



## **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016.**

**Present** – Councillor Martin (Mayor) and Councillors Bartram, Bostock, Butterill, Kirkham, Lewis, Groves, Hall, Marren, Moran and Simpson, PC Marc Harley together with the Town Clerk.

### **104. PUBLIC FORUM**

PC Marc Harley reported that there had been no traffic management problems on Holly Holy Day. Recently resources had been devoted to the search for a missing person and this was the subject of an on-going investigation. On a more positive note the Police have identification from CCTV of a suspect who damaged the barrier at the Nantwich Club. The litter problem in Swinemarket has been tackled by visiting the outlets to remind them of their obligations under their licences.

A member of the public outlined the problem of fallen trees and other debris in the stretch of river between Welsh Row and Fairfax Bridge. Council agreed to write to ANSA and the Environment Agency.

### **105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bowyer-Bates.

### **106. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

### **107. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors Butterill and Marren declared an interest in their capacity as Cheshire East Councillors on the Southern Planning Committee.

### **108. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor's report on his list of engagements in January / February was received.

Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Attendance at County Insurance Office opening
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Attendance at Commissioning Service of new Street Pastors at St Mary's
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Attendance at Cheshire Best Kept Station Awards Grange School, Hartford.
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Crewe & Nantwich Round Table meeting
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Richmond Village 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Redshift Radio stage . introducing Battle of Nantwich.
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Holly Holy Day wreath laying and Battle of Nantwich from 1pm
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Attendance at Medieval Banquet, North Mercia Group of Richard III Society, Crown Hotel Nantwich
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Attendance at Crewe Civic Roll of Honour awards
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Holocaust Memorial Day event Sandbach Town Hall
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Interview on CAT Radio
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Attendance at Brine Leas production <del>F</del> ameq

## **109. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **109.1. Holly Holy Day 2017 - 2021**

Members will be aware that the Battle of Nantwich, Holly Holy Day, is held on the nearest Saturday to 25 January each year. The Farmers Market is held on the last Saturday of the month. Unfortunately over the next three years the two events fall on the same day.

2017	Holly Holy Day Farmers Market	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>
2018	Holly Holy Day Farmers Market	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>
2019	Holly Holy Day Farmers Market	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>
2020	Holly Holy Day Farmers Market	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 31 <sup>th</sup>
2021	Holly Holy Day Farmers Market	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>

The Farmers Market can be relocated to the area in front of the Market but only 50% of the stalls can be accommodated. Alternatively Members may wish to consider cancellation of the Farmers Market in January.

### **109.2. Buckingham Palace Garden Party**

Members will be pleased to learn that Councillor Penny Butterill and Alderman Doug Butterill have been invited to this year's Garden Party at Buckingham Place.

### **109.3. Reply from Cheshire East – Licencing**

The Clerk reported on a reply from Cheshire East regarding the conditions attached to licences for food premises. Applications of conditions to a licence can only be done in two ways, by voluntary action by the applicant during the application process or by the Licensing Sub-Committee following a hearing.

## **110. PLANNING CONTROL**

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the Clerk in respect of the applications listed in Appendix A. In respect of 16/0251N Council **RESOLVED** to raise no objection subject to the provision of adequate parking on the driveway.

### **111. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE 18 JANUARY 2016**

Council noted the minutes and **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the Minutes be accepted and approved.

### **112. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 28 JANUARY 2016**

Council noted the minutes and **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the Minutes be accepted and approved. Council also **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the Clerk to enter into a three year agreement with Cheshire East regarding the provision of CCTV.

### **113. CHESHIRE EAST CONSULTATION – DE-DESIGNATION OF NANTWICH CHILDRENS' CENTRE**

Councillor Moran reported on a visit to the Children's centre. Councillor Bowyer- Bates and the Mayor had also made visits and Councillor Marren was due to visit later in the week. Councillor Moran stated that the centre had received a good report from OFSTED. It served local areas of deprivation in Nantwich as well as providing a focus for the outlying rural areas. The introduction of a mobile facility would denigrate the service and in particular ante-natal care would have to return to health centres.

Council **RESOLVED** to object to the de-designation of the Nantwich and Rural Children's Centre and to support the retention of the centre. The Clerk was asked to write to Cheshire East accordingly. Councillor Groves reported that the consultation exercise would continue until 12 February and that there would be time to analyse the results before the Cheshire East Council meeting to approve the budget on 25 February.

#### **114. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cheshire East Councillors reported that a briefing on the Local Plan will take place on 10 February followed by consideration by Strategic Planning Board on 18 February. Council meetings on 25 and 26 February will consider the budget and the Local Plan.

#### **115. NANTWICH PARTNERSHIP**

The last meeting of the Partnership was held on 1 February and a Sub-Committee was set up to look at strategic projects and priorities.

#### **116. DATES AND VENUE OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Clerk introduced a report on the dates, times and venue of Council and Committee meetings for discussion. There is now an opportunity to move many of the meetings to the Civic Hall although this would involve changing the night of Council meetings to Thursday. Members were asked to make representations to the Clerk.

#### **117. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Councillor Lewis reported that the Litter Group now has 80 members. The next meeting will consider the possible use of a vacuum litter collector.

Councillor Butterill reported that Brookfield Allotment Association is to meet in the next couple of weeks.

Councillor Simpson reported the next Nantwich in Bloom meeting will be on 11 February.