



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 14TH APRIL 2016.

Present - Councillor Martin (Mayor) and Councillors Bartram, Bostock, Bowyer-Bates, Butterill, Hall, Kirkham, Lewis, Marren, Moran and Simpson, PC Matt Stonier and the Town Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Groves.

2. REPORTS FROM TOWN ORGANISATIONS

PC Matt Stonier reported on the weekend of the Jazz Festival. The number of incidents and arrests were down on previous years. Over the Easter break there had been a number of anti-social behaviour issues in the town but these had all been resolved. The planters in the town centre still caused concern with continued damage on certain week nights. A possible solution is to move them away from Churchyardside or reposition the CCTV camera.

PC Stonier was pleased to hear that a number of volunteers had come forward in relation to the Speedwatch initiative. Councillor Marren confirmed that a Speed Indicator Device is to be purchased from ward budgets subject to confirmation of the required specification.

Councillor Moran referred to the closure of Welsh Row during the Jazz Festival and subsequent complaints relating to noise. He was pleased to report that a 20mph speed limit is to be installed outside Malbank School to combat speeding. Parking restrictions will also be introduced.

3. RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC

No resolutions had been submitted.

4. OPEN FORUM - QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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PART 1

129. PUBLIC FORUM

Councillor Bowyer-Bates spoke in relation to a planning application in South Crofts which he considered was overdevelopment of the site and would cause demonstrable harm to the amenities enjoyed at the neighbouring property.

Councillor Moran referred to complaints received regarding the noise from Mickle Hall clay pigeon shoot . He will raise this issue with officers of Cheshire east.

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131. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF 7TH MARCH 2016

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7th March 2016 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

132. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Moran declared an interest as a Beam Heath Trustee in the application for a pub and restaurant at Alvaston.

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

133. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report on his list of engagements in March / April was received.

Sat 5 th March 2016	Attendance at Mind Body & Spirit event, Civic Hall
Fri 11 th March 2016	Mayor's Event - Sportsman's Dinner . Tess Sanderson
Sat 12 th March 2016	Nantwich Football Club FA Trophy Semi- Final
Sat 12 th March 2016	Rodney Densem Wines re-opening premises
Sat 12 th March	Attendance at Vintage Escapades, Civic Hall
Wed 16 th March 2016	Nantwich Players . Youth Theatre ±The Witchesq
Fri 18 th March 2016	Mayor of Knutsford Charity Ball
Sat 19 th March 2016	Attendance at Nantwich Marina Open day
Sat 19 th March 2016	Opening sweet shop stall in market
Sat 19 th March 2016	Choral Concert St Mary's Church
Mon 21 st March 2016	Presentation of defibrillator . Market Hall
Wed 23 rd March 2016	U3A Play at Nantwich Players
Thurs 24 th March 2016	Big Country concert . Jazz Festival at Civic Hall
Sat 26 th March 2016	Hack Green Bunker . Soviet Threat event opening
Thurs 31 st March 2016	Easter Lunch at the Gables.
Thurs 7 th April 2016	Visit to St Mary's church Tower with Nantwich Police
Sat 9 th April 2016	Rotary Club . Presidents Evening
Mon 11 th April 2016	CANTA AGM
Thurs 14 th April 2016	Visit to Womens Institute

134. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

134.1. Cheshire Association of Local Councils Affiliation Fee

The renewal of the subscription to CHALC is due at a cost of £1429.31. Council **RESOLVED** to confirm continued membership of CHALC and payment of the fee.

134.2. Battle of the Somme

Friday 1 July 2016 marks the centenary of the first day of the Battle of the Somme. As part of an ongoing programme to commemorate the centenary of World War One, Cheshire East Council intends to hold a simple ceremony at the War Memorial in Nantwich. A wide range of local community organisations will be invited to the event; it will also be publicised in advance and the public made very welcome.

134.3. The First Nantwich Sports Book Festival

The first Nantwich Sports Book Festival, organised by Nantwich Bookshop, will be held between 4th and 7th May at 4 separate venues.

134.4. Nantwich Film Festival grant

Plans to hold a Nantwich Film festival have been shelved due to lack of sponsorship. Members will be aware that a grant of £2,000 was allocated in the 2016/17 budget. Three dates were booked at the Civic Hall. These dates will not now be taken up and replacement bookings are unlikely to come forward. The Nantwich Film Club has however offered to show films on these dates. It is therefore proposed that the grant is utilised to pay for Civic Hall hire for use by the Film Club.

134.5. Novation Agreement

The services of CoSocius are being transferred to Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East Councils. As a consequence the Council is required to sign a novation agreement transferring the payroll services back to Cheshire West and Chester Council. Council **RESOLVED** to authorise the Mayor to sign the agreement.

134.6. Skills and Growth Company

Cheshire East has launched the Skills and Growth Company from 1 April to deal with Business Education Partnerships, an integrated Apprenticeship Framework, adult and community learning, support for high growth sectors . sciences, energy, advanced manufacturing, financial technology, creative and digital, development of specialist programmes, projects, and contracts, including Digital 2020, Fairerpower, District Heating and the Connecting Cheshire Partnership, promotion of investment in key employment sites and regeneration schemes, support to the top 100 businesses and a rural enterprise programme and development of an Inward Investment Programme for firms wishing to locate in Cheshire East.

134.7. Draft Cheshire East Borough Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Cheshire East is consulting on the design guide which will become part of the local plan. The consultation period is between 6 April and 18 May. A report will be presented to Council on 12 May.

134.8. Stapeley and Batherton Neighbourhood Plan

Stapeley and District Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is consulting on a draft neighbourhood plan between 29 March and 9 May. A report will be prepared and circulated to Councillors and, if necessary, a Policy Committee will be called to approve any representations.

135. PLANNING CONTROL

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the Clerk in respect of the applications listed in Appendix A except for the following:-

16/1374N 3 dwellings Audlem Road - Council **RESOLVED** to raise concerns about the access close to the traffic lights.

16/1534N . Single Storey Extension 5 South Crofts . Council **RESOLVED** to object on grounds of overdomination and demonstrable harm to the amenities enjoyed by the occupiers of the adjoining property.

16/1689N 2 storey rear extension 78 North Crofts . Council **RESOLVED** to object on grounds of overdomination and demonstrable harm to the amenities enjoyed by the occupiers of the adjoining property.

136. CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN

Council **RESOLVED** to make the following representations on the proposed changes to the Local Plan Strategy.

- 1 Express concern about the completion of the Riverside link on the west bank of the river adjacent to Kingsley Fields as the site boundary for the development site now excludes this land
- 2 Suggest clarification of wording in relation to educational provision to ensure adequate funding is made available from the development at Kingsley Fields
- 3 Suggest the highway link to Waterlode is designated as strategic
- 4 Support the proposed linkage between mixed use development at Snow Hill / St Anne's Lane and the town centre
- 5 Support the Green Gap policy to the east of Nantwich.

137. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE 14 MARCH 2016

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

138. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 24 MARCH 2016

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

139. MATURITY OF SKIPTON BUILDING SOCIETY 3 YEAR FIXED RATE BOND

Council **RESOLVED** to re-investment the monies held in this account for another two years at an interest rate of 1.5%.

140. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Moran reported that a very fruitful meeting had been held with Cheshire East regarding the future of the Children's Centre. Councillor Moran also announced that he is to become Deputy Mayor of Cheshire East in May.

141. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Simpson reported that the meeting of Policy Committee on 16 June clashes with a Nantwich in Bloom meeting.

Councillor Butterill reported on the Brookfields Allotment Association AGM held on 8 March.