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## **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**

**Present** - Councillor Fenton (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Farr, Hopkins, Hutton, Lewis, Marren, Martin and Simpson together with the Town Clerk.

### **107. PUBLIC FORUM**

Mrs Edith Williams referred to the proposed development of land off Queens Drive and raised concerns about the impact of extra traffic on Queens Drive.

Mrs Joyce Stockton suggested that the proposed developments need to have substantial element of affordable housing if approved. A query about the future of the Gables was also raised.

Mr Tony Booth asked for clarification on the arrangements for booking street entertainment once the Cheshire East Town Centre Manager ceases to have responsibility on 31 March. He also asked for reassurances about the booking of the Civic Hall.

### **108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Moran (Mayor), Butterill and Farrall and Inspector Smithers. Councillor Cooper was not in attendance.

### **109. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Marren declared personal interests in matters related to transfer of services from Cheshire East Council as he is a Cheshire East Councillor as well as a Town Councillor. Councillor Marren reminded Members that he had taken specific advice from the Cheshire East Monitoring Officer and the Standards Board for England in regard to his position and a 'personal interest' was the appropriate declaration.

Councillor Martin declared a personal interest in the planning application for Brine Leas School in his capacity as a school governor.

Councillor Fenton declared an interest in the Grants and Awards Committee due to his involvement in the Nantwich Food Festival and Holly Holy Day.

### **110. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 12/12/11**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 (incorporating the Minutes of the Town Plan and Partnership Committee of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

#### **111. MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor had tendered his apologies. 2 engagements were noted:-

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| 17 <sup>th</sup> December | Attended Nantwich & District Band's Christmas Concert at Weaver Primary School.                       |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> December | Visited Mrs Evelyn Walker of Beatty Road Nantwich, on the occasion of her 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday. |

#### **112. ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER 2011**

**RESOLVED** that the Comparison with Budget sheet be noted and the payments for December 2011 be approved.

#### **113. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF GRANTS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE OF 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Grants and Awards Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and be approved and adopted.

#### **114. TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2012/13**

Council received the Budget Report, based on the recommendations in Minute 94 of November Council of 7 November 2011, and **RESOLVED that:-**

- a) The Budget for 2012/13 set out in the agenda, together with the grants recommended, be agreed and approved.
- b) A precept of £525,000 be required and requested for 2012/13 from Cheshire East Borough Council to reflect the expenses of the services and assets to be transferred to the Town Council.
- c) The Town Clerk's Assistant be included and enrolled in the Local Government Pension Scheme administered by Cheshire Pension Fund and the Town Council henceforth make necessary contributions for that purpose.
- d) Tenders are waived in respect of the supply of the payroll services due to uncertainty over the takeover date and the short timescale to provide an alternative service and that Cheshire East be approved as the payroll supplier at a cost of £3500 for the first year.
- e) The new Town Clerk's subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks be approved.

#### **115. CLERKS REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF URGENCY**

##### **1. Attendance.**

The Clerk, Councillor Marren and Councillor Lewis have agreed a timetable for attendance at Brookfield Hall until the Clerk takes up his appointment full time on 20 February.

2. Minutes of Grants and Awards Committee.  
Council considered 2 matters arising from the Minutes of the Grants and Awards Committee of 24th November 2011.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk be authorised to arrange a date probably in May/June in the Civic Hall for the presentation of grants and for local organisations to show case their activities.

**RESOLVED:** That the suggestion that certain organisations be entitled to regular awards from the Council, rather than grants, be referred to Policy Committee.

3. Next Meeting – Planning Presentations.  
Members are asked to note that 2 presentations on development proposals involving land at Stapeley and at Queens Drive will be given at the next meeting on 6 February.
4. **Quality status.**  
The Town Council has been re-accredited with its Quality Status and a presentation is to be arranged for the March meeting.

#### **116. PLANNING CONTROL**

Council resolved to make no comment on the applications listed in Appendix A except for the revised application for a retail unit on the site of the former medical centre in Beam Street.

11/3549N - Demolition of Medical Centre and Construction of Retail Unit with car parking, servicing, landscaping and associated works Former Medical Centre Beam Street Nantwich - RESOLVED: To object to this application on the grounds that :-

The proposal fails to conserve and enhance the character and appearance of the Nantwich Conservation Area.

The design is more appropriate to an out of town location

The site is an important focal point when approaching the town centre along Beam Street and is on the edge of the conservation area. Any development should improve the quality of the townscape in this part of Beam Street, in accordance with Policy BE.7 of the Crewe & Nantwich Local Plan

A more imaginative design is required which will reflect its prominent town centre location. The quality of design of the neighbouring buildings should not be an excuse for accepting yet another poor quality building.

There is concern about short stay parking.

#### **117. REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

A report of the Jubilee Working Group will be submitted to the next meeting.

Council noted that Angela Graham's contract at Nantwich Museum had ended and noted that a replacement is being sought. Angela's work at the Museum was noted with thanks.

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

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

NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No	Applicant	Development	Site
11/2488N	Fat Face Ltd	Existing pub to be changed to Fat Face Retail unit, external façade to be decorated, cosmetic works internally, new HVAC.	Old Vaults, 48 High Street.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
11/4034N	Black & White NW Ltd	Proposed conversion of existing shop / office into shop / office and residential flat. Rear extension to ground floor and re-building of structurally damaged front wall and re-roofing.	6 Pillory Street.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
11/4322N	Mr M Vaughan	Conservation area consent for one and a half storey extension to the rear of the Aroi Thai restaurant. Demolition of the detached garage building.	15 Pillory Street.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
11/4331N	Ms A J Robinson	Change of use of garage to snug.	30 Whitewell Close.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
11/4391N	Brine Leas High School	Erection of two storey classroom block to rear elevation. Removal of 3 no. mobile classroom builds. Relocation of 1 no. mobile classroom building to rear of Sports Hall.	Brine Leas High School, Audlem Rd.
<b>Comment:</b> No objection, providing there is no loss of playing field.			
11/4555N	Mr P Parton	Proposed two storey side extension and erection of prefab sectional concrete garage.	Kingsley View, 16 Vauxhall Road.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			

No	Applicant	Development	Site
11/4457N	BT Openreach	General permitted development order - DSLAM Cabinet.	Outside Oddfellows Arms, 97 Welsh Row.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
12/0018N	Mrs Holland	Conservatory to rear of property.	9 Churches Court.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			

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