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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14th July 2008.

Prior to the public forum, the Chairman welcomed Evie Popovic the new Community Princess, and introduced her to Members of Council.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman (in Council) amended the agenda and determined that item 7 (Walled Garden Society – Response) be dealt with in Public Forum. At a previous meeting, the Walled Garden Society (WGS) had submitted a brochure containing proposals for the site and suggesting how it might be laid out as an Elizabethan garden. Members, having read the brochure, each gave a response. Broadly speaking, Town Councillors felt that in an ideal world the garden should be created. However, the general view was that difficulties of ownership, maintenance and costs which may have been underestimated made the project unrealistic, although Councillors Simpson and Farrall felt that the problems could be overcome. The Chairman urged the WGS members to pursue questions of funding and purchase of the site if they wanted their plans to come to fruition.

As a further item in **Public Forum**, Borough Councillor Graham Fenton asked Town Councillors about their attitude to an item on the Highways and Transportation Local Joint Committee (H&LJC) on 21st July. A firm called FibreSpeed Ltd., wished to lay high speed broadband cable between Wrexham and Balterley near Crewe. The route would be along the A534, A51 and A500, south of Crewe and north of Nantwich. Councillor Fenton contended this would bring significant advantages to the town in terms of potentially easier and faster broadband connections. The County Engineer considers there would be traffic problems arising from the work and would prefer the firm to use the A525 south of Cheshire. (Councillor Moran declared a personal interest in this matter as a County Councillor). Members generally accepted that more disruption would be caused by the original route but felt that the gains, namely improved broadband connections, made this worthwhile. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the Chairman of the H&LJC urging that, notwithstanding the short-term traffic disruption, the original route requested by FibreSpeed be accepted in view of the technological advantages which would be gained for Nantwich by the laying of broadband cable.

Public Forum having been concluded, the Chairman opened the meeting.

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

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Healey (family reasons) and Councillor Stockton (family reasons).

33. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF 9TH JUNE 2008.

Councillor Lewis felt that the mention in the Minutes relating to his observations on the May accounts was inadequate. **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th June 2008, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

34. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.

On June 19th I attended St Mary's Church and opened the Music and Arts festival, which was preceded by an organ recital given by the resident organist of the church. The artwork on display was excellent and included 3 paintings by the late Dorothy Bradley (Nantwich based artist) which aroused a lot of public interest on the day as this lady had unfortunately died 3 days previously.

On June 27th I attended Reaseheath College for an Award Ceremony, during the morning awards presented by Professor Gordon McGregor-Reid, Director General of Chester Zoo. In the afternoon awards presented by Joan Seenan, Director of Children Services Cheshire County Council. Certificates were presented to a record number of students this year and the college now caters for 10,000 students of whom 90% achieve the recognised pass rate. I also attended the opening of a new custom built light engineering department, an excellent facility. This is one of the 10 new buildings constructed under the 80 million extension scheme a further 30 million building development project has been applied for. Reaseheath has been granted Beacon status with regard to its excellent results and educational strategy and the Ofsted report was also very good.

On 9th July I attended a Seminar on Chairmanship organised by Chalc and held at Lostock Gralam community centre, which was both informative and constructive and would recommend this course to other prospective chairman.

On July 10th I went to Richmond Village along with members of Nantwich in Bloom and representatives of Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council, to welcome the judges for the North West Region for Nantwich in Bloom floral displays throughout the town. This was followed by the representatives of Nantwich in Bloom accompanying the judges along the specified route. On two other occasions the Vice-Chairman Councillor Edith Williams deputised for me at the opening of the Indian Restaurant Natraj, situated in Station Yard on 6th July and also attended the Rhythm Time graduation ceremony at Brookfield Hall. My sincere thanks to Councillor Williams for attending on my behalf.

35. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Councillors Moran and McGinnis both declared personal and prejudicial interests in item 13 (application for assistance from Beam Heath Trust) as Beam Heath Trustees. They both left the room during consideration of that item and took no part in the discussion nor voted thereon.

