



Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9th November 2009.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Several residents of Crewe Road, who live next to Regents College, attended public forum. They said that the disturbance and inconsiderate behaviour by Reaseheath students of which they had complained on previous occasions, was continuing. Several representatives of COG7 (Children of God) the new owners of the site, also attended. They explained the measures in place to reduce disturbance to neighbours and disputed the extent of the noise etc. Councillors made the following points:-

- The issues were for Cheshire East Council to deal with. They were the planning authority.
- The Town Council had taken up the matter, and written to both the principal of Reaseheath and COG7. They had also written to the planning authority and an answer was awaited.
- Councillor Moran and Fenton had arranged to meet with the principal of Reaseheath and Councillor Moran had made the views of residents clear to the planning officer dealing with this site.
- There was nothing further Town Councillors could do and residents were best advised to pursue the issues with Cheshire East. Following Public Forum both groups moved into the meeting room for a discussion.

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Farrall (holiday).

83. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF 12TH OCTOBER 2009

The Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th October 2009 (incorporating Minutes of Station Group 11th September; Finance Committee of 1st October and Transport Group 1st September) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

84. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Moran declared a personal interest as a Cheshire East Councillor in items arising from the Policy and Resources agenda concerning Cheshire East Council in particular item 5 (Talks on Devolution) and item 6 (Planning Applications regarding the Sainsbury's application). Councillor Martin declared similar interests and in addition, when there was discussion on the Sainsbury's application, he declared a prejudicial interest as a result of a professional conflict of interest (Councillor Martin is a solicitor) and took no part in any discussions or vote and left the room while the item was considered.

85. MAYOR'S REMARKS

On 13th October attended the unveiling of the painting 'Perdita with Jockey Up at Nantwich Races' a well attended event and a real occasion for the Museum. Hopefully, all Councillors will have been along to see the Painting, it is well worth a visit, another part of the History of Nantwich.

On 25th October, invited to the British Legion Drumhead Service and Band Concert at the Civic Hall to launch the Poppy Appeal.

On 30th October, attendance at a coffee morning at Richmond Village in aid of Cancer Research. Also the Mayor's charity dance at the Civic Hall, all who attended seemed to enjoy themselves. Final figures are not yet available, but there was an excellent response to the raffle.

On 7th November, an invitation from Nantwich Choral Society to their performance at Chester Cathedral which was most enjoyable.

On 8th November, Remembrance Sunday Service at St Mary's Church, was well attended. Numbers seemed to be up on previous years. Weather was good.

86. CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported as shown in Appendix A.

87. ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER 2009

RESOLVED that the Comparison with Budget sheet be noted and payments for October 2009 be approved.

The Clerk and Councillor Lewis outlined the result of the Finance Committee of 5th November and possible options for investment. Councillor Hope mentioned the need for a degree of flexibility. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorised, in consultation with Chairman of Finance Committee, Councillor Lewis, to move sums to suitable institutions when existing investments mature.

88. MINUTES OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE 26TH OCTOBER 2009

RESOLVED that the Recommendations contained in the Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee of 26th October 2009 be accepted and approved and the Resolutions noted.

Councillor Moran mentioned traffic diversions and reiterated the Council's concerns about the Sainsbury's application.

89. PLANNING CONTROL

RESOLVED that the observations shown on Appendix B regarding the planning applications for consideration by Cheshire East Council be submitted to the Borough Planning Officer.

90. OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Councillor Stockton reported that the Minutes of the Town Watch Meeting were not yet available but that she had chaired a useful and informative meeting on 21st October.

Councillor Lewis formally moved the Minutes of the Finance Committee of 5th November. The Clerk indicated that he intended to present the draft budget recommended by the Committee to the Policy and Resources Committee of 23rd November.

91. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Fenton reported that plans for **Holly Holy** Day were well advanced and the 'battle' was being brought forward by an hour.

Councillor Cafferty reported that all officials of the **Nantwich Family Fun Day** had been re-elected 'en bloc' and the budget was being finalised shortly.

Councillor McGinnis outlined the current position regarding the **Community First Responders**. Gavin Palin was still being denied the blue light although Co-Responders could drive on it. However, the range of duties and responsibilities for Co-Responders was more limited. Councillor McGinnis was unsure of the next step but the general view seemed to be additional publicity might be effective and an approach to the Health Care Commission or Ombudsman should be considered.

Councillor Simpson reported on the result of the recent Wine and Cheese evening at the **Museum** which raised nearly £900 plus a further £100 from the sale of cards.

Councillor Simpson also reported on the very successful year enjoyed by **Nantwich in Bloom**. She mentioned the poor state of the Chapel on Welsh Row, which Councillor Moran reported was receiving attention. Councillor Simpson urged the Council to join her in praising the Nantwich in Bloom volunteers who do so much to promote the vibrancy of the town and Councillors endorsed her remarks.

