manager, launched a Food Festival competition.

**25 September 2007.** In the company of David Marren, Director of Direct Works with the Borough Council, toured local "grot spots" and was pleased to report that an assurance had been received that efforts would be made to improve them.

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2007.** Attended a civic reception and opening of the Food Festival.

**1<sup>st</sup> October 2007.** In the company of David Chan from the Traffic and Highways section of the local County Council Engineers, walked around the town highlighting the necessity for further pedestrianisation.

**3<sup>rd</sup> October 2007.** Attended a "first class" performance by Acton Operatic of 'Oliver' at the Lyceum in Crewe.

**4<sup>th</sup> October 2007.** Attended 'Community Pride' awards at Congleton Town Hall. Sadly, Nantwich in Bloom were only awarded second prize on this occasion, pipped at the post by Congleton themselves.

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2007.** Attended a very enjoyable dinner organised by Crewe and Nantwich Lions.

#### **60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Moran declared a personal interest in P07/1312 because he knew the applicant. Councillor Stockton declared a personal interest in all planning applications as a member of the Development Control Committee of the Borough Council.

Later in the proceedings a number of personal interests were declared as planning applications were considered: Councillor McGinnis declared a personal interest in P07/1264 as an acquaintance of the applicant. Councillor McGinnis, Moran and Abbott declared personal interest in P07/1304 as they knew the applicant through 'Nantwich in Bloom'. Councillor McGinnis and Simpson declared personal interests in P07/1316 as they were patients at a dental surgery which was being extended.

#### **61. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007.**

The Clerk circulated a Schedule of Payments and Receipts for August 2007 which had not copied successfully on some sets of Minutes. **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee of 24<sup>th</sup> September, (which are attached to these minutes) be accepted and approved and the Resolutions noted.

#### **62. MINUTES OF THE TOWN WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Watch Committee minutes (attached) be noted.

#### **63. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE.**

The Clerk reported as shown on the attached Appendix A.

#### **64. ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2007**

**RESOLVED** that the payments for September 2007 be approved and that the Comparison with Budget sheet for September 2007 be noted.

#### **65. PLANNING CONTROL**

**RESOLVED** that the observations on the planning applications set out in Appendix B (attached) be transmitted to the Borough Council as planning authority.

## **66. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Councillor Cafferty** reported that he was attending a formal opening by the Town Football Club by Sir Trevor Brooking on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 3 o'clock. Other Councillors were welcome.

**Councillor Cafferty** had attended the Museum Trust on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Concern had been expressed at the absence of councillors. The Curator was retiring, after many years of sterling service, later this year. A cheese and wine party had been held to raise funds. This was the last of a 3 year agreement of sponsorship from the Council and some further arrangements would be necessary. Alison Horrobin the community learning officer had provided an interesting and lively report and Councillor Cafferty suggested she be invited to attend the Council to explain her work.

**Councillor Cafferty** reported a request for lighting from allotment holders at Welshman's Lane. Reluctantly, he felt this had to be declined in view of other pressing priorities.

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