36. YEAR END ACCOUNTS 07/08.

Councillor Lewis asked about the Internal Auditor's recommendation relating to consolidation of the accounts and expressed himself satisfied with the responses offered by the Clerk. Following a little further discussion it was **RESOLVED**:-

- (i) The Accounts now presented be approved and the Chairman and Town Clerk, acting as Responsible Financial Officer, be authorised to sign them accordingly.
- (ii) The extract from the Annual Return, illustrating the statement of accounts and the annual governance statement, be approved, and the Chairman and Clerk, acting as Responsible Financial Officer, be authorised to sign the Annual Return accordingly.
- (iii) The reason for the variance between 'total other payments' in 2006/7 and 2007/8 (line 6 in the Statement of Accounts) is because in 06/07 grants and contributions totalling only £59,000 were made by the Council, whereas in 07/08, grants and contributions totalling around £220,000 were made. The variance in 'total receipts' (line 3 in the Statement of Accounts) is because a grant of £13846 was received from the Borough Council in 07/08 whereas no such grant was made in 06/07.
- (iv) The explanation for the significant capital reserves held by the Council is because it may identify a significant venture benefiting the town in the future and will need the funds for such purpose and/or because it aspires to manage or share, at some future date, services or facilities from the new East Cheshire Authority, and additional investment may be needed to ensure the effective operation of such services or facilities. (The sum making up the bulk of the capital reserves was obtained by a sale of land by the Town Council in 2002.)

37. ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE 2008.

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments and Receipts for June 2008 be approved and the Comparison with Budget sheets be noted.

38. WALLED GARDEN SOCIETY – A RESPONSE.

This matter had been previously dealt with during 'Public Forum'.

39. CONFIRMATION OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 23RD JUNE 2008.

There was some discussion about item 7 of the Minutes. (Pay and Display car park at Shrewbridge Road). However, it was **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee of 23rd June 2008 (which accompanied the agenda) be approved and the Resolutions be noted.

40. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Clerk reported as shown in Appendix B attached.

41. PLANNING CONTROL.

The applications for Planning permission shown in Appendix A were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that the observations shown in respect of each application should be transmitted to the Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council planning officer.

42. TRANSPORT GROUP.

A Terms of Reference and membership of the Transport Group had been circulated. Councillor McGinnis expressed concern about the sixth paragraph of section 3 (Remit) which made reference to discussions with Cheshire East. He felt that discussions with the new Authority should be channelled through the Town Council. Councillor Lewis took the point and explained that it was anticipated that there would be a representative of Cheshire East at Transport Group meetings, as well as at least 2 members of the Town Council. He agreed to take that issue back to the Group and make this concern known.

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference and membership of the Nantwich Transport Group be accepted and endorsed.

43. REPRESENTATIONS TO EAST CHESHIRE.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) A Meeting of Town Councillors be arranged, on a date determined by the Clerk and Chairman, probably in October, to discuss representations to East Cheshire Council.
- (b) Relevant organisations (e.g, Civic Society, Transport Group) be asked if they have a view on what, if anything, the Town Council should be suggesting to the new Authority.

44. BEAM HEATH TRUST – WOODLAND SITE – SEATING.

A report prepared by Councillor Lewis was considered following an application to the Council from Beam Heath Trustees for financial assistance for seats. In accordance with the recommendations of the report it was **RESOLVED**:-

- The Council should not contribute to such a development as it would have limited if any benefit for residents of the Town coupled with the fact that it is located outside the Town boundaries.
- The Trust might be advised to approach Cheshire Education Authority if the site was felt suitable for a primary outdoor study centre.

45. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Councillor Williams, Chairman of the Town Watch Committee reported the minutes of the Committee meeting of 17th June 2008 (circulated at the Council Meeting), to the Town Council. Councillor McGinnis drew attention to the final paragraph of item 7 of the minutes which contained a suggestion by Inspector Hassall to encourage local regiments to parade through the Town. The Council agreed with this proposal and the Clerk was requested to make enquiries with a view to taking this suggestion forward.

Councillor Williams, also reported her attendance at the Police Forum **'Have your Say'**. The government was not going to cap the police authority's 17% precept increase. Future rises would be in the region of 3% for the next 3 to 4 years. An officer of the Serious Organised Crime squad had addressed the meeting about the squad's work (there were about 9 murders a year in Cheshire). Crime was down 11% over the year. Speeding was a major local issue with big demand for the 'speed gun' for which the Town Council had contributed the lion's share recently.

