



Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12th December 2011.

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

95. PUBLIC FORUM

No member of the public wished to speak on this occasion.

96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence. Councillor Cooper was not in attendance.

97. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 7/11/11

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7th November 2011 incorporating the Minutes of Finance Committee of 20th October 2011. (**With The Exception of Minute 94 relating to the budget, which is a recommendation to January Council**) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

98. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Marren, Moran and Butterill declared personal interests in matters related to transfer of services from Cheshire East Council as they are Cheshire East Councillors as well as Town Councillors. 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.

99. MAYOR'S REMARKS

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| 9 th November | Attended Brine Leas High School certificate evening. |
| 11 th November | Attended Armistice Day service on the Square. |
| 11 th November | Attended a charity event at the Oddfellows Arms for the Royal British Legion raised £300. |
| 12 th November | Attended as a guest of Nantwich Town Football Club at the FA Cup 1 st Round in Milton Keynes. Met with Mayor of Milton Keynes. |
| 13 th November | Attended Airman's Grave and laid a wreath along with relatives of Arthur Brown. |
| 13 th November | Attended Remembrance Day Services at St Mary's Parish Church and laid a wreath at the War Memorial along with the Mayor of Cheshire East and Edward Timpson MP. |

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| 14 th November | Opened and visited Samaritans updated bathroom facilities. |
| 29 th November | Attended Nantwich Rotary Club and gave a talk on Nantwich affairs. |
| 3 rd December | Attended the Nantwich Christmas Lights switch on along with the Town Crier. |
| 4 th December | Attended the Winter Wonderland Show at the Civic Hall, presented prizes for Children's Christmas Card Competition, won by Chloe Rimmer, whose card is now being used by Hope House Hospice. |
| 7 th December | Attended Charity Quiz for Mayor's Charity at the Oddfellows Arms – raised £150.00. |
| 8 th December | Attended the Gables Luncheon Club for Christmas lunch. |
| 11 th December | Attended the Lions Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's. |

100. ITEM 11 – PRESENTATION OF AN AWARD

Item 11 was brought forward on the Agenda by the Mayor. Mr Steve Hope, a former Councillor and Chairman of the Town Council, was presented with a certificate for long and distinguished service to the Council and the town. He acknowledged, with grateful thanks, this honour.

101. CLERKS REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

The Clerk reported as shown on the attached Appendix A.

102. CONFIRMATION OF TOWN PLAN AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 8/12/11

RESOLVED that the Recommendations contained in the above Minutes be accepted and approved and the Resolutions noted. (The Minutes were circulated at the meeting of Council).

103. ACCOUNTS FOR NOVEMBER 2011

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

104. BRIEF UPDATE

Reports were made on the following matters:-

- (a) Transfer process - proceeding well.
- (b) Precept – a reminder of the recommendation to be approved on 9th January 2012.

- (c) Good news that Cheshire East Council accept that Monks Lane is adopted and therefore maintainable at public expense.
- (d) Starlings – report of past meetings and intended study by local expert.
- (e) Nantwich Aqueduct – possibility suggested by Councillor Lewis of a contribution next year from the Town Council towards costs of painting and cosmetic repairs.

105. PLANNING CONTROL

The attached Appendix B refers.

The Leader, Mayor and Clerk proposed “no comment” on all the applications listed – but the Clerk said that he would delay a response to Cheshire East Planning Department until the end of the week, to enable any Councillor who wished to examine the applications to do so and to make observations if he/she wished to do so. [A “no comment” observation has now been made to the principal Council.]

106. PRESENTATION OF AN AWARD

Brought forward in the Agenda – see above.

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK TO TOWN COUNCIL 12TH DECEMBER 2011.1. Reminder of forthcoming meetings:-

Tuesday 13th December at 3pm – Transport Group
 28th/30th December inclusive – Brookfield Hall closed
 Monday 16th January 2012 – Town Council at 7pm
 Monday 30th January 2012 – Policy Committee at 6pm [NOTE TIME!]
 Monday 6th February 2012 – Town Council at 7pm
 Monday 20th February 2012 – Policy Committee at 6pm [NOTE TIME!]

