



## **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016.**

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

### **69. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no questions for the Police. The Mayor reported that he had visited Police HQ in Winsford during the week.

Councillor Butterill reported that travellers on Barony Park had left of their own accord.

### **70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Moran (Cheshire East Deputy Mayor duties) and PCs Matt Stonier and Marc Hartley.

### **71. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

Councillor Marren declared an interest in item 11 of the Finance Committee minutes.

Councillor Bowyer-Bates declared an interest as a member of Nantwich Concert Band.

### **72. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 13 OCTOBER 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.

### **73. MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016	Attendance at Mayor of Cheshire East Charity Ball Holmes Chapel
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016	Performance of Nantwich Players <del>at</del> What a Carry on
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2016	Purple Tear Drop . Soroptomist photo shoot
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2016	Meet the Police on Nantwich Square
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016	Royal British Legion Riders Poppy Launch appeal and service
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016	Attendance at Spooktacular
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016	Wreath laying . Servicer at Bridgemere

### **74. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **74.1 CHESHIRE EAST BUDGET 2017-18**

Cheshire East's Pre-Budget Consultation document has now been published and is available to download from their website. Cheshire East is consulting now on proposals to balance the Council's medium term finances. The document sets out detailed options that can balance the medium term finances, despite reductions in government grants and increasing demand for key services. The proposals will be discussed at the Town and Parish Conference on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **74.2 FIRE AUTHORITY – INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Fire Authority has signed off the draft Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) for the financial year 2017/18, and the consultation process, which will run until 3 January 2017, is now underway.

The draft plan provides further detail on the major Bluelight Collaboration between Cheshire Fire Authority and Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner, which will create a number of shared support functions and reduce costs by moving them to a joint headquarters site at Clemonds Hey . the current Cheshire Constabulary headquarters.

Once the consultation has closed, Members of the Authority will consider any feedback and make any changes before approving a final version of the Plan and Budget in February 2017. The Plan will run from 1 April 2017.

### **74.3 BT PHONE BOXES**

The Clerk reported on phone boxes which are to be removed. The Town Council can acquire the boxes for £1 each. Council **RESOLVED** to investigate the cost of maintenance and/or removal and asked for a report to Finance Committee.

### **75. PLANNING CONTROL**

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

### **76. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 31 OCTOBER and 3 NOVEMBER 2016**

#### **31 October minutes**

Council noted the minutes and **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the above Minutes be accepted and approved. Council noted that a form requesting financial information is to be issued with the grant offer letters.

Council also **RESOLVED** to invite representatives of the Food Festival Committee to a meeting to discuss the financing of the Festival.

#### **3 November minutes**

Council noted the minutes and **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the above Minutes be accepted and approved. Changes to the rateable value at the Market and Welshman Lane for April 2017 onwards were noted.

### **77. MAYORAL SUCCESSION**

Council receive a report on mayoral appointment and noted the programme of Mayoral succession. Councillor Penny Butterill will be the next Mayor in May 2017.

### **78. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Butterill reported that Cheshire East had indicated that the %Free after Three+ scheme would be extended from 19 November up to Christmas.

### **79. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

#### **Nantwich in Bloom**

Councillor Simpson reported that efforts were being made to persuade Network Rail to paint the footbridge at the station. Nantwich in Bloom has raised £253 through a coffee morning. The Group are to be congratulated on receiving a %Gold+in the North West in Bloom awards.

#### **Nantwich Museum**

Wistaston Singers are to perform at the Museum on 17 December at 11.00am.

#### **TGPL**

Councillor Butterill reported on the launch of TGPL, the partnership between Wulvern and the Guinness Trust.

#### **Bench at Parkfield Drive**

Councillor Lewis offered to pay for the replacement of the Parkfield Drive bench out of his ward budget.