Councillor Lewis spoke a little further on the formation of the new **Transport Group** and conclusion of Nantwich Now. He also reported on the lunch at the adjacent Indian restaurant which 30/40 people had attended. (The restaurant proprietor had been very helpful in getting the site cleared up.) Councillor Lewis said that the food at the restaurant had been excellent at this celebratory launch.

In connection with the work of the Transport Group **Councillor Lewis** went on to highlight issues concerned with traffic on Wellington Road, particularly since it was used by many children attending St. Anne's and Brine Leas schools. The governors of St. Anne's had expressed their concern and the matter would be discussed by the Group and reported to Cheshire County Highways.

Councillor McGinnis gave a brief report on progress on **First Responders**. A petition had been delivered to Downing Street. He praised the work of Ann Ostridge in collecting names for the petition. A march through Nantwich on Friday 11th July had been highly successful. The NWAS were before the Scrutiny Committee of the County Council on Wednesday 16th July and one of the issues was First Responders. On the 21st July, the Chairman, Clerk and Councillor Moran were due to meet senior executives of NWAS.

Councillor McGinnis made the point that the deputation to Downing Street had meant that travel expenses had been incurred. While not asking for his own expenses, he did suggest that the Council might feel able to re-imburse others in the deputation.

RESOLVED that taking into account the impact the loss of the First Responders or the effect that a reduction in the service offered by the First Responders would have on the health and well being of Nantwich residents and of the necessity to obtain maximum publicity to highlight the changes proposed to the First Responder service by NWAS, it is considered that the expenditure of meeting travelling expenses for a deputation to Downing Street is one which will bring a direct benefit to the inhabitants of this area and, further, that such benefit will be commensurate with the expenditure incurred, pursuant to section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. (Line 47 Section 137 payments).

Councillor Cafferty, from the Chair reported on progress on **Holly Holy Day**, following a meeting on 10th July 2008. Edward Timpson MP had agreed to become a patron of Holly Holy Day. The plan now is that Rotary will become involved and endeavour to produce an event on Mill Island on 24th January 2009, which will comprise a march down Welsh Row, the Sealed Knot battle, followed by a bonfire and firework display (celebrating the relief of the siege?) The two events (battle and bonfire) intended to last from 2pm to around 7pm giving wider appeal and more marketing opportunities. It was also proposed to obtain registration as a charity to obtain tax advantages. Council endorsed a vote of thanks proposed by Councillor Simpson in relation to the Chairman's efforts to maintain this important celebration.

Councillor Cafferty reported on **Fun Day** on 12th July 2008. The weather had been kind after an initial downpour. One or two stalls had not turned up but generally the day was "bigger and better" than in the past and several compliments had been received. The afternoon had been particularly busy. Members of Rotary had been a great help in setting up and providing staffing for donkey rides. Sincere thanks to Councillors who pitched in to get the show on the road and acted as "gofers and doers" throughout the day. Annual accounts will be forthcoming in due course.

Councillor Cafferty reported on a meeting of the **Museum Trust** on the 8th July 2008. Councillor Cafferty reported on the Museum's accounts, increased charges for room hire, the curator's report, membership and work on the windows proposed by Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council, the Trust's landlord. Councillor Cafferty drew particular attention to fund raising by the Trust, the excellent work of Alison Horrobin, the Community Learning Officer, and the pending retirement of the Curator, Sue Pritchard, after 27 years of service to the Museum. **RESOLVED** that the sterling service of Sue Pritchard, the Nantwich Museum Curator be marked by the Town Council by the presentation of a gift (in a sum not exceeding £100) to commemorate her time serving the Museum and the town – pursuant to sections 111 and 144/5 of the Local Government Act 1972 (line 45 Award Schemes).

46. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.

RESOLVED that further to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded for the item following, which relates to the investments and finances of the Council and for that reason is best considered in confidence.

47. TRANSFER OF INVESTMENTS.

The Clerk introduced his report concerning transfer of investments. He made it clear that he considered diversification of investments a good idea, but the specific institutions in which there should be investment was, in the current financial climate, a matter on which the Council itself should make the decision. Members agreed that diversification was a good idea. Members considered that investment in a major institution was reasonably secure.

RESOLVED that the reserves in the Abbey be redistributed to three accounts and placed on deposit to obtain additional interest (press and public were excluded from this discussion).

