



## **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009.**

**Present** – Mayor, (Councillor Williams) and Councillors Martin, Farrall, Fenton, Lewis, Stockton, Cafferty, Moran, McGinnis, Tooke and Simpson together with the Town Clerk.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no comments or questions from members of the public on this occasion.

### **37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Steve Hope.

### **38. BUSINESSES IN SOUTH CHESHIRE**

John Dunning, Chief Executive of the South Cheshire Chamber of Commerce, gave an interesting presentation about the history and work of the Chamber and answered questions about businesses in South Cheshire. He agreed that it would be useful if the Council took an initiative to get shopkeepers and traders together, to see if the Council could do anything to assist them, although he emphasised that Nantwich and surrounding areas were weathering the economic climate better than many areas. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Paul Colman, Manager of the Chamber, to arrange a meeting, perhaps involving the Town Centre Manager, to discuss the formation of a local business network and explore whether the Council could assist local businesses.

### **39. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2009, incorporating the Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009, (circulated on 16<sup>th</sup> June), be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

### **40. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Moran declared a personal interest as a Cheshire East Councillor in the Cheshire East boundary report (item 8 on the agenda) and the Local Area Partnership (item 9 on the agenda), Councillor Martin declared similar interests for the same reasons. Subsequently Councillors Moran, McGinnis and Stockton declared personal interests in planning application 09/1616N (Industrial building at Windy Arbour) as this development was on Beam Heath Trust land and they were all Beam Heath Trustees.

#### 41. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor spoke to a written report which had been circulated. In brief her engagements had been:-

##### May

Sat. 16 May.

Attendance at Nantwich Players production 'Rutherford and Son' this was a very pleasant evening and an excellent show.

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May

Attendance at the Mayor making at Middlewich. An enjoyable evening, giving the Mayor a chance to meet the new Mayor Cllr Pam Farrell and the Mayor of Congleton.

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> May

Unveiling the Plaque at Nantwich Station for the Best Station award.

##### June

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June

The Freedom March of the Mercian Regiment. This was a wonderful sight to see the soldiers marching, with the band and Military Colours.

Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> June

Attended the Art exhibition at the Museum by Eva Dutton. The paintings were well worth going to see.

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> June

Attendance at the Concert at St. Mary's Church held in memory of the artist Dorothy Bradford.

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June

Nantwich in Bloom members met on Nantwich square to launch the design for this years floral displays. The bed next to the War Memorial has been planted and the themed plan, Weaver Way, was on show.

Monday 15th June

Attended a breakfast at Crewe Hall with Home Start to welcome Mr Edward Timpson M P as their Patron.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Visited the Flying Lady Public House to the retirement Party for Gareth Roberts, ex Fireman and committee member of Family Fun Day. This evening, made special for Gareth as a young man he has rescued as a nine month old baby over 20 years ago was present to say thank you.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Cllr Cafferty was the Mayor's Consort for the afternoon at Middlewich. The Mayor was given a preview of the Canal Boat Festival. The weather was kind and the Mayor and Councillor Cafferty enjoyed a walk along the canal to see all the work that has been done so far.

### Tuesday 23rd June

The Community Princess event was held at Brine Leas School. The young hopefuls all looked lovely, and the Judges had a difficult job trying to decide the winner.

### July

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Wybunbury Delves primary school year 6 pupils invited the Mayor to take afternoon tea with them. The children gave her a tour of the School and demonstrated their work from their last year.

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Presentation of prizes and certificates to students of the College. Over 400 students were given their awards; our MP Edward Timpson shook hands with every one of them.

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

The Summer Fayre at Calveley School. The School have had an Eco Tunnel installed and the pupils are working hard and growing flowers, fruit and vegetables.

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Asked to be a witness in a competition at the Barony Park for a world record attempt at the most 'keepie uppies'.

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Attended a new appeal to seek £1m for repairs and extensions to St. Mary's Church.

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Attended Nantwich Players Theatre to see 'Sylvia's Wedding' – a comedy which was thoroughly enjoyable.

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Attended Family Fun Day, a most successful day so far, well attended and good weather. Motor cycles were the most outstanding attraction.

#### **42. CONFIRMATION OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2009.**

**RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009, (attached) be accepted and approved and the Resolutions be noted.

#### **43. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND MINUTES OF GRANTS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE**

- (a) Councillor Lewis spoke to the Council regarding the Minutes of the Finance Committee of 1<sup>st</sup> July, (attached) and explained the current position.

- (b) Councillor Cafferty moved the Minutes of the Grants and Awards Committee (attached), which Recommended an award of £1,000 to the Victorian Fair organisers. **RESOLVED** that the grant of £1,000 be made (section 144 and 145 LGA 1972 budget line 37).

#### **44. BOUNDARY COMMITTEE AND CHESHIRE EAST WARDS**

The Council considered the possible options for Cheshire East Council's electoral wards for the Nantwich area. In view of the community interest and existing boundaries of the wards, after discussion it was **RESOLVED** that:-

The submission of the Council to the Boundary Committee shall be a proposal that the Ward boundaries within Nantwich remain as currently constituted based on the existing Nantwich Town boundary, as it is a self-contained town within a well established community; and that single member wards should be the preferred option.

