



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 6TH APRIL 2017.

Present - Councillor Martin (Mayor) and Councillors Bostock, Bowyer-Bates, Groves, Hall, Kirkham, Lewis, Marren, Moran, PCSO S Mortimer and the Town Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bartram, Butterill and Simpson.

2. REPORTS FROM TOWN ORGANISATIONS

No reports were submitted.

3. RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC

No resolutions had been submitted.

4. OPEN FORUM - QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Barony Park

Representations were received from members of the public regarding the use of Barony Park by travellers. Problems of anti-social behaviour were reported including physical damage to signs, litter, verbal abuse, danger to children from vehicles on the park and the lighting of fires.

Residents asked about the provision of traveller sites in Cheshire East and complained about the cost of clearing up after the travellers had left the site. Different means of preventing access to Barony Park were suggested.

Councillors explained the difficulties of taking immediate action and the limitations on action that could be taken by the Police. Meetings were to take place within Cheshire East to discuss measures which could be taken in future.

Beam Street

A representation was received regarding the condition of pavements in Beam Street particularly near to the pedestrian crossing. Uneven flagstones and waterlogging cause problems for pedestrians.

Councillors reported that improvements were programmed for this next financial year. Further discussions would also take place regarding the imposition of a late night levy for take away premises to ensure that pavements could be cleaned.

The meeting **RESOLVED** to write to Cheshire East asking for improvement action in Beam Street.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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125. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no questions from members of the public.

126. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bartram, Butterill and Simpson.

127. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

128. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 9 MARCH 2017

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

129. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report on his list of engagements in March and April was received.

Fri 10 th Mar 2017	Cheshire East Mayor's Charity Ball - Nantwich Civic Hall
Sat 11 th Mar 2017	Poynton Mayor's Golden Hog Roast
Wed 15 th Mar 2017	Presented cheque to Nantwich Concert Band
Sat 18 th Mar 2017	A J & Chloe - Charity spectacular, Nantwich Civic Hall
Wed 22 nd Mar 2017	Players Youth Theatre - The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
Fri 24 th Mar 2017	Attendance at Crewe Town Council civic awards
Thurs 30 th Mar 2017	Brine Leas Respect Graduation Ceremony
Tues 4 th April 2017	Attendance at County Guide Show

130. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

130.1. Brookfield Allotment - Drainage

The Clerk reported that enquiries regarding ownership and maintenance of the drain have been made with St Anne's Primary School, Cheshire East Highways, Cheshire East Assets and United Utilities.

St Anne's School has replied stating that the school does not have any records or plans relating to drainage of the playing field. The school has been asked to check their surface water drainage bill from United Utilities to ensure it is not being overcharged.

United Utilities visited the site on Tuesday 4 April. The engineers examined both manholes and concluded that the drain is not adopted by United Utilities as the drain empties direct to the river. They will however make a further inspection at the school and submit a report to the Town Council.

The engineers explained that the responsibility for the drain will rest with the landowners. In cases where surface water runs directly off from one owner's land to another, the

affected landowner has to deal with the water draining on to their land. The situation is less clear when the drain runs underneath as in the case with the allotments.

It is clear however that responsibility rests with either the Town Council or with Cheshire East as owner of the school site. Members will be aware that the Town Council has a long lease on the allotments from Cheshire East.

Allotment tenants and the residents of houses in Shrewbridge Road have made representations at the Council office regarding the progress in repairing the drain.

Members agreed to wait for the report from United Utilities before deciding on further action.

130.2. Fencing adjacent to Waterlode

A report has been received regarding the possible theft of fencing alongside Waterlode. ANSA, Cheshire East Highways and the Police have been informed.

131. PLANNING CONTROL

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

132. CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN

Council considered a response to the following documents:-

- Site Allocations and Development Policies Document: Issues Paper;
- Community Infrastructure Levy: Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule;
- Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report; and
- Call for Sites.

Council **RESOLVED** to make representations in accordance with the Clerk's report.

133. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE 23 MARCH 2017.

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

134. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 30 MARCH 2017.

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

135. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None.

136. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

None.