



MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2016.

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

Prior to the meeting the Mayor, Councillor Martin, presented a speed gun and speed indicator device, donated by the Town Council, to PC Matt Stonier and PC Marc Harley representing the Police.

44. PUBLIC FORUM

The Police reported a positive message in respect of policing the main events in the town (Nantwich Show, Food Festival) during the summer. As a new initiative the Police will be targeting illegal parking over the coming weeks. Anti-social behaviour incidents have fallen during the summer. Following success elsewhere the Police are offering a Ward Walk with Councillors and PCSOs if required.

PCs Stonier and Harley thanked the Town Council for the donation of the speed indicator device and radar gun. Training of the Speedwatch volunteers will now take place as the equipment is deployed.

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bartram (Work commitment), Butterill (Holiday), Groves (Holiday), Lewis (Holiday) and Marren (Holiday).

46. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Moran declared an interest in the Brine Leas planning application as a Governor.

Councillor Martin declared an interest in the Brine Leas planning application as a Governor.

47. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 14 JULY 2016

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 July 2016 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

48. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

Thurs 14 th July 2016	Attendance at Nantwich Fire Station Respect Graduation
Fri 15 th July 2016	The Cat Community Awards 2016
Sat 16 th July 2016	Opening defibrillator at church
Sat 16 th July 2016	Societies Spectacular . Nantwich square
Thurs 21 st July	Nantwich Show . Queen's Award presentation
Fri 22 nd July 2016	Meeting students from Macon at Reaseheath
Fri 22 nd July 2016	Exhibition at Nantwich Museum Nantwich Besieged
Tues 26 th July 2016	Pre-Show Business Reception Nantwich Show
Wed 27 th July 2016	Nantwich Show . Judging Town & Country Pavilion & Craft & Trade stands
Sun 31 st July 2016	Big Day Out Richmond Village
Tues 23 rd August 2016	Crewe and Nantwich Rotary Lunch
Tues 23 rd August 2016	Nantwich Town Football Club v Halesowen Town

Fri 2 nd Sept 2016	Opening ceremony Food Festival St Marys Church 5pm
Sat 3 rd Sept 2016	Judging at Food Festival
Tues 6 th Sept 2016	Tour of Britain . Barony Park
Tues 6 th Sept 2016	Nantwich Players . Talking Heads Week One

49. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

49.5 REPORT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR – ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL RETURN

The report of the External Auditor on the accounts for 2015/16 was expected prior to the meeting. It will be presented to the next Finance Committee on 29 September.

49.6 ROUTE OF NANTWICH BUS SERVICE 52

A representation has been received regarding the route of the Nantwich bus service 52. When operated by GHA the route was as follows:-

Bus station to Beam Street, Manor Road, Manor Road North, Vauxhall Road, Barony Road, Middlewich Road, (arriving Sainsbury's) Whitehorse Lane, Ray Avenue, Brereton Drive, Sanford Road, Park Road, Beam Street (arriving Bus station).

This allowed shoppers visiting Sainsbury's to alight from and board the bus on the Sainsbury's side of the busy Middlewich Road. Since the service has been run by D&G the route is run in the reverse direction and does not serve the customers who live in Manor Road North or Vauxhall Road areas. The new route is the route shown in the published timetable but the route detailed above has been in operation since about October 2014.

Council **RESOLVED** to make representation to Cheshire East and D&G to change the route.

49.7 NANTWICH IN BLOOM REPRESENTATIVE

Nantwich in Bloom has asked for further Councillor representation at its meetings. Council **RESOLVED** to nominate Councillor Bostock as the additional representative.

49.8 IMPACT DAMAGE – CIVIC HALL

Following the incident which took place on Monday 4 July a structural survey has been undertaken indicating the rear wall will have to be completely rebuilt. Quotes are being obtained for the work. Initially it was thought the whole building would have to be demolished. However this would involve relocation of an electrical power unit and alteration to the heating system.

49.9 NANTWICH POST OFFICE

The Clerk reported that Nantwich Post office would be closed for refurbishment from Thursday 6 October to Friday 21 October 2016.

50. PLANNING CONTROL

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the Clerk in respect of the applications listed in Appendix A with the exception of 16/3957N, the proposed car wash facility off Pillory Street. Council **RESOLVED** to express concerns about the effect on the amenities enjoyed by the residents of properties in Damson Drive and to suggest the imposition of an operating hours condition if the application is approved.

51. KINGSLEY FIELDS DEVELOPMENT – RESERVED MATTERS APPLICATION

Council received a report on the draft layout for the development at Kingsley Fields. The consultants had responded to the initial concerns and offered to meet with the Town Council and others to explain the scheme in more detail. Council **RESOLVED** to refer the application to Policy

Committee for further consideration and to invite the consultants and representatives of Acton Henhull and Edleston Parish Council to this meeting.

52. DEVELOPMENT AT STAPELEY – APPEAL DECISIONS

The Clerk reported on the decision of the Secretary of State in respect of two appeals regarding development off Peter de Stapleigh Way Stapeley. The Secretary of State has given weight to the importance of the open countryside policy outlined in the Crewe and Nantwich Local Plan and argues this outweighs the lack of a demonstrable five year housing supply. Councillor Moran stated that the decision was inconsistent with previous decisions in the local area and in particular with the appeal decisions given on the land off Queens Drive.

53. WELSH ROW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Council considered a representation regarding solutions to speeding in Welsh Row and **RESOLVED** to refer the issue to Cheshire East for formal consideration at Highways Committee On 27 September.

54. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None.

55. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Simpson reported that Nantwich in Bloom is to hold a coffee morning on 1 October 9.00 -12.00 at St Marys Church.