



# ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

## Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

**Present** - Councillor Williams (Mayor) and Councillors Martin, Farrall, Fenton, Hope, Stockton, Williams, Moran, Tooke and Lewis together with the Town Clerk.

### 1. PRAYERS

Prayers were lead by Reverend Peter Chantry.

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were made on behalf of Councillor Simpson (illness), Councillor McGinnis (illness) and Councillor Cafferty (holiday).

### 3. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed and seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Councillor Joyce Stockton be elected as Mayor of Nantwich Town Council, to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Council.

Councillor Williams invested the new Mayor with the chain of office. **Councillor Stockton made a formal declaration of office and then took the chair.**

Mr Alan Williams, the retiring Mayor's consort, invested the new Mayor's consort, Mr Eddie Stockton, with the consort's medallion of office.

Councillor Stockton responded to her election by thanking her proposer (Councillor Moran) and seconder (Councillor Lewis) for their kind words. She paid tribute to Councillor Williams and the manner she had conducted herself as Mayor over the past year. She welcomed her guests. She also welcomed the Deputy Mayor of Cheshire East, Councillor Gordon Baxendale. She spoke of the time ahead and the honour of being as 'a dabber' the Mayor of Nantwich.

### 4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Hope and seconded by Councillor Tooke and **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Councillor Arthur Moran be elected as Deputy Mayor of Nantwich Town Council, to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Council.

Councillor Stockton invested the new Deputy Mayor with the medallion of office.

**Councillor Moran made a formal declaration of office as Deputy Mayor.** He thanked the Council for the honour it was bestowing and expressed his intention to assist the new Mayor during the forthcoming year.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN AND NOMINATION OF MAYOR'S CHARITY**

The Mayor informed the Council that the Reverend Peter Chantry, Rector of St Mary's Parish Church would be her Chaplain for her year of office.

She named 'Help for Heroes' as her charity for the forthcoming year.

**6. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

Councillor Martin proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor Councillor Williams. He referred to the wide range of duties which Councillor Williams had managed to undertake during her year and the many events she had attended. She had 'done Nantwich proud' as its first Town Mayor.

**7. RETIRING MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Councillor Williams thanked Councillors for their support throughout the year. She expressed her pride in the Town Council. She referred to her hopes for the devolution of functions from Cheshire East and that Nantwich would again run its own services. She praised the work of Inspector Hassall and the police. She gave thanks to her family for their strong support.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There followed a brief adjournment for refreshments.

The meeting then resumed, with Councillor Stockton in the Chair.

**9. PUBLIC FORUM**

Inspector Hassall spoke about policing priorities and his pleasure at being able to offer '24 hour coverage' for the town.

Connie Jones, a local resident, and ex-town councillor expressed her pleasure at the station and the re-furbished level crossing. She looked forward to the painting of the bridge and signal box.

**10. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING & TOWN COUNCIL MEETING BOTH HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting, held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010, and the Council Meeting of the same date, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

## 11. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Moran and Martin declared personal interests in the Weaver Primary School planning application as Cheshire East Councillors. Councillor Lewis declared a personal interest in the same application as school governor. Councillor Hope declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application relating to 7 Alvaston Road, he was related to the applicant. Councillor Hope took no part in the discussion or vote and left the room when the matter was discussed.

## 12. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk mentioned the request for a member of the Council to join the Stakeholders Group of the Greenway project. Councillor Moran said he would do so if he was eligible (subsequently confirmed he was).

## 13. PLANNING CONTROL

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

Councillor Moran asked the Clerk to report some graffiti under the Fairfax bridge and in the crossing tunnel to Cheshire East "graffiti busters".

## 14. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS FOR 2010/2011

To appoint Members to the various Committees and Panels of the Council.

**NB** - *The Mayor of the Council is ex officio on all Panels and Committees, except where otherwise stated. The Council **RESOLVED** to appoint the following Panels and Committees:-*

- (a) Policy & Resources Committee  
*All Members of the Council.*
- (b) Grants and Awards Panel – 4 Members (2:2)  
*Councillors Farrall, Lewis, Williams and Cafferty.*
- (c) Nantwich Town Watch Committee – 5 Members  
*Councillors Tooke, Williams, McGinnis, Hope and Martin.*  
*Co-opted representatives from various interested organisations also form part of the Committee.*
- (d) Town Plan & Partnership Committee – 5 Members (3:2)  
*Councillors McGinnis, Lewis, Hope, Cafferty and Fenton.*  
*No ex-officio representative.*
- (e) Staffing Panel – 5 Members  
*To be appointed as required.*

- (f) Finance Committee – 5 Members (3:2)  
*Councillors Lewis, McGinnis, Cafferty, Fenton and Hope.*  
*No ex-officio representative.*
- (g) Freedom of Information Committee – 2 Members  
*Mayor of the Council (Deputy Mayor if Mayor is unavailable).*  
*(Chairman of Policy & Resources Vice Chair if Chair unavailable)*
- (h) Quality Status Working Group – 5 Members  
To be appointed as required.