#### **45. LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP (LAP)**

There was a brief discussion about the LAP. Future meetings would be open to the public. Those entitled to attend had been more or less established. Parishes would be represented. It was agreed that if the Council was asked to send a representative before it met again (the next LAP was on 10<sup>th</sup> September at Malbank School), then the Mayor should attend on that occasion on behalf of the Council. There was no funding or budget for the LAPs so there was some doubt expressed about their effectiveness. Councillors agreed it was best to keep an open mind at this early stage.

#### **46. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Members briefly outlined areas of concern which the Clerk noted. He agreed to send a letter to Cheshire East on behalf of the Council summarising these concerns.

Two particular locations were mentioned and the Clerk was requested to ask the Lengthsman to give them attention:-

(i) Route of Nantwich in Bloom judging;

(ii) Area at junction Volunteer Fields / Beam Street which was not being acknowledged as anyone else's responsibility.

#### **47. BRIEFINGS FOR ELECTED MEMBERS**

Members considered a report of the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:-** That briefings for Members along the lines indicated in the report be arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> October, from 2pm to 5pm.

#### 48. POLICING IN NANTWICH

Councillor McGinnis spoke about recent criticism levelled against the police following the use of a “sniffer dog” to try to detect people who may be carrying drugs in some establishments in town. Members agreed generally that the deterrent effect sent a clear message to persons tempted to bring illegal drugs to Nantwich.

**RESOLVED** that the Council express their whole-hearted support for Inspector Hassall and his team in their efforts to stamp out drug use in Nantwich.

#### 49. PLANNING CONTROL

The applications for Planning Permission notified to the Council were considered.

**RESOLVED** that the comments on the applications set out in Appendix A attached be made to the Planning Officer at Cheshire East Council.

#### 50. ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE 2009

**RESOLVED** that the Comparison with Budget sheet presented with the agenda be noted and that the Payments for June 2009 presented be approved.

#### 51. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported as shown on Appendix B attached.

#### 52. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Councillor Cafferty** reported on the Museum, the Committee having met on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

- New windows had been further delayed.
- Chairman re-elected.
- The painting of Nantwich Racecourse will be unveiled in September. Mayor was likely to be asked to unveil it.
- Fund raising was going ahead satisfactorily.
- A medieval ring offered to the Museum had been refused with thanks, as it did not have a direct link with the town.

**Councillor Cafferty** reported on Fun Day. The event was held on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Excellent weather, excellent day. Councillors Lewis, Fenton, Hope, McGinnis and Moran were especially thanked for their attendance and support. Councillor Cafferty also praised the Fire Cadets and other community organisations who assist on the day and particularly the group of volunteers who work the whole year through to create a successful day. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Council to the volunteers, which he readily agreed to do.

**Councillor Simpson** reported that the Nantwich in Bloom judging was taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> July. North West in Bloom on 30<sup>th</sup> July. Margaret Thrower (daughter of Percy Thrower) would be judging individual displays on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. A recent wine tasting had raised £167. Enquiries were being made about grant and assistance from Cheshire East for Nantwich in Bloom.

**Councillor McGinnis** reported progress on the First Responders campaign. 8 or 9 Firemen were undertaking basic training – being instructed in how to deal with suspected heart attack / stroke, but were keen to receive further instruction and authority to administer wider range of treatments. In September NWAS may have further proposals for an improved service in Nantwich. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, there was an early morning meeting scheduled for 8.30am involving Edward Timpson MP and Stephen O'Brien MP

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No	Applicant	Development	Site
09/0889N	Mr A Hankinson	Alterations and extension to existing residential dwelling.	12 Mount Drive
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
09/0893N	Mr W Brown	To change the wooden frame at the front of the building with an Aluminium, plastic or other material as the current one is rotten and a danger to the general public. Also to create a small frame at the back of the building to site a vending machine which would be accessible from the outside of the building – possibly with shutters on to keep safe at night.	10 Welsh Row
<b>Comment:</b> The Town Council object on the following grounds:-			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The site is in the Conservation Area and aluminium, plastic or other synthetic material as a replacement for a wooden frame is entirely inappropriate.</li> <li>2. A vending machine would be a focus for people who may cause noise and nuisance. It will lead to litter. This is a retail activity which requires a change of use application. It is an undesirable precedent.</li> </ol>			
09/1169N	Mr M Forbes	Provision of 8 extra car parking bays to central grassed area made up of 2 extra parking bays to each end of the existing parking bays.	Central Parking area, Wyche Ave.
<b>Comment:</b> The Town Council welcomes this application.			