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Date: _____

CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF URGENCY**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO COUNCIL 9TH NOVEMBER 2009.**1. Local Area Partnership Meeting – 29th October, Malbank School.

Clerk, Councillor Moran and Councillor Fenton reported. It was agreed that the remit of the Transport Group should be widened and we should be trying to be represented on Thematic Groups. It was reported that a small Committee of Cheshire East Cabinet was considering event funding. Next meeting of the LAP is 21st January 2010 at 5pm, Malbank School.

2. Talk of the Town – Winter edition.

Contributions requested by 16th November. Ice Rink will be publicised.

3. Reaseheath Meeting.

Meeting with Principal regarding Regents College on 20th November at 5pm, at Reaseheath.

4. Tim Leslie.

Standards Board, Director of Regulation, was attending as observer at the Council meeting.

5. Homewatch Signs – Cronkinson Avenue area.

Alan Garnett organiser – about £120 for 3 signs, erected. As Members indicated, the cost will be met by the Town Council.

6. Christmas 2009

There are 3 days between the Christmas holiday (25th/28th Dec) and New Year's holiday (1 Jan). Members noted that the Clerk intended to close the office for that period as most organisations will not be operating.

7. Reminder – Remembrance Sunday 8th November 20098. Band on the Square.

Nantwich band will be performing on the Square on Sundays 6th, 13th and 20th December. On 20th December, Councillors usually give out refreshments. Councillor Lewis has arranged facilities for preparation of refreshments at Conservative Club.

9. Reminders

Grants meeting – 2.30pm on 12th November.
Devolution meeting – 2pm on 18th November.

10. Meeting re Christmas Lights – 6th November.

Councillor Cafferty and Clerk met Sue Togay and Andrew Latham re: Christmas lights at

1pm on 6th November. Councillor Cafferty outlined the outcome.

11. Pay negotiations.

Clerk reported on notification of pay negotiations for this year (09/10) in theory completed by April but invariably concluded around December. A pay rise to reflect inflation has been agreed. It amounts to 1% from 1st April 2009, backdated.

12. Audit and Finance Workshop.

Chalc organising course re: audit on 25th November 2/4pm. Councillor Lewis and Clerk attending. Other places probably available if any other Councillor would wish to attend (tabled).

13. Youth Parliament.

Congleton Town Hall, Friday 26th February 2010. Election of Youth Parliament – participants invited (tabled). Councillors were invited to attend.

14. Charity Ball – Hope House.

Notification of Charity Ball on 14th November 2009. Wrenbury Hall (tabled).

15. Thanks – Airman's Grave Ceremony.

Relatives of the Airman, Arthur Brown, interred near Shrewbridge Road, visited on 7th October and after a short remembrance service, the Council provided refreshments in Brookfield Hall. Thanks have been received from them and the Cheshire Regiment who maintain the grave.

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NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 9TH NOVEMBER 2009PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No	Applicant	Development	Site
09/3256N	Signet Nantwich Props Ltd.	Erect new (A1) shop and (A2) use – two and single storey building.	Cocoa Yard.
Comment:			
The Town Council object to this application on two grounds:-			
(a) The proposed new building will take an undue amount of space in the Cocoa Yard, making it feel cramped and overdeveloped as a pedestrian space and access.			
(b) The size and bulk of the proposed development in a previously open space will dominate surrounding buildings and detract from, rather than complement, the existing chimney. Its scale will have an adverse impact upon adjoining residential properties.			
09/3409N	Mr Weall	White PVC Conservatory	2 Hillfield Gardens.
Comment:			
No comment.			
09/3611N	Mr & Mrs V Jacey	Construction of new dwelling in side garden.	92 Shrewbridge Road
Comment:			
The Town Council express concern about the proposed access to the intended new property as the application site is on a bend. The Highway Engineer is requested to consider carefully the traffic implications.			



Nantwich Town Council

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee of the Council held on Monday 26th October 2009.

Present - Councillors Moran (in the Chair), Martin, Farrall, Fenton, Hope, Stockton, Williams, McGinnis, Lewis, Cafferty and Simpson together with the Clerical Assistant.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Tooke.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Moran and Martin declared a personal interest in items 5 and 8 of the Agenda as members of Cheshire East Council. All Councillors declared a personal interest in planning application 09/3081N 47a Barony Road as the applicant is an acquaintance.

3 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Councillor Cafferty reported on Christmas Lights a quotation had been requested for 3 trees on Waterlode there was going to be a charge of £800 per tree for electricity supply, this was too expensive. An alternative quote for 2 across the street lights on Mill Street and High Street, an email with a quotation is expected shortly.

