



## **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009.**

**Present** – Mayor Councillor Williams and Councillors Farrall, Hope, Moran, Tooke, Lewis, Simpson, Cafferty together with the Town Clerk.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Doug Butterill of Nantwich in Bloom told the Council that Nantwich had been awarded the 'Little Gem' for best floral efforts plus best small town in Cheshire and best overall town or village in Cheshire.

Plaques would be placed outside the Museum and a 'Cheshire Life' painting would be on display, possibly in the Museum.

Mr Butterill thanked the Council for its support and the Mayor congratulated the Nantwich in Bloom members and praised their valuable work.

Residents of Crewe Road, close to Regents College attended once again to complain about change of use of the college and behaviour of students. Councillors sympathised and Councillor Moran outlined the latest position. The Clerk was instructed to write to Cheshire East planners recording the concerns of residents and of the Town Council.

A resident of London Road attended to express dissatisfaction with the state of the pavement near his home and the passage of HGVs using the town as a short-cut. The matter had been reported to Cheshire East Council by Councillors Moran and Farrall and residents were told that action was being taken by that Council.

### **71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Martin (family celebration), Councillor Fenton, Councillor Stockton (illness) and Councillor McGinnis (holiday).

### **72. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 (incorporating Minutes of Finance Committee of 4<sup>th</sup> August and Minutes of Watch Committee of 15<sup>th</sup> July), be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

### **73. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Moran declared a personal interest in application 09/2771N (Harris 4 Damson Drive) as an acquaintance of the applicant. Councillor Farrall declared a personal interest in planning application 09/3054N (Higham 25 Mount Drive) as an acquaintance of the applicant and near neighbour.

## 74. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor reminded Members of her dance on 30<sup>th</sup> October and urged them to buy tickets. She mentioned her engagements as follows:-

On 12<sup>th</sup> September, attended the Open Day at Richmond Village and was struck by how happy all the residents were with their homes at Richmond Village. Also, delighted to unveil, later that morning, the new sign for the Players Theatre at their new premises. Plans for the future use of the building were on display.

On 13<sup>th</sup> September, attended the Civic Church Service at Middlewich.

On 14<sup>th</sup> September, Invited to the Nantwich Food Festival launch at Rookery Hall. A very pleasant evening, giving an opportunity to meet and talk with organisers and sponsors.

On 20<sup>th</sup> September, another day with two engagements, the first was the Civic Church Service for Cheshire east at St Michaels Church in Crewe in the afternoon. The next event was the Dedication Service at St. Mary's Church in Nantwich in the evening. Two very different services, but both equally important.

On 24<sup>th</sup> September, asked by the Nantwich in Bloom committee to attend the Cheshire Pride awards at Northwich Memorial Hall. Delighted to win Best town again and then to go on and get the Best Overall award was a real feather in our cap.

On 25<sup>th</sup> September, Nantwich Food Festival, the weather was kind and visitors turned up in their thousands. The whole weekend was a great success and it is hoped that Cheshire East Council will see fit to sponsor this event again next year. Any event which brings visitors into Nantwich should to be encouraged.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, attended the Acton Operatic Society production of Scrooge at the Lyceum Theatre. This was an excellent show, well done to all in the Company.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October, attended the Crewe and Nantwich Lions annual dinner at Hunters Lodge in Crewe.

On 7<sup>th</sup> October, the niece of Lt. Arthur Brown was here with her husband and a service of remembrance was held at the grave. There was a good turn out from Nantwich and from Armed Forces Associations. The Town Council supplied drinks and light refreshments afterwards here at Brookfield Hall.

On 8<sup>th</sup> October, attended 'Dead Guilty' at the Players Theatre. A thrill filled production!

On 9<sup>th</sup> October, attended Cheshire East Mayor's Civic Ball, in the Civic Hall. An enjoyable and well organised event.

## **75. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Following a discussion about Christmas Lights (and a gentle reminder from the Clerk that Contract Regulations and prior consultation were important) it was **RESOLVED** that:-

a) For the purpose of obtaining rapid quotes and in view of urgency bearing in mind delay by Cheshire East Council, Contract Regulations be suspended to allow provision of Christmas Lights by Blachere Illuminations.

b) That two Members (Councillors Cafferty and Lewis) together with the Town Clerk, should be authorised to agree contracts to provide lights at Mill Street and on trees at Waterlode, subject to expenditure not exceeding £5,500 (£5000 from existing budget for lights and £500 virement from Street Furniture).

c) Consultation to take place with affected land-owners, Town Centre Manager and Cheshire East staff installing most Christmas lights, with a view to enhancement of lights near the Residence where the Ice Rink supported by the Town Council was to be located.

## **76. REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk reported as shown in the attached paper.

## **77. ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2009**

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

## **78. PLANNING CONTROL**

**RESOLVED** that the comments shown on the attached paper be transmitted to Cheshire East Planning Department.

## **79. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED** that subject to minor amendments to the Finance Committee Minutes (now incorporated in the Minutes) any Recommendation to Council and any action to be taken contained in the three sets of Minutes set out below and attached, be accepted and endorsed:-

a) Minutes of Nantwich Station Group, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

b) Minutes of Finance Committee, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009.

c) Minutes of Nantwich Transport Group, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009.

## **80. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Councillor Cafferty** reported on the latest meeting of the **Museum Trustees**. Various expenses were mentioned; there was still a need to find the balance of the cost of the "Nantwich Racecourse picture." Staffing was an issue. Unfortunately, the contract of the Education Officer (which was a grant funded post) was coming to an end.

