



MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH OCTOBER 2016.

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

56. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Mike Houlston, Chair of Acton, Edleston and Henhull Parish Council, outlined concerns about the Reaseheath planning application and in particular the design of the spine road. His Parish Council is to object to the planning application. The principal road through the site, is not designed as strategic link as was promised in the early discussions at outline stage. The road is an estate road with right angles and rumble strips and will not serve as an alternative access from the A51 to the town centre. Mr Houlston urged the Town Council to object to the planning application.

A member of the public queried the number of dwellings to be completed on site.

57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Groves (Other meeting, Lewis (Holiday) and Marren (Other meeting) and PC Matt Stonier and Marc Hartley.

58. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Butterill declared an interest as a member of the Cheshire East Southern Planning Committee.

59. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 8 SEPTEMBER 2016

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

60. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report on his list of engagements in September and October was received.

Thurs 8th September	Presentation of speed gun and SID to Nantwich Police
Fri 9th September	Interview on CAT Radio
Sat 10 th Sept 2016	South Cheshire Model Engineering Society Open Day
Mon 12 th Sept 2016	Nantwich Players . Talking Heads Week Two
Fri 16 th Sept 2016	Welcome to CANTA Guests at Civic Hall
Fri 16 th Sept 2016	Hog roast at Civic Hall for CANTA
Sat 17 th Sept 2016	CANTA Guests - Civic Hall . Lipstick on your collar
Sun 18 th Sept 2016	Twinning / Friendship meeting - Lyceum Theatre
Sun 18 th Sept 2016	Farewell Evening meal at Crewe Gold Club
Fri 30 th Sept 2016	Reaseheath Graduation Ceremony St Mary's PC
Sat 1 st Oct 2016	Crewe Brass concert & HSS Bischofsheim St Mary's Church
Sun 2 nd Oct 2016	Nantwich Food Awards Nantwich Football Club
Tues 4 th Oct 2016	Talk at Nantwich Rotary Club Civic Hall PK Suite
Fri 7 th Oct 2016	Attendance at Everybody Leisure Awards
Mon 10 th Oct 2016	Words & Music Festival reception

Mon 10th Oct 2016 Redshift Radio Community Highlights
Tues 11th Oct2016 Interview on Red Shift Radio
Tues 11th Oct 2016 Words and Music Festival . St Marys Church

61. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

61.1 IMPACT DAMAGE – CIVIC HALL

The Clerk reported that work on rebuilding the damaged wall at the rear of the Civic Hall is complete.

61.2 MILLENNIUM CLOCK

The clock has been repaired and is now working and keeping time. However there are a number of parts which will need replacement in the near future due to the age and durability of the materials used in their manufacture.

61.3 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SERVICE – SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER

The Riders Branch of the Royal British Legion will be visiting Nantwich on 27 October and there will be short service at about 3.30pm on the square.

61.4 PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Members noted two applications for Deadwood Smokehouse, 16 Beam Street, Nantwich and The Rifleman, The Barony, James Hall Street, Nantwich.

62. KINGSLEY FIELDS DEVELOPMENT – RESERVED MATTERS APPLICATION

Council noted the response from the consultants following concerns outlined at the Policy Committee on 26 September and a representation received from the Hospital Street Residents Group regarding air quality. Council **RESOLVED** to object to the application. The Clerk was asked to prepare a detailed objection for circulation and comment prior to the closing date for consultations on 3 November.

63. PLANNING CONTROL

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

64. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE 26 SEPTEMBER 2016

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

65. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 29 SEPTEMBER 2016

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

Council also noted the Report of the External Auditor and **RESOLVED** to approve the Action Plan as recommended by Finance Committee.

66. COUNCIL TAX REFERENDUM PRINCIPLES

Council considered a report on the Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation which includes proposals regarding council tax referendum principles for local parish and town councils. The National Association of Local Councils is opposing the proposals. Council **RESOLVED** to oppose the proposals and write to the Secretary of State, NALC and the Right Hon Edward Timpson MP.

67. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Moran raised the issue of the level of car parking charges in Nantwich compared to other towns such as Alsager, Middlewich and Sandbach. Council **RESOLVED** to write to Cheshire East to argue for a more flexible approach particularly as income from charges exceeds expenditure. The Council agreed to request extension of %free+parking periods in the town centre and in particular extension of %free after Three+to all car parks and the introduction of a free first hour of car parking.

68. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

None.