



Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14th September 2009.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Alan Garnett of Cronkinson Avenue, asked for funding for a 'Home Watch' scheme. Councillors indicated that an application would be sympathetically considered.

Giles Butcher of Clayton's Row, commented on planning application 09/2341N – a proposal for erection of 14 two storey dwellings. He asked that the Council suggest that Clayton's Row be fenced from the site at developer's cost to avoid a 'rat run' and mentioned the increasing difficulty of travelling down Barony Road due to increased car parking. Members agreed to have regard to these comments in their observations on this application.

Robert Humphreys of Crewe Road, spoke on behalf of residents 106-120 Crewe Road. Regents College had recently become a residential centre for Reaseheath College students. They were rowdy and noisy. A previously well managed site had become a nuisance to residents. Councillors Fenton and Moran said they would be meeting the management of the College the next day to make these concerns clear. Councillor Moran would make enquiries about the planning position and the potentially increased vehicle movements. Members requested the Clerk to write to the College expressing their objections to this unsatisfactory situation.

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of the Mayor, due to her attendance at a civic function.

54. REVEREND PETER CHANTRY – ST MARY'S CHURCH

The Reverend Chantry spoke about the appeal for the maintenance and improvement of St Mary's Church. He emphasised that the Church was at the centre of the town, not only in location, but as a community asset. He spoke of the architecture and heritage the structure of St Mary's embodied and the hospitality and welcome it offered to parishioners and visitors. Members indicated that they were sympathetic to the appeal and would consider carefully any application received.

Prior to this agenda item Councillor Moran declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a Member of the Church and left the room while the item was dealt with and took no part in any discussion on it.

55. NANTWICH IN BLOOM

Chairman of Nantwich in Bloom, Doug Butterill, presented a certificate marking the Railway Station's recent success in gaining an award and thanked the Town Council for their continuing support for the efforts of Nantwich in Bloom.

56. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF 13TH JULY 2009

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th July 2009, (incorporating Policy and Resources Committee minutes of 22nd June 2009, Finance Committee Minutes of 1st July and Grants and Awards Committee Minutes of 10th July) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

57. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Moran and Martin declared personal interests in matters concerning Cheshire East Council as Cheshire East Councillors. Councillors Moran, McGinnis and Stockton declared personal interests as Beam Heath trustees in relation to the planning application affecting Focus and Beam Heath Way (09/2543N).

58. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor was unable to be present but had kindly prepared an account of recent engagements which was tabled and noted by Members.

59. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF TOWN WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING OF 15TH JULY 2009.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted.

60. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 4TH AUGUST 2009.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted and actions taken endorsed.

61. TRANSPORT GROUP MEETING OF 1ST SEPTEMBER 2009.

Members of the Group reported on matters discussed at the meeting, including gateway features, Wellington Road traffic, petition for 20mph limit outside St Anne's School, cycle way and Nantwich Station.

62. PLANNING CONTROL

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

63. ACCOUNTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2009.

RESOLVED that payments for July and August 2009 be approved and the Comparison with Budget sheet covering those months be noted.

64. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Members noted that the Audit Commission had concluded a satisfactory audit of the 08/09 Accounts.

Members also noted that members of the Finance Committee and Clerk had met with three representatives to discuss what investments may be appropriate for the Town Council.

RESOLVED that the remaining capital sum, still in the current account, be transferred to an RBS Direct Reserve Account, currently paying 1.3% interest.

65. TIMETABLE FOR 2010/2011 BUDGET.

The Budget Timetable set out at item 13 was approved.

66. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL – CURRENT ISSUES.

Councillor Moran spoke about four issues concerning Cheshire East Council, as follows:-

(a) Local Area Partnership on 10th September.

Nantwich Transport Group will contribute to the LAP Transport Group. Efforts will be made to avoid duplication with work of the Town Council. Still unsure of the value of the LAP. LAP has no budget. Next meeting at Malbank School, 5pm on 29th October.

RESOLVED that Councillor Moran be appointed as the Nantwich Town Council representative to the Nantwich LAP.

