



MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14TH JULY 2016.

Present - Councillor Martin (Mayor) and Councillors Bostock, Bowyer-Bates, Butterill, Groves, Kirkham, Lewis, Marren, Moran, Simpson and the Town Clerk.

31. PUBLIC FORUM

No representations were made.

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bartram (Work commitment) and Hall (Illness).

33. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Moran declared an interest in the planning application off Audlem Road as a Governor of Brine Leas School.
Councillor Butterill declared an interest in her capacity as a Cheshire East Councillor on the Southern Planning Committee.

34. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 9 JUNE 2016

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

35. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

Sun 12 th June 2016	Queens 90 th Birthday celebration party / concert at St Mary's
Thurs 16 th June	St Mary's Flower Festival
Thurs 16 th June	Attendance at Neuromuscular Centre open day
Thurs 23 rd June	Attendance at Samaritans AGM
Sun 26 th June 2016	Midsummer Music by Nantwich Concert Band
1-4 th July 2016	Visit to Bischofsheim
Thurs 7 th July 2016	Nantwich Players . A Midsummer night's dream
Friday 8 th July 2016	Music showcase celebrating the beauty of Asian and Global Arts
Wed 13 th July 2016	Visit to U3A Garden Party, Wistaston
Thurs 14 th July 2016	Attendance at Nantwich Fire Station Respect Graduation

36. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

36.1. Nantwich & Rural Community Hubs Network

A meeting on Participatory Budgeting to allocate £400,000 for Public Health Outcomes will be held on 1st August 2016 at Worleston Village Hall, Main Road, Worleston.

36.2. Tour of Britain – Stage 3 Tuesday 6 September

Cheshire East is encouraging towns and parishes along the route of the tour to organise events and attractions for the waiting crowds. Two orange bikes advertising the stage through Nantwich on 6 September have been installed outside the Civic Hall. Further publicity will be given to the event at Nantwich Show, Societies Spectacular, the Food Festival and through the web site.

36.3. Impact Damage – Civic Hall

An incident took place on Monday 4 July involving a car reversing out of a car parking space on the car park behind the Civic Hall. The car hit two other parked cars pushing them into the wall of the store at the rear of the Civic Hall. The rear elevation and roof are extensively damaged. A claim has been lodged with the insurance company.

36.4. GHA Coaches – Bus Services

Following the demise of GHA Coaches, Cheshire East is re-allocating services to other bus companies to enable services to be re-instated.

37. PLANNING CONTROL

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

Council noted that the Local Plan had been resubmitted. There are changes to the Reaseheath allocation to include Henhull Hall Farm and land owned by the Beam Heath Trust adjacent to the River Weaver.

Councillor Moran expressed surprise at the Cheshire East decision to refuse the application for development off Audlem Road against officer recommendation.

38. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE 16 JUNE 2016

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

39. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 7 JULY 2016

Councillor Marren informed Council that the budget of £28,000 for the Christmas lights and switch-on is likely to be spent this year but that savings are proposed for Christmas 2017 within a net budget of £20,000. Following discussion of the likely risks in staging shows the budget for individual shows organised by the Council at the Civic Hall will be limited to £3,600.

With regard to allotment fees Councillor Marren outlined a proposal for allotment fees for non-residents to be limited to +50% of the fee applied to residents i.e. from April 2017 the fees will be £36 for residents and £54 for non-residents and any future rent increases will retain that differential in percentage terms.

Councillor Marren also informed that planning fees for the Civic Hall capital project will amount to a total expenditure of £2,817.50 for the pre-application consultation and the planning application.

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

40. COMMONWEALTH DAY 2017

Council considered a report on Commonwealth Day and **RESOLVED** to participate in Fly the Flag for Commonwealth Day 13 March 2017.

41. FLY POSTING

Councillor Moran asked Council to consider measures to control fly posting in the town. Council **RESOLVED** to investigate the use of Bye-laws and other powers to deal with contraventions.

42. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None.

43. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Lewis reported that Nantwich Litter Group was still interested in a mechanised litter picker but this would have to be battery operated.