4 TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS

Councillor Moran reported on the traffic diversion and road closure on A51. Signs are being changed and HGV traffic is now being diverted away from the town centre and along Waterlode. A Highway Engineer is willing to report at Council if required.

5 TALKS ON DEVOLUTION – CHESHIRE EAST

Councillor Hope asked the Clerk to arrange a date for the next meeting with Cheshire East Council to discuss devolution. He reported that Cheshire East Council have a deficit of 13.8 m and appear to be very keen to devolve services. Councillor McGinnis asked why are we waiting so long for Cheshire East to agree a meeting, Councillor Lewis agreed with this comment. Councillor Williams reported on the Chalc AGM, several councils have made comments to CEC regarding devolution and are still waiting. Councillor Cafferty stated that we need to be talking to the head of department at Cheshire East regarding devolution. Councillors Lewis and Cafferty requested a strategic policy on devolution from Cheshire East. **Resolved:** Clerk to arrange a date for the next meeting and request Cheshire East's policies on devolution.



6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that the observations set out on the attached Appendix A be submitted as the Council's comments to the Cheshire East Council Planning Department.

Councillor Moran reported on the letter he had received from Local Dialogue regarding Sainsbury's. A brief discussion followed and a decision was made not to change any previous comments.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Local Dialogue to inform them of the decision.

Councillor Moran reported on a planning application 09/3054N, 25 Mount Drive, Nantwich, a neighbour had objected to the application, this item had been discussed at Council on 12th October and comments had been submitted to the Planning Authority and could not be changed. There was a discussion about the correct address of the planning application.

RESOLVED: Councillor Farrell to investigate and inform the Clerk.

7 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that:- Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the next item to enable the Committee to receive advice and information about a proposed Christmas event, which may involve matters concerning the finances of a third party or contractual matters best considered in confidence.

8 REPORT REGARDING CHESHIRE EAST SERVICES

The Committee noted the Report of the Town Clerk as set out in the attached Appendix B.

A discussion followed and questions arose about the report being discussed with Councillors prior to distribution, Councillor McGinnis stated that the Clerk had overstepped his remit in writing this report. Councillor Lewis agreed and stated that he wasn't aware of the Clerk being instructed to talk to Cheshire East Council or being asked to write a report. Councillor Fenton stated this item could be seen as double taxation. Councillor Hope agreed items 5 and 7 in the Report of the Clerk may be setting a precedent, the Education Officer's position at the Museum was coming to an end, he stated that this position raises the profile of Nantwich. Councillor Moran stated that the Clerk had asked him for the item to go on the Agenda.

RESOLVED: Not to proceed with item 8 of this Agenda, nominated by Councillor Hope and seconded by Councillor Lewis.



9 TREE PLANTING NEAR TO THE BLANKNEY

Councillor Williams reported on trees to be planted by Wulvern Housing near to the Blankney, a meeting had been held with Wulvern, Councillor Williams and local residents. Wulvern had asked Nantwich Town Council to match fund the trees at a cost of £400 plus VAT. Councillors were in agreement with this. Councillor Cafferty nominated and Councillor Lewis seconded this motion. Councillor Lewis asked if any vandalism occurred to the trees, for Nantwich Town Council not to be held responsible for replacing any trees.

RESOLVED: Matched funding to be provided at a maximum cost of £400 plus VAT.

10 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Councillor Moran outlined the two letters received from Cheshire East Council, one was regarding fair car park charging and the other event funding from Cheshire East Council. Both letters were noted.

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Date: _____

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POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING 26TH OCTOBER 2009PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No	Applicant	Development	Site
09/2675N	Reaseheath College	Demolition of a single storey teaching/amenity block and erection of a new two storey food centre of excellence to facilitate business innovation and research areas.	Reaseheath College
Comment: No comment.			
09/3229N	Brighthouse Homes Ltd	Proposed amendment to approved scheme P06/1458 creating two additional one bedroom apartments.	Land off Barony Rd.
Comment: The Town Council would ask that the Planning Authority ascertains the car parking requirements for this development, an increase in apartments requires additional car parking spaces.			
09/3161N	Mrs C Dempsey	Single storey rear extension.	10 Damson Drive
Comment: No comment.			
09/3081N	Mr G Palin	Change of use from offices/dance Studio/nursery to offices and Funeral Parlour.	47a Barony Road.
Comment: The Town Council are concerned about parking implications and noise. The Planning Authority is urged to look very carefully at parking availability and may wish to limit the permission to a period of 12 months to ascertain whether there are serious problems arising from the vehicles, which will inevitably be generated by the proposed change of use.			