## **15. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

To appoint Members as the Council's representatives on various bodies:-

- (a) Nantwich in Bloom Committee  
*Councillors Tooke, Farrall and Simpson.*
- (b) Nantwich Museum Trust  
*Councillors Simpson and Cafferty.*
- (c) Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council Allotments Panel  
*Councillor Cafferty.*
- (d) Crewe & Shrewsbury Passenger Association  
*Councillor Fenton.*
- (e) Crewe Police Division – Local Consultative Committee  
*Councillors Williams and Tooke.*
- (f) Nantwich Civic Society  
*Councillors Cafferty and Farrall.*
- (g) Upper Weaver Initiative  
*Councillor Moran and Martin.*
- (h) Crewe & Nantwich Sustainability Alliance  
*Councillor Fenton.*
- (i) Nantwich Senior Citizens Committee  
*Councillors W S McGinnis and Fenton.*
- (j) Trustees of Nantwich Consolidated Charities.  
*Councillors Hope and Williams.*
- (k) Transport Group  
*Councillors Moran, Lewis and Martin.*
- (l) Nantwich Tennis Club  
*Councillor Farrall.*

## 16. AUTHORISATION OF CHEQUES AND INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS

The Council **RESOLVED** as follows:-

- (a) **Cheque and bank documents signatories and authorisation for all purposes for Royal Bank of Scotland and Treasurer's and Special Interest Bearing Account:-**

A total of 4 possible signatories required. Any 2 Members, together with the Town Clerk, to be authorised to sign cheques and documents.

*Named Signatories – Councillors Mr S Hope, Mr J Lewis, Mrs E Williams and Mrs J I Stockton, together with the Town Clerk (Mr W R Graham), on the Royal Bank of Scotland Treasurers account and Royal Bank of Scotland Special Interest Bearing Account.*

- (b) **Chairman's Charity Fund Account Royal Bank of Scotland Nantwich:-**

*Named Signatories – Any two of the four Councillors named above but no necessity for the signature of the Town Clerk.*

- (c) **Council RBS Credit Card and RBS Direct Reserve Account:-**

*To be operated by the Town Clerk (William Riddell Graham).*

## 17. ACCOUNTS FOR AUDIT 2009/10

**RESOLVED** the Annual Return for 2009/10 now presented including the Annual Governance Statement (section 2) be now approved and submitted to the Audit Commission by the Clerk.

## 18. ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL 2010

Council **RESOLVED** that the Schedule of Payments and Receipts for April 2010 be approved and the Comparison with Budget sheets be noted.

## 19. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

**RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Finance Committee of 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010 (attached), be approved and the Resolutions be noted.

## 20. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Reports were held over to the next meeting.

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

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

**NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION**

<b>No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Site</b>
10/0632N	Mr G Kynnersley	Two storey and single storey extension.	11 Weaverside.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
10/0928N	Mrs G Price Weaver CP School	New extension to provide new staff room.	Weaver CP School.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
10/1308N	Mr & Mrs G Smith	Repositioning of boundary fence and summerhouse.	29 Hellath Wen.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
10/1347N	Mr T Gater	Garden shed and cycle store.	3 Damson Drive.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
10/1375N	Mr K Hope	Proposed extension of existing rear garden.	7 Alvaston Road.
<b>Comment:</b>			

1. This application application is substantially the same as one which was refused at the end of 2009 by Cheshire East Council. The main difference is that the previous application was for enclosure by a wall, while this is for enclosure by a hedge. There would be no significant change to the effect on residents – open space would be lost in the same way.
2. The Town Council draws attention to the fact that this application relates to open space which has been maintained by Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council for many years and now by Cheshire East Council. The ownership of this land seems to be in dispute. It is likely that the developer of the housing site has gone into liquidation before transferring the site as amenity land or open space to the Council. Since the Council was intended to be the recipient of the land and the original planning condition affecting the land would have probably provided for it to be open space' and since the Council has maintained it for many years, Cheshire East will have better title than others and should assert their rights to protect and retain open space.
3. The Town Council object to the application on its own merits. This application would involve a loss of open space and a tree and the estate was presumably laid out with a certain proportion of green space for play and recreation, which the Council consider should be maintained.

4. Since the current application involves land which is not in Mr Hope's ownership, the Council repeats the comments made on the previous application and objects to the application. The Council requests that these observations are put before Committee. If the application is granted (and the Town Council does not consider it should be) then the Borough Council is urged to add the following conditions or notes for the applicant:-

- “(a) No change of use or enclosure of the land shall take place in regard to the land which is the subject of this application until the statutory procedure relating to the disposal of public open space has been fully satisfied and all necessary consents of persons having a legal interest in the land obtained in writing.
- (b) Under no circumstances shall any building or construction be placed on the land which is for use only as an extension to a garden for a dwelling – house and for no other purpose.”

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**ADDITIONAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION**

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No	Applicant	Development	Site
10/0925N	Ms J Longden	Two storey side and rear extension.	11 Barony Road.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
10/1424N	Mr J Griffiths	Alterations to outbuilding to form annexe to main dwelling.	46 Wellington Road.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			

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