No	Applicant	Development	Site
09/1255N	Mr J Stuart	New single dwelling.	Land adjacent to 87 Crewe Road.
<b>Comment:</b>			
The Town Council object to this application on the following grounds:-			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The proposed dwelling is 3 storey and out of scale and character with surrounding buildings.</li> <li>2. The site is small and restricted and the proposed development is too big for the land available. The development is 'cramming'.</li> <li>3. The effect will be to create a narrow, dark, passageway between the new dwelling and its neighbour, which will be detrimental to the amenity of the neighbour and the new occupier.</li> <li>4. There have been previous refusals on the site of similar applications and the Council consider those should be given due weight.</li> <li>5. Notwithstanding the 'turntable' proposed, the Council feel that highway safety will be compromised by vehicles coming to, and stationed at, the site. This is a very busy road and the difficulties of vehicles not being able to enter and leave the site in forward gear, allied to vehicles stopping for deliveries, visiting and parking briefly, will add to traffic hazards at this location.</li> </ol>			
09/1465N	Ms T Wood	Projecting hanging sign to front elevation.	53 Pillory Street.
<b>Comment:</b>			
The Town Council would draw the attention of the Planning Officer to the narrowness of Pillory Street which will no doubt be taken into account in considering this application.			
09/1472N	The Evans Family Trust c/o Bower Edleston	Proposed boundary wall, railings, gates.	The Old Manor Hs, Beam Street.
<b>Comment:</b>			
No comment.			
09/1507N	Mr G Bradshaw	Remove the existing conservatory and construct an Orangery to the rear.	9 Brunner Grove.
<b>Comment:</b>			
No comment.			
09/1523N	Ladbroke's c/o Agent Mrs H Caldwell	Retention of 0.9m painted grey satellite dish & brackets.	8 High Street.
<b>Comment:</b>			
No comment.			
09/1553N	Mr & Mrs Bartrum	Re-submission two storey side extension.	51 Whitehouse Lane.
<b>Comment:</b>			
No comment.			

No	Applicant	Development	Site
09/1616N	Garrett Scrap Metal Ltd.	Proposed industrial building for the storage and sorting of non ferrous scrap metal for existing scrap metal business.	Windy Arbour, Alvaston Bus. Park.
<b>Comment:</b> The Town Council would ask that particular attention be given to adequate screening of this building which may otherwise be intrusive and unsightly.			
09/1779N	Mr J M Bennett	Garden summer house of wooden sectional construction with painted tongue and groove lap boarding to match existing tool shed. Roof section, covered in tar felt, extending 0.500m beyond front section. The proposed summer house replaces an existing octagonal summer house which has a total height of 2.61m.	76 Hospital Street.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
09/1794N	Mr D Cartwright	Two storey rear extension.	49 The Broadway.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
09/1818N	Mr M Parry	Proposed single storey side extension and pitched roof over garage.	36 Hellath Wen.
<b>Comment:</b> No coment.			
09/1828N	Mr J Hodson	Supply and fit gates to pub driveway.	White Horse, 22 Pillory Street.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
09/1905N	Rellum Estates LLP	Extension proposals for retail Unit 1 and change of use from A1 A2, A3 and D1.	Unit 1 Chatterton Hse Church Lane.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			

**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK TO COUNCIL MEETING 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009.**

**CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF URGENCY.**

1. **Cheshire East contact list** was available for Members who wanted it.

2. **Sainsbury's Planning Application.**

The application, considered on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, was recommended for refusal, but in fact deferred. Councillors Moran and Fenton moved a recommendation that the Council repeat it's objections to this development without qualification. (The application had been adjourned for further discussion and a site visit.)

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk renew the Council's strong objections to the application, which was likely to cause severe detriment to the traders in the town centre.

3. **Town Centre Manager**

The Clerk reported that Sue Togay was for some time assistant Town Centre Manager. She was seconded for a period as Chief Executive PA but has returned to the post of Town Centre Manager. The Clerk had invited her to attend Town Watch meetings. Members welcomed the appointment.

4. **Forthcoming holidays**

Riddell – 23/27 July; 10/21 August.

Jill – 27 July/7 Aug; 24 Aug/1 Sept.

5. **Renewal of "Chairman's Board".**

Clerk reported renewal of the board at estimated cost of £200. Council agreed he should pursue that and arrange for a new board.

6. **Nantwich UDC Mayoral chain and other artefacts.**

Bill Howie was on holiday and no one else was available to discuss this at Cheshire East.

7. **Conservation Areas at risk campaign** (tabled).

8. **Closure Howbeck Bridge A51 London Road** (tabled).

9. **Letter by Clerk re: security of Regents College Site** (tabled).

10. **Information on Planning Inquiry – caravan site** (Wybunbury Lane, tabled).

- 11. Press Release – traffic arrangements** (Pageant of Power, 7 miles of A49 closed on 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> July, tabled).
- 12. Pre-notification of Housing Needs Survey** (tabled).
- 13.** Clerk reported on strong possibility that the work of the **Riverside Officer** might come to an end and the need for fresh funding. Members expressed concern. The Clerk agreed to write to Cheshire East.
- 14.** Clerk reported discussion with **Rhythm Time** organisers who were reluctant to accept an increase in room hire. Currently £35, suggestion £37.50 as a compromise. Members said stay firm at £40 per session.
- 15. Canals of Nantwich Exhibition launch** at 3pm on 24<sup>th</sup> July. All Members invited (tabled).

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