



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH JUNE 2016.

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

20. PUBLIC FORUM

PC Matt Stonier reported that an eviction notice had been obtained by Cheshire East to deal with the civil trespass issue at Barony Park. The caravans were expected to leave the site later on in the evening or early Friday morning.

Councillor Moran said that there were misunderstandings about the legal position. Everbody Leisure Trust has been asked to look at preventative measures such as barriers at the dropped kerbs. Councillor Groves stated that the cost of fencing and barriers could be quite high. Barriers had been broken on previous occasions. There is a significant legal cost in dealing with civil trespass and the trespassers were very well briefed with legal advice.

On another matter Councillor Marren thanked the Police for their handling of the political gathering outside the Civic Hall earlier in the day. The slip road had been blocked off as Cheshire East cannot allow its land and premises to be used for political purposes prior to an election / referendum.

PC Matt Stonier referred to the Police monitoring of licensed premises. Visits are being made to licensed premises to ensure the venues are well run and in accordance with the licence conditions.

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Simpson.

22. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Kirkham declared an interest in the planning application on Marsh Lane.
Councillor Butterill declared an interest in her capacity as a Cheshire East Councillor on the Southern Planning Committee.

23. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 12 MAY 2016

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 14 April 2016 and of the Council Meeting of the same date be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

24. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report on his list of engagements in May and June was received.

Thurs 12 th May 2016	The Gables Queens 90 th celebrations
Fri 13 th May 2016	Cllr Arthur Moran's 30 th year celebration
Sun 15 th May 2016	Visit to Reaseheath Family Festival
Fri 20 th May 2016	Opening of Film Festival
Sun 22 nd May 2016	Visit to Red Shift Radio Doggy Day Out
Wed 25 th May 2016	Visit to Pear Tree School Stapeley
Sat 28 th May 2016	Attendance at Weaver Wander Car Rally
Fri 3 rd June 2016	400 th Anniversary of Dorfold Hall celebrations

25. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

25.1. Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations – Flower Crown

Prior to the Flower Festival a floral decoration . the Queen's Crown . is to be created on the grassed area in front of the Church to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Members will be aware of the decision to mark the Queen's 90th birthday with a commemorative feature. It is proposed to create a photographic record of the Flower Crown for display in the Church or Civic Hall.

25.2. Police Commissioner

The new Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr David Keane, will soon be consulting on his priorities for his four years in office.

25.3. Tour of Britain – Stage 3 Tuesday 6 September

Heading out from Congleton the peloton will make their way west, passing through Crewe and Nantwich, before looping back on themselves towards Sandbach. The route then turns to the north up to the first passage of the finish line in Tatton Park.

After passing the line, riders will start a large loop taking them into the Peak District, including the ten-kilometre climb of the Cat & Fiddle above Macclesfield, before returning through Knutsford to the finish in Tatton Park. The convoy will approach Nantwich down Crewe Road, turn right into Millstone Land, proceed along Barony Road to the Reaseheath roundabout and head towards Worleston.

Councillor Groves stated that Cheshire East will carry out remedial works on the proposed route.

26. PLANNING CONTROL

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the Clerk in respect of the applications listed in Appendix A.

Councillor Groves reported that the development on the former Bowling Green off Waterlode had now received planning approval.

27. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 28 APRIL 2016

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

Councillor Marren pointed out that a recommendation on the increase in allotment fees for non-residents has been deferred pending an analysis of current allotment holders and the waiting list. Councillor Marren also outlined the proposed allocation of expenditure under the budgets for the Mayor's allowance and Civic ceremonies.

Councillor Lewis outlined a proposal for a sub-committee or working group to deal solely with grant applications in order to allow an in depth analysis of each proposal. Councillor Marren was sympathetic to the aims put forward by Councillor Lewis but felt that the Council should not have any additional committees and proposed that Finance dedicate a special meeting to consideration of grant applications.

Council **RESOLVED** to hold a special Finance Committee to deal with grant applications in October.

28. 2015-2016 ACCOUNTS

Council noted the Report of the Internal Auditor on the Accounts 2015/16 and completion of the Annual Return. Council also noted the review of the Asset Register undertaken by Finance Committee and the recommendations of the meeting held on 2 June 2016.

Council received a report on the Accounts for 2015/2016 containing:-

- a The Governance Statement
- b The Accounting Statement for the Annual Return
- c A Report of Variances between 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

Council **RESOLVED**, in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, that

28 (i) The Asset Register be approved

28 (ii) The Annual Governance Statement be approved

28 (iii) The Accounting Statements for 2015/2016 be approved

28 (iv) The Annual Return for 2015/2016 be approved, signed by the Mayor and submitted to the External Auditor.

29. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None.

30. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Lewis reported that Nantwich Litter Group was still very active with over 80 volunteers. The new system of volunteer leaders is working well. Councillor Lewis had also attended the latest meeting of the Nantwich branch of the Royal British Legion and they are continuing their good work through the poppy appeal and the World War 1 commemorations.

Councillor Kirkham reported that the Plant and Book sale had been a success at Nantwich Museum. An afternoon tea / garden party will be held at Glebe House, Acton on 26 June in aid of Museum funds. The exhibition on Nantwich Besieged will open on 22 July.

Councillor Simpson had sent a note to report that Nantwich in Bloom is very concerned about the planting at the M and S Store in Beam Street. The North West in Bloom judging will take place on 22 July with Mrs Thrower's visit on 28 July.