(b) Cheshire East Warding.

The proposals of Cheshire East to Boundary Committee are for 4 councillors for Nantwich – two wards each with 2 Councillors and a slightly enlarged area. The Town Council has already made its view known to the Boundary Committee and suggested the long established current Town Council boundary. The Boundary Committee report is expected in about a month.

(c) Crewe Town Council.

The closing date for the Town Council's views on whether Crewe should have a Town Council and in what form is the end of September. Councillor Moran proposed that the Council write to Cheshire East and publish an 'open letter' to the effect that Crewe should have a single Town Council rather than, as proposed by the controlling group on Cheshire East, four parish councils. The matter was debated but the resolution that Nantwich Town Council support the principle of one Town Council for Crewe was not carried, as it was felt this was a matter for Crewe residents to determine. Accordingly, the Clerk indicated that no action would be taken in this matter.

(d) Car Parking Strategy.

There was a discussion on the issue of whether car parking fees and the availability of parking without charge should be at about the same level in each town in Cheshire East. The possibility of "free" parking in the run up to Christmas was also discussed.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Cheshire East on behalf of the Town Council to express the view, in the strongest terms, that Nantwich should have parity of charging and parity of “free” car parking on the same basis as other towns in Cheshire East.

The Council also **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent as from the Mayor, asking the leader of Cheshire East Council whether Cheshire East would be supporting and funding events and activities in the town to the same degree as the now abolished District and County Councils had done previously.

67. FIRST RESPONDERS

Councillor McGinnis reported on the First Responder issue. The Co-Responders scheme seemed acceptable but needed development. The anomaly of Co-Responders driving on the blue light, but CFRs not being able to do so, needed further consideration. Generally, however, progress towards an effective First Responder system in the town was being achieved. Councillor McGinnis was congratulated on his work.

68. CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The attached report, and the resolutions contained in it, refers.

69. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Cafferty reported on Christmas lights – Sue Togay dealing and agreed to coincide a switch-on with the Ice Rink launch.

Councillor Cafferty reported on Allotment matters and the trophy for best plot which the Town Council had agreed to fund. Cultivation orders are to be applied more strictly. Efforts had been made to obtain budget details to encourage Cheshire East to maintain funding.

Councillor Simpson reported on the unveiling of the “Racecourse painting” on October 13th at the Museum. Cheese and wine evening – tickets £7.50.

Councillor Farrall reported that the Civic Society were undertaking an audit of “grot spots” – Save our Streets - and Councillors were invited to take part.

Councillor McGinnis reminded Councillors of the meeting organised by the Chamber of Commerce, Nantwich, about creating a voice for traders, at the Crown. From 5pm to about 6pm on Thursday 17th September.

70. MAYOR’S HALLOWEEN SUPPER

Members were reminded of the Mayor’s Halloween Supper on Friday 30th October, Nantwich Civic Hall, at 8pm, tickets £20 including supper. Councillors are urged to display posters and sell tickets.

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 14TH SEPTEMBER 2009PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No	Applicant	Development	Site
09/2410N 09/2412N	Regenesis	Conversion of Existing vestry within Grade II Listed Building to offices.	Nantwich Methodist Hospital Street
Comment: No comment.			
09/2119N	Mr R Lunt	Retrospective application for the erection of single storey 'lean to' type brick built extension with tile roof to rear of property and part conversion of existing garage into play room. Existing flat roof to be replaced with pitched roof.	6 Bishops Wood
Comment: Previously considered.			
09/2644N	Mrs S Tew	Adaptation and extension of existing garage for use as bedroom/bathroom for a disabled child.	22 Whitlow Avenue
Comment: No comment.			
09/1891N	Mrs J Patel	Proposed extensions forming additional accommodation to the existing EMI Section.	Brookfield House Residential Home Shrewbridge Road.
Comment: No comment. (Called in).			
09/2458N	Mr P Martin	Erection of brick wall at rear of hotel.	Crown Hotel High Street.
Comment: No comment.			