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

CLERK'S REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL – 14TH JULY 2008.

1. Cards from Church family (tabled).
2. Demonstration of e-planning 23rd July, 7pm in Municipal Buildings.
3. Museum Trust – Minutes of 8th July 2008 (tabled). Chairman reported further in item 45 ('Reports of Representatives').
4. Clerk reported on meeting with Jeff Stubbs, new Chairman of Civic Society. Tuesday 1st July, to build bridges. It was agreed that the new Chairman should be invited to address the Council in October.
5. 'Nantwich Now' finished – Transport Group and Environment Group – future. (Tabled and circulated). Item 42 referred.
6. Jill & family and Clerk & wife holiday 25th July – 10th August. Chairman holiday 5th August – 18th – for information. Members were unhappy that Clerk and his assistant were on holiday at the same time.
7. 7,000 copies of Talk of Town have been distributed week commencing 3rd July.
8. Chalc Newsletter tabled.
9. Annual Meeting – Chalc 23rd October 2008. Motions for debate required by 31st August 2008. Agreed that a motion relating to delegation of powers by the new East Cheshire Authority should be submitted. (Councillor Lewis subsequently drafted such a motion.)
10. Christmas brochure for Crewe and Nantwich, Council requested to purchase advertising space. Council declined on the grounds that it obtained publicity through 'Talk of the Town' and in other ways.
11. Accessibility Strategy Consultation, CCC. Members notified of ability to comment if inclined.
12. Hospital Street promotion – pink flags – No objection.
13. Cheshire County Council Historic Landscape (tabled).
14. Closure of Chester Road for party in the park, Dorfold Hall. Accepted for health and safety reasons – no objections.
15. Street name Access Road to PCT. Suggestion that be named after eminent local doctor (several names mentioned).
16. Cheshire Police meeting on 23rd October at 7pm Civic Hall (tabled.)

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NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 14TH JULY 2008**PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION**

No	Applicant	Development	Site
P08/0464	Mrs W Sutton	Change of use of land to Garden curtilage and the Erection of two storey side extension and conservatory.	17 The Blankney
Comments: No comment.			
P08/0742	Mr I Bell	Enlargement of existing roller shutter door.	Travis Perkins Barony Road.
Comments: No comment.			
P08/0746	Mr A Jones	Dropped kerb for vehicular access.	9 Marsh Lane
Comments: No comment.			
P08/0776	Mr & Mrs C Taylor	First floor extension above the garage and two storey rear extension re-submission of P08/0581.	10 Harvey Avenue
Comments: The Town Council objects to this extension which almost has an appearance of the construction of an additional dwelling. It considers it out of character with surrounding properties. The proposal will result in a building which is bulky and over-dominating to neighbours and will result in overlooking.			
P08/0777	Mr C Gibson	Erection of glass double glazed conservatory.	20 Hornby Drive
Comments: No comment.			
P08/0783	Mr K Quinlan	Listed building consent for internal alterations.	3 Dysart Buildings
Comments: No comment.			

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No	Applicant	Development	Site
P08/0786	Mrs T Wood	Change of use from residential to A3 Café and D1 complementary therapy consultation/training rooms re-submission P08/0353	53 Pillory Street
Comments: The Town Council objected to a similar proposal on a previous occasion and see no significant change in this application. The row of dwellings is well established and attractive and a change of use of this nature will detract from the integrity and character of the street and introduce a discordant note. Parking problems will be exacerbated and the use of a café may well cause disturbance to neighbours and detract from the amenity of nearby residents.			
P08/0796	Mr T Fox	Change of use of existing Two storey house from residential to use as a Chiropody.	12 Pall Mall.
Comments: The Town Council objects to this application on the grounds that the character of the street will be altered by a change from a dwelling to a commercial use and cause additional noise and disturbance to neighbours and parking problems, already present in this location will be made worse, to the detriment of neighbours, increasing concerns about road safety. The Town Council are also concerned about the loss of dwellings in the town centre, which can ultimately lead to a lack of 'human presence' in the evenings and to problems of rowdiness and vandalism.			
P08/0800	Mr M Kinch	Two storey detached house with integral garage.	Plot 3 The Hacienda Shrewbridge Road.
Comments: No comment.			