**Councillor Cafferty** also reported on the **Fun Day** preparations for next July. Accounts for 2009 would soon be made available. On 5<sup>th</sup> November, the AGM of the Fun Day Committee would be held.

**Councillor Cafferty** also reported on **Nantwich Winter Wonderland** which was progressing well. Vouchers had been sent to local schools and some had already responded to the organisers. The event was gathering momentum and well on track.

**Councillor Simpson** mentioned **Nantwich in Bloom** and a fund raising event on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, when a hot pot supper would be held in the evening.

**Councillor Farrall** mentioned briefly the success of **Nantwich in Bloom** and the Cheshire Pride Awards, which had been outlined by Doug Butterill.

This prompted **Councillor Moran** to mention the **Civic Society**, he and **Councillor Farrall** reported a 'walk about' which the Civic Society had undertaken to highlight areas of the town where improvements were needed. Councillor Moran went on to complain of the greasy and dirty pavements outside take-away premises on Welsh Row and in the centre of the town and of the unsatisfactory state of WH Smiths guttering.

**Councillor Lewis** added his concerns about the bottles and litter left on the Barony football pitches.

**Councillor Lewis** reported on the approach he had received from residents interested in establishing a 'Speed Watch' group in relation to Shrewbridge / Park Road and mentioned that he had encouraged them to apply for grant aid.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Cheshire East Council and WH Smiths highlighting some of these concerns.

## 81. **REMINDERS**

The agenda contained a number of reminders of interest to Councillors.

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

## **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

### **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009.**

1. A51 Millstone Lane, Hurleston.  
Road works from 17<sup>th</sup> October to end December 2009. Closure of A51 is unavoidable but will take place at weekends (tabled). Councillor Moran gave further details of these road works and diversions.
2. Next LAP meeting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 5-7pm at Malbank School – Members may wish to attend as observers.
3. Councillor Moran is attending LAP Assembly as Town Council representative on 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Tatton Park.
4. Chain of Office.  
Bill Howie now retired. Apparently no-one else available to deal for at least 4 weeks because Trustees are separate from Cheshire East Council. Clerk said he would continue to pursue this issue but it would take time.
5. Sainsbury's Presentation – Councillors felt that it was a worthwhile presentation but only time would tell of the effect if planning permission was granted.
6. Congratulations from Edward Timpson MP on Nantwich in Bloom winning Cheshire Community Pride Award (tabled).
7. Reaseheath College (reply from Principal tabled). Councillor Moran reported latest position, which was unsatisfactory (see 'public forum'.)
8. Riverside Officer – The Clerk indicated that he wished to report further on this matter at a later date.
9. Internal Auditor – amended frequency of visits. Councillors noted that following discussion with the Chairman of Finance Committee and with Brian Legge, he would be visiting bi-monthly.
10. Chalc meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm (Clerks mainly) Crewe and Nantwich Branch – Clerk reported concern that Cheshire East wanted to introduce computerised planning applications. Consultation had been undertaken with some Parishes (but not yet Nantwich so far).
11. Devolution meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Councillor Hope reported that there was little to say, but he had asked the Clerk to emphasise the Town Council's wish for further meetings and quicker progress.
12. One thousand daffodil bulbs reserved – it was agreed they should be planted in the same locations as last year by the Lengthsman.

13. Town and Parish Conference – 13<sup>th</sup> October, Congleton Town Hall at 5.30pm. No one was able to attend, unfortunately.
14. Visit by Tim Leslie from Standards Board to Council on 9<sup>th</sup> November was noted.
15. Remembrance Day on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at:-
  - 1pm – 15 minute service at Airman's Grave.
  - 2.30pm – Civic Hall march to Church for 3pm service lasting about an hour.
16. Mill Island drainage. Clerk said he intended to contact Stan Wooley, Sewerage Engineer, for a specification and recommendations for contractors. Councillor Cafferty suggested that Mr Wooley act as Administrator of the Contract and this was accepted. The Clerk asked for two Members (named as Councillor McGinnis and Councillor Fenton) to be associated with the specification and action to be taken on the site. He warned that the Town Council might need to spend additional sums on Mill Island to do a really worthwhile job.
17. Transport Group – invited to send a representative to the LAP. (Possibly act as the Transport Group for the LAP). Agreed that Councillors Moran and Martin would pursue this.
18. Councillor Moran reported that Cheshire East Council is meeting at Nantwich Civic Hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – public can ask questions without notice. Councillor Moran wondered if anyone might wish to attend.

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**NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION**

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<b>No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Site</b>
09/2757N	Punch Pub Company	External alterations to provide new porch, patio and smoking shelter.	Leopard Inn 33 London Road.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
09/2771N	Mr C Harris	Garden Shed 1835 x 1435 in rear garden (PD rights removed).	4 Damson Drive.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment, subject to clarification of correct address of dwelling subject to application.			
09/2905N	Mr N Tomlinson	Two storey side extension plus front porch.	8 Sandford Road.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
09/2915N	Mrs H Parker Regenesis	Proposed conversion of existing Offices to 4 no. apartments. Re-submission of 09/2169N.	Regenesis 37a Hospital Street
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
09/2988N	Mr B Greenaway	Proposed single storey extension to provide new kitchen and conservatory.	107 Audlem Road Nantwich
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
09/3054N	Mr & Mrs M Higham	Single storey rear extension garage to side, garage Conversion, first floor side Extension and loft conversion With dormer windows.	25 Mount Drive Nantwich.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			

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