2. New Clerk

The Council noted that Ian Hope, the new Town Clerk has already been in to the office on several half-days, to familiarise himself with procedures and issues affecting this Council. Following consultation with Councillor Lewis and Marren it had been agreed to pay him (pro- rata to salary) for those hours. He actually begins work on 20th February. In the meantime, Councillor Marren will be assisting Jill Geldart, when required, in the routine running of the office and Councillor Lewis will also be available for help and guidance.

3. Re-accreditation – Quality Status

The Clerk reported that on the 1st December the “Quality Status Panel” for Cheshire Association of Local Councils considered our application for renewal of Quality Status and approved it. This means that our accreditation, which was due to expire on 6th February 2012, will run for another four years.

4. Banking Arrangements – Change of Clerk

Council **RESOLVED** as follows:-

- (a) That with effect from 16th December 2011 the retiring Clerk, William Riddell Graham, be removed as a signatory on all mandates to the Council’s banks and the persons named in the mandates with authority to instruct banks be as shown below.

Royal Bank of Scotland Treasurer’s Account
 Royal Bank of Scotland Direct Reserve Account
 Royal Bank of Scotland Chairman’s Charity Fund

Signatories for mandates of the three accounts named and those authorised to give instructions in respect of all accounts above shall be any two Councillors out of the four below, namely:-

Councillor John Lewis, 16 Lakeside View, Nantwich
 Councillor Arthur Moran, 16 Gerard Drive, Nantwich
 Councillor Penny Butterill, 21 Birchin Lane, Nantwich
 Councillor Graham Fenton, 15 Mercer Way, Nantwich.

- (b) As regards the following term deposits:-

Lloyds TSB (currently £200,000.00)
Yorkshire Bank (currently £250,000.00)
Bank of Scotland (currently £250,000.00)

The signatories for mandates and those authorised to give instructions in respect of all accounts shall be any two of the above four Councillors plus the new Clerk, Ian Harry Hope (DOB 3/4/1951) of Stanley House, Nantwich Road, Wrenbury, Nantwich.

- (c) As regards the Council's RBS Credit Card the application form shall be signed by any two of the four Councillors and shall be operated by the new Clerk, Ian Harry Hope (as above).
- (d) Subject to the requirements for signatures as above; in respect of all Town Council accounts and for all purposes, the Clerk, Ian Harry Hope, is authorised to give instructions (whether in writing or verbally) in regard to the accounts and deposits and generally to operate the accounts and deposits on behalf of the Town Council.
- (e) Any two of any of the above named four Councillors are hereby authorised to give instructions in respect of any future accounts or deposits in the name of the Town Council and to sign any mandates or notices to the banks and the signatures of any two of the four shall be sufficient authorisation to any bank or deposit taker.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**OBSERVATIONS FROM NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON 12TH DECEMBER 2011.**

11/4240N

Single storey side extension.

4 Williamson Drive, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

11/4352N

Single storey extension to rear.

Cromwell House, East view, Scaife Road, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

11/4239N

Certificate of Lawful Development. Single storey extension to rear.

26 Brown Avenue, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

114034N

Conversion of shop/office to Shop/office and residential flat. Rear extension to ground floor. Re-building of wall, re-roofing.

6 Hospital Street, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

11/3280N

Change of use – A1 Retail to A2 Financial.

35 Pepper Street, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

11/3899N

Two storey extension at rear for staff. Conversion first floor into flat.

52 Pillory Street, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

11/4086N

Installation of Solar Panel.

148 Hospital Street, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

11/3591N

Proposed dropped kerb.

18 Crewe Road, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

11/4217N

Change of use A3 to D2 Restaurant to 'Ladies only' exercise facility.

31 Beam Street, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

11/2478N

Listed building consent – cosmetic works internal and external.

Ye Olde Vaults, 48 High Street, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

11/3914N

Construction new single storey extension – garden room and car port.

8 Birchln Lane, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

11/4250N

Side rear extension front porch

17 Jackson Avenue, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

11/3986N

Single storey extension to staff room.

Brine Leas High School, Audlem Road, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

11/3918N

Demolition existing dwelling and garage. Erection of replacement dwelling and garage.

White House, Whitehouse Lane, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.

11/4100N

Proposed extension to form garage to house classic vehicle.

4 Worthington Close, Nantwich.

Comments:

No comment.

11/4255N

Replacement of existing concrete garage with brick garage.

22 Park View, Nantwich.

Comment:

No comment.