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS - Royal Bank of Scotland Account June 2008

Date	Budget Code	Chq No	Details of payment	Reason for payment	£ Amount Less VAT	£ VAT	£ Total Amount
15/06/2008	17	DD	Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council	Rates for June 2008	206.00		206.00
15/06/2008	19	3509	Mr W Baker	Ground maintenance Brookfield Hall 4/5/08 to 31/5/08	120.00		120.00
15/06/2008	22	3510	Cleaning Force Office Cleaners Ltd	Cleaning of Brookfield Hall for May 08.	209.26	36.62	245.88
15/06/2008	7	3511	Weaver Digital Office Solutions	Photocopying charges 21/4 - 21/5	11.14	1.95	13.09
15/06/2008	1a	3512	Mr W R Graham	Clerks Salary June 2008	1,688.17		1,688.17
15/06/2008	1b	3513	Mrs J Geldart	Clerical Assts Salary June 2008	782.89		782.89
15/06/2008	1a & 1b	3514	HM Revenue & Customs	National Insurance June 2008	526.69		526.69
15/06/2008	1a & 1b	3515	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax June 2008	716.14		716.14
15/06/2008	1c	3516	Cheshire Pension Fund	Payments to CCC superannuation fund (Clerks Pension)	651.42		651.42
01/06/2008	1b	DD	Standard Life Assurance Company	Clerical Assistants Personal Pension cont for 06/08	93.10		93.10
15/06/2008	7	3517	British Telecommunications plc	Internet services 1/5 - 31/7/08	80.94	14.16	95.10
15/06/2008	32	3518	Society of Local Council Clerks	Postage for return of Cilca Portfolio from SLCC	5.00		5.00
15/06/2008	53	3519	Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council	Provision and installation of benches, seats and bins.	6,450.00		6,450.00
15/06/2008	27	3520	Nantwich Civic Society	Annual subscription for 08/09	15.00		15.00
15/06/2008	30	3521	Shropshire Union Canal Society	Annual membership for 08/09	25.00		25.00
15/06/2008	11	3522	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Chairmanship module 2 training - Cllrs Williams & Healey	60.00		60.00
15/06/2008	13	3523	Councillor Mr K Cafferty	Mileage - Chairman to Guides presentation Congleton	12.00		12.00
15/06/2008	21	3524	Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council	Rental of land within the grounds of Brookfield Park.	50.00		50.00
15/06/2008	54	3525	Mr P Barrett	Scheduled work carried out by Lengthsman in May 08.	105.00	18.38	123.38
30/06/2008	7	3526	Petty Cash	To balance Imprest to £150.	99.11	0.88	99.99
					11906.86	71.99	11978.85
					£	£	£
Date	Income Code	Details of Receipt	Reasons for Receipt	Amount	VAT	Total	
05/06/2008	R9	Abbey	Interest on capital	4087.55		4087.55	
19/06/2008	R7	Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council	Hire of Brookfield for Elections 22/5/08	220.00		220.00	
23/06/2008	R8	Mr W S McGinnis	Hire of Brookfield Hall for 6 Spanish Grp meetings	60.00		60.00	
27/06/2008	R12	Royal Bank of Scotland	Interest on revenue account	413.12		413.12	
				4780.67		4780.67	
Net Movement of Funds			<u>-£7,198.18</u>				