No	Applicant	Development	Site
09/2341N	Thomas Jones & Son.	Demolition of 82 Barony Road and erection of 14 number two storey residential dwellings and associated access.	82 Barony Road
Comment: The Town Council object to this development for the following reasons:-			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clayton's Row is presently a secluded enclave of houses adjoining an area of green space. There is concern from residents that their privacy and quiet surroundings will be disturbed by the development and it is suggested that the developer should erect a screen fence, at it's expense, separating and shielding Clayton's Row from the application site, particularly during the construction period, but also to be maintained thereafter. 2. There is a fear that the Vauxhall Place road could be extended to create two entrances / exits onto Barony Road, one along Clayton's Row disturbing the amenity of residents there. A condition should make it clear that all traffic into and out of the site should use the Vauxhall Place junction only. 3. The Planning Officer is requested to consider particularly carefully possible conditions on the application relating to working on the site, access and parking for construction vehicles and measures to mitigate the general effect on residents and neighbours of the building works during development. 			
09/2205N	Nantwich Players Theatre	Change of use to form dressing room, rehearsal and storage space.	F J Tressider & Son (former undertaker's) Love Lane.
Comment: No comment.			
09/2496N	Edward Jones	Change of use from A1 retail to A2 Financial and Professional.	56 Beam Street
Comment: No comment.			
09/2414N 09/2413N	Mr N Herbert-Jackson	The erection of a garden room on an existing patio adjacent to the house and overlooking the rear garden. No alterations to the existing building. Listed Building Consent also.	155 Welsh Row
Comment: No comment.			
09/2543N	Trustee Citibank	To carry out external alterations to the appearance of the premises.	Focus Beam Heath Way
Comment: No comment.			

No	Applicant	Development	Site
09/2477N Comment: No comment.	Mr M Solan	Dental Surgery extension.	50 Pillory street
09/2704N Comment: No comment.	Mr T Tengwall	Single storey extension to rear.	14 Prince Edward Street.
09/2564N Comment: No comment.	Mr & Mrs R Ward	First floor extension and extension to garage and kitchen, new pitched roof, improved access.	7 Park Road.
09/2572N Comment: No comment.	Mr Hall	Two storey extension to rear elevation.	5 Mercer Way.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF URGENCY**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO COUNCIL 14TH SEPTEMBER 2009.**

1. Chalc Newsletters (tabled) for July and September, was noted.
2. Civic Society project – environmental audit (tabled) was noted.
3. AGM Chalc – 22nd October 2009 6.30 – 9pm (tabled).
RESOLVED that the Clerk, Mayor and Councillor Moran attend the AGM but no motion for discussion be put forward.
4. September 'Link' issue (tabled).
5. Monthly update from Chalc (July) (tabled) was noted.
6. Cheshire Access Forum (tabled).
Invitation to join the Access Forum which deals with Rights of Way matters in Cheshire.
RESOLVED that no action be taken.
7. Chalc Crewe & Nantwich area meeting on 24th September 2009, at 7.30pm Municipal Buildings, (Clerk usually attends). (Tabled).
8. Sainsbury's consultation – invitation to discuss with Town Councillors (tabled).
RESOLVED that a Sainsbury's representative be invited to speak to Councillors, at a specially arranged informal meeting.
9. Training Opportunities (tabled).
Any Member interested to speak to the Clerk.
10. Nantwich Band at Christmas.
6th, 13th and 20th December suggested dates were accepted.
11. Notice of closure of Parkfield Drive – 7/9 October (tabled).
12. Supporting Town Centres in Recession (tabled).
Notice given by the Clerk that any considered ideas for grant applications could be further discussed with him – closing date, end September.
13. Web site – request for Councillor pictures.
Request from a Pete Leydon, freelance journalist, for councillor details for Nantwich News web site. Idea is head shots to use with future news stories – Councillors agreed that such photographs should be provided.
14. 'Talk of the Town' – Clerk notified Members that an edition had gone for print.
15. Letter from Ken Danville-Smith re publication of Nantwich guide. **RESOLVED** that no action be taken and the offer of endorsement not be taken up.

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