



## **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017.**

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

### **93. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### **94. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence

### **95. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

### **96. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 15 DECEMBER 2016**

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 December 2016 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

### **97. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor's report on his list of engagements in December and January was received.

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2016	Etsy South Cheshire at Reaseheath College
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016	Santa's Polka Dot Pirate with Weaver School
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016	The Gables Christmas lunch
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016	Opening of Mayfair Spar in Hospital Street
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016	Judging Best Dressed Shop windows in Nantwich
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016	Crewe & Nantwich Lions carol concert
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016	Nantwich Players performance Breezeblock Park
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016	Nantwich Mayor's Dance . Joe Loss
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2017	Cheshire Best Kept Station Awards

The Mayor reported that Nantwich Station won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize at the Cheshire Best Kept Station awards evening.

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

#### **98.1 CHESHIRE EAST HIGHWAYS SERVICES SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Following the highways engagement events in October 2016 and to ensure that the service provided during the 2017-18 financial year is reflective of priorities, the Highways Service is consulting Town and Parish Councils through the 2016-17 Highways Services Satisfaction Survey.

A copy of the survey has been circulated. Members are asked to consider any particular points they would wish to make in response to the survey and notify the Clerk. The survey closes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

## **98.2 CIVIC HALL PLANNING APPLICATION**

The Public Rights of Way Unit, Cheshire East, has submitted an objection to the Civic Hall planning application because it will be built over the route of Public Footpath 18. A plan showing the route of the footpath has been circulated. For the objection to be withdrawn the Council needs to make an application for diversion of the footpath. The initial fee for the application is £325. Further costs will be incurred on advertising to complete the diversion procedure.

Members **RESOLVED** to authorise the submission of the diversion application at cost of £325.00.

## **98.3 GREEN FLAG STATUS**

The Canal and River Trust is planning to submit an application for Green Flag status for the Shropshire Union Canal and Middlewich Branch Canal. A planning meeting is to be held at Audlem Methodist Church on 17 January at 4-5.30 pm.

## **98.4 POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER CONSULTATION**

David Keane, Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, is consulting on funding for the police service. Cheshire's communities are being asked for their views on whether funding for Cheshire Constabulary should be maintained at current levels or reduced. The survey is available online at [www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk). There are three options; a two percent increase, a one percent increase or no increase to the policing element of the council tax.

## **98.5 FARMERS' MARKET**

The Clerk reminded Members that the Farmers Market has been moved to 21 January because of Holly Holy Day on 28 January.

## **99. PLANNING CONTROL**

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the Clerk in respect of the applications listed in Appendix A except for 17/0112N . Advertisement at Nantwich Vets. Members expressed concern about the distraction of the message sign to passing motorists and the resulting potential harm to highway safety and **RESOLVED** to object to this sign.

## **100. HOLLY HOLY DAY – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND MARSHALLING**

Council considered a report on the costs of traffic management and marshalling of the Holly Holy Day Parade and **RESOLVED** to purchase this service and donate it to the Holly Holy Day Society.

## **101. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 22 DECEMBER 2016, APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR 2017/18 AND SETTING OF THE PRECEPT FOR 2017/18.**

### **101.1 Minutes**

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

### **101.2 Budget 2017/18**

Council received the Budget Report and **RESOLVED** to approve the Budget for 2017/18

### **101.3 Precept Request**

Council **also RESOLVED** to submit a request to Cheshire East Borough Council for a precept of £553,378 for 2017/18.

**102. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

None.

**103. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Councillor Lewis reported on the continued strong support for the Nantwich Litter Group.

Councillor Moran raised the issue of street cleaning on the days after public holidays when ANSA staff are not working. There appear to be little co-operation from the takeaway premises who should be clearing the pavements outside their premises.

Council **RESOLVED** to invite Councillor Paul Bates and Mr Kevin Melling to talk to about the enforcement of conditions associated with premises licences.

Councillor Bowyer-Bates reported that the Allotments Panel is engaging in more self-help to overcome maintenance issues at the allotments.