Signed _____

Date _____

MONTHLY COMPARISON WITH BUDGET STATEMENT 2008/2009																
	BUDGET 2008/09	APPROVED VIREMENT	Actual April	Actual May	Actual June	Actual July	Actual August	Actual September	Actual October	Actual November	Actual December	Actual January	Actual February	Actual March	Total Actual for Year	Budget Balance 2007/08
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Payments																
Administration - Salaries & Employers costs.	57,400.00															
1a Town Clerk's salary (inc. tax & NI)			2,905.42	2,905.42	2,905.42										8,716.26	
1b Clerical Assistant's Salary (inc Tax, NI & Pension)			1,079.37	1,091.37	1,085.37										3,256.11	
1c Cheshire Pension Fund (Clerk's superannuation)			467.62	467.62	467.62										1,402.86	
4 Practising certificate															0.00	
Total Payments - Salaries	57,400.00	0.00	4,452.41	4,464.41	4,458.41										13,375.23	44,024.77
Administration - General																
5a External Auditors fees	1,000.00														0.00	1,000.00
5b Internal Auditor fees	1,060.00		500.00												500.00	560.00
6 Chairman's allowance	1,050.00			1,050.00											1,050.00	0.00
7 Admin expenses and incidentals	5,000.00		95.41	293.10	191.19										579.70	4,420.30
8 Insurances	4,500.00		4,530.61												4,530.61	-30.61
9 S L C C Annual Conference	0.00														0.00	0.00
10 Training - Town Clerk	500.00														0.00	500.00
11 Training - Councillors	500.00		30.00		60.00										90.00	410.00
12 Quarterly newsletter	7,000.00		1,500.25												1,500.25	5,499.75
13 Members' expenses (travelling and subsistence)	150.00				12.00										12.00	138.00
14 Contingencies	4,000.00														0.00	4,000.00
Total Payments - Administration	24,760.00	0.00	6,656.27	1,343.10	263.19										8,262.56	16,497.44
Brookfield Hall																
15 Electricity	2,100.00			820.63											820.63	1,279.37
16 Wheeled Bin Collection Charge	260.00			145.07											145.07	114.93
17 Rates	2,000.00		201.90	206.00	206.00										613.90	1,386.10
18 Water & Sewerage	850.00			182.57											182.57	667.43
19 Repairs, maintenance and services	2,000.00		197.70	120.00	120.00										437.70	1,562.30
20 Contribution to Repairs and Maintenance Capital Fund	1,000.00														0.00	1,000.00
21 Borough Council Ground Rent	50.00				50.00										50.00	0.00
22 Cleaning / caretaking	2,300.00		171.76	171.76	209.26										552.78	1,747.22
Total Payments - Brookfield Hall	10,560.00	0.00	571.36	1,646.03	585.26										2,802.65	7,757.35
Subscriptions																
23 English Historic Towns Forum	185.00														0.00	185.00
24 Cheshire Community Council	70.00														0.00	70.00
25 Council for the Protection of Rural England	0.00														0.00	0.00
26 Mid Cheshire Footpaths Society	0.00														0.00	0.00
27 Nantwich Civic Society	30.00				15.00										15.00	15.00
28 Crewe/Shrewsbury Passengers Association	0.00														0.00	0.00
29 Cheshire Wildlife Trust	0.00														0.00	0.00
30 Shropshire Union Canal Society	25.00				25.00										25.00	0.00
31 Cheshire Association of Local Councils	1,000.00		1,059.00												1,059.00	-59.00
32 Society of Local Council Clerks	0.00				5.00										5.00	-5.00
Total Payments - Subscriptions	1,310.00	0.00	1,059.00	0.00	45.00										1,104.00	206.00
Grants																
33 Nantwich Players	2,300.00		2,300.00												2,300.00	0.00
34 Citizens Advice Bureau	1,100.00		1,100.00												1,100.00	0.00
35 Family Fun Day	10,000.00		10,000.00												10,000.00	0.00
36 Cheshire Police Authority for Nantwich Police Station	14,000.00			14,000.00											14,000.00	0.00
37 Local Organisations	3,000.00														0.00	3,000.00
38 Nantwich Museum Trust	5,200.00		5,200.00												5,200.00	0.00
39 Nantwich in Bloom	3,500.00		3,500.00												3,500.00	0.00
40 Market Town Project (Nantwich Now) (In kind)	6,000.00														0.00	6,000.00
41 Food Festival	2,000.00														0.00	2,000.00
42 Nantwich First Responders	1,700.00			1,197.02											1,197.02	502.98
43 Section 137 Payments	4,000.00			1,500.00											1,500.00	2,500.00
44 Cricket Club	3,000.00		3,000.00												3,000.00	0.00
Total Payments - Grants	55,800.00	0.00	25,100.00	16,697.02	0.00										41,797.02	14,002.98

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Miscellaneous															
45	Award Schemes - Citizen of the Year and Environmental Awards	500.00												0.00	500.00
46	Allotments (including insurance of brick building)	2,000.00												0.00	2,000.00
47	Millennium Clock - Maintenance and Insurance	2,000.00	12.00											12.00	1,988.00
48	Entertainments	4,000.00	1,249.15	1,295.86										2,545.01	1,454.99
49	Christmas Decorations	5,000.00												0.00	5,000.00
50	Street Furniture	2,000.00												0.00	2,000.00
51	Payments for HSBC Charity Fund Account	0.00												0.00	0.00
52	Miscellaneous Payments	10,000.00												0.00	10,000.00
53	Environmental General	20,000.00	-10,000.00	10.50	6,450.00									6,460.50	3,539.50
54	Lengthsman		10,000.00		105.00									105.00	9,895.00
Total Payment - Miscellaneous		45,500.00	0.00	1,271.65	1,295.86	6,555.00								2,557.01	26,482.49
Payments from Capital - Temporary Accounts															
C1	Miscellaneous capital payments - temporary	5,000.00												0.00	5,000.00
C2														0.00	0.00
C3														0.00	0.00
C4														0.00	0.00
Total Payment - Capital - Temporary Accounts		5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								0.00	5,000.00
Total Service Payments		200,330.00	0.00	39,110.69	25,446.42	11,906.86								76,463.97	123,866.03
VAT Payments			81.00	563.97	71.99									716.96	-716.96
VAT Receipts				1590.14										1,590.14	-1,590.14
Total Payments		200,330.00	0.00	39,191.69	24,420.25	11,978.85								75,590.79	124,739.21
Receipts															
Brookfield Hall Rents etc															
R1	Christadelphian Church - Rent	1,570.00	373.00											373.00	1,197.00
R2	Christadelphian Church - Licence Fee for Siting of Mobile Buildings	630.00	150.00											150.00	480.00
R3	Christadelphian Church - electricity charges reclaimed from church	290.00	257.96											257.96	32.04
R4	Christadelphian Church - water charges reclaimed from church	210.00	54.90											54.90	155.10
R5	Nantwich & District Band bookings	810.00												0.00	810.00
R6	Nantwich in Bloom bookings	160.00												0.00	160.00
R7	Elections	218.00		220.00	220.00									440.00	-222.00
R8	Additional bookings - estimate	800.00	545.00	50.00	60.00									655.00	145.00
Total Brookfield Hall receipts		4,688.00	0.00	1,380.86	270.00	280.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,930.86	2,757.14
Income / Transfers / Interest / Precept etc															
R9	Income from Capital Fund	50,000.00	4388.47	4043.06	4087.55									12,519.08	37,480.92
R10	Transfer from Capital Fund	0.00												0.00	0.00
R11	Transfer from NSI accounts (R and R Holding)	0.00		20504.83										20,504.83	-20,504.83
R12	Bank interest - Royal Bank of Scotland Revenue Account	200.00			413.12									413.12	-213.12
R13	Precept	109,226.00	109226.00											109,226.00	0.00
R14	Miscellaneous	1,000.00	580.50	60.00										640.50	359.50
R15	Concurrent powers grant	14,030.00	14030.00											14,030.00	0.00
Total Receipts		179,144.00	0.00	129,605.83	24,877.89	4,780.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	159,264.39	19,879.61
Net Movement of Funds for Month				90414.14	457.64	-7198.18								83,673.60	-83,673.60
Cumulative Movement of Funds				90414.14	90871.78	83673.60								167,347.20	-167,347.20



Nantwich Town Council

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee of the Council held on 23rd June 2008.

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Healey (family reasons), Councillor McGinnis ().

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Moran and Councillor Hope each declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application P08/0690 (erection of one dwelling Cheyne Walk) on the grounds of friendship with the applicant. Both left the room during consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or decision. Councillors Stockton, Moran and Lewis declared personal interests in item 7, ('pay and display' car park on Shrewbridge Road), as the car park was being proposed by the Borough Council and they were Borough Councillors. Councillor Joyce Stockton declared a personal interest in item 8 (planning applications) as a member of the Borough Council Development Control Committee.

3 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION

The Clerk referred Members to the Note prepared which reminded them that when they were Members of more than one local authority and were making decisions at one authority which affected the position or interests of another they should carefully consider whether they had a personal or a prejudicial interest which should be declared. Some examples were given.

4 ST GEORGE'S DAY MEDIEVAL FAIR

Councillor Cafferty presented the accounts (attached to the agenda) relating to the St George's Day fair. **RECOMMENDED** that the Council approve the accounts and congratulate Councillor Cafferty on the organisation and budgeting of what had been a very successful day in spite of inclement weather.

5 HOLLY HOLY DAY

Councillor Cafferty had been involved in two meetings regarding Holly Holy Day and in two press appeals. As a result of his efforts a small number of volunteers had come forward to form the nucleus of a new organising committee and some local businessmen looked likely to underwrite costs. The position was hopeful and good progress was being made. **RESOLVED** that Councillor Cafferty be thanked for his efforts and the position be noted, with a view to future reports on the situation.



6 BOOKINGS – BROOKFIELD HALL

The Clerk outlined the increased number of bookings for Brookfield Hall – partly because of its improved state of decoration, partly because of its ease of parking and partly because its reputation as a convenient venue was spreading. He mentioned three or four organisations using the Hall regularly and six or so which used it on a less frequent basis or which were now pursuing regular bookings. Members congratulated the Clerk on the increased use of the building by community organisations, although made the point that utility costs (electricity, water, etc.,) were rising and it was important that hiring charges were regularly reviewed.

7 PAY AND DISPLAY CAR PARK, SHREWBRIDGE ROAD.

The report attached to the agenda was considered. The Borough Council were considering the establishment of a 'Pay and Display' car park on land at the end of Brookfield Lane on Shrewbridge Road. The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that Council **RESOLVE**

- (a) The Town Council express its opposition to the proposal to establish a Pay and Display car park in Shrewbridge Road and if and when an application is made for such use, register its objection.
- (b) It should be suggested to the Borough Council that money in it's budget for a feasibility study of a shuttle service and for a pay and display car park at Shrewbridge Road should be re-allocated to progress development of car parking at Nantwich Railway Station, which is more central and more convenient for motorists.
- (c) It should be suggested to the Borough Council that efforts be made to finalise the agreement with the Nantwich Dabbers Football Club which would release around 200 spaces to relieve town centre parking.

The Clerk made the point that notice of making of car park regulations had been received. In view of the date for objection (before the next Council) he would now write, on behalf of the Council, to object to the making of those regulations. He would also write to the Borough Council Chief Executive urging pursuit of points (b) and (c) above.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that the observations on the planning applications contained in Appendix C (attached) be passed to the Borough Planning Officer.



9 LENGTHMAN'S WORK

The Town Clerk reported on work undertaken by the Lengthsman and instructions placed. He pointed out that "the Lengthsman" was actually a small ground maintenance firm with other contracts to fulfil and that it may sometimes take a little time to programme the Town Council's requests and to inspect and estimate time/costs. The Town Clerk distributed sheets to facilitate reporting of suggested work by Councillors. He said he felt progress with the Lengthsman was satisfactory and he was performing satisfactorily but reminded the Committee that much of the work e.g., weed spraying was seasonal and would soon need to be repeated.

Members noted the position. It was pointed out that Nantwich in Bloom judging was approaching and, where possible co-operation with Nantwich in Bloom should take place.

10 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that further to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded for the item following, which relates to the investments and finances of the Council and for that reason is best considered in confidence.

11 INVESTMENTS

The Clerk gave an interim report on the enquiries made and notified the Committee of his intention to make a written report to the Council regarding diversification of the capital sum held by the Town Council.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

- END -

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING 23RD JUNE 2008PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No	Applicant	Development	Site
P08/0685	Mr C Anderton	Two storey side extension.	1 Jackson Avenue.
Comment: No comment.			
P08/0690	Mr C Turner	Erection of one dwelling.	10 Cheyne Walk.
Comment: The Town Council object to this application as it is considered that:-			
(a) There is insufficient space to accommodate a dwelling without affecting the comfort and amenity of residents of surrounding dwellings.			
(b) The dwelling would be out of character with its neighbours as it was never envisaged that an additional housing unit would occupy this plot.			
(c) Access is inadequate and will cause traffic problems.			
P08/0701	Muller Pallatine	Variation of condition 6 &7 on permission P08/0094 relating to ancillary mounted equipment and extraction equipment.	91 & 93 Hospital Street.
Comment: The Town Council do not consider that it would be appropriate to alter this condition as it could result in a 'fait accompli' and make it more difficult to obtain satisfactory extraction and dispersal of fumes arising from whatever development is finally established.			