



MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH OCTOBER 2017.

Present - Councillor Butterill, (Mayor) and Councillors Bartram, Bostock, Bowyer-Bates, Groves, Hall, Marren, Moran, Simpson, PCSO S Mortimer and the Town Clerk.

PART 1

57. PUBLIC FORUM

PCSO Mortimer reported that there were no issues the Police wished to raise. Councillor Bowyer-Bates mentioned the removal of the coping stones in Monks Land and asked for this area to be monitored. Councillor Groves referred to a request from a member of the public for enforcement of the speed limit along Shrewbridge Road. The Police are seeking authorisation to include this site in their monitoring list.

Members of the public requested an update on the traveller's issues relating to Barony Park and referred to a Home Office letter listing powers available to councils. Councillor Groves reported that a report is being prepared for Informal Cabinet at Cheshire East with a view to starting consultation. Councillor Moran stated that a full consultation process was very important in view of the importance of Barony Park as amenity within the town.

58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kirkham, Lewis and Martin.

59. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

60. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING – 7 SEPTEMBER 2017

Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 September 2017 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

61. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

Wed 13 th Sept 2017	Visit to Nantwich Camera Club exhibition at Museum
Thurs 14 th Sept 2017	Attendance at Health & Wellbeing Fayre Crewe
Fri 15 th Sept 2017	Players Theatre - The Gameq
Thurs 21 st Sept 2017	Opening of Outdoor Equipment Area - Nantwich Primary Academy
Thurs 21 st Sept 2017	Visit to Residence - 10 th Anniversary
Fri 22 nd Sept 2017	Acton Amateur Operatic Society Concert Nantwich Civic Hall
Thurs 28 th Sept 2017	Bulb planting with schoolchildren on Riverside
Sun 1 st October	Cheshire East Mayor Civic Service St Mary's Church
Fri 6 th Oct 2017	Reaseheath College - Graduation ceremony for Higher Education
Sat 7 th Oct 2017	National Childbirth Trust Fair in Nantwich Civic Hall

The Mayor's Civic Service will be held on Sunday 26 November in St Mary's Church.

62. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

62.1 2nd Lt. STANLEY BOUGHEY VC

Following consultation with the family, the Church and Nantwich in Bloom it is likely that the stone in memory of 2nd Lt. Stanley Boughey VC will be laid in the central flower bed behind the war memorial. It is expected that the stone will be delivered in early November. The stone will be mounted on a purpose built metal frame over a concrete plinth surrounded by a small fence. A ceremony to unveil the stone is likely to be held in the week of 11 December.

62.2 SPATIAL PLANNING UPDATE

The August edition of the Spatial Planning Update has been published by Cheshire East. Cheshire East points out that the legal challenge issued in relation to air quality data does not affect the legal status of the Local Plan strategy.

62.3 PREMISES LICENCES

Cheshire East has received the following applications for premises licences.

White Horse Inn at White Horse, 22 Pillory Street, Nantwich APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE

Cheshire East Borough Council on 13 September 2017 received an application for the review of the premises licence in respect of the White Horse. The grounds for the review application are:

- That the premise is undermining the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective. The premise is causing a public nuisance by allowing groups of people to congregate outside of the premises and demonstrating antisocial behaviour into the early hours.

Aroma Cafe Bar, 7 Hospital Street, Nantwich APPLICATION FOR A FULL VARIATION: LICENSING ACT 2003

Aroma Café Bar Ltd has applied on 11 September 2017 for a Full Variation to provide the following licensable activities:

Provision of Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance and Supply of Alcohol
Friday to Saturday 18:00 to 00:00.

Members resolved not to make any representations.

62.4 STREET NAMING

Cheshire East is consulting on street names for the development at Kingsley Fields. Redrow Homes has chosen a Civil War theme for its phase of the development. Council **RESOLVED** to ask Cheshire east to consider names of soldiers list in the First World War.

62.5 WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported that the Government is looking at proposals to list the war memorial. Council welcomed this proposal.

63. PLANNING CONTROL

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the Clerk in respect of the applications listed in Appendix A with the exception of 17/5018N for advertising flags

and signs on the Kingsley Fields development. Council considered that the number of flags is excessive.

64. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE CONSULTATION

Council considered and noted a report on the proposed Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule.

65. BUS SERVICES

Councillor Bowyer-Bates raised concerns about the reduction in the bus services from Nantwich to Leighton Hospital with no weekend or evening services to be eligible for support from Cheshire East. The alternative was to use services to Crewe and change. Councillors noted that the changes to bus services had been out to public consultation and representations would be taken into account. Cheshire East need however to make savings in their budget. Council expressed support for the concerns raised by Councillor Bowyer-Bates and agreed to make representation.

66. CAR PARKING

Councillor Moran raised the issue of proposed increases to car parking charges and the proposal to discontinue the Free after 3 facility. He expressed concern about the impact of these changes on the town. Talks are in progress regarding the use of the football ground car park as a replacement for the spaces to be lost at St Anne's Lane. Council agreed with the proposal that Cheshire East should freeze the charges, continue with Free after 3 and introduce concessions during the Christmas period. Councillor Groves stated that consultation would take place on the changes. Council **RESOLVED** to ask Cheshire East to consider the car parking service within the devolution programme.

67. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

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

68. ANNUAL RETURN 2016/17 - REPORT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Council received the report of the External Auditor and noted the issues arising and approved the Annual Return together with the certificate of the External Auditor.

69. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Moran expressed the view that community assets transfers were taking too long.

70. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Moran asked for progress on the letters to adjacent parishes regarding the allocation of vacant plots. Councillor Bowyer-Bates asked for an update on the issue of non-cultivation orders.

It was noted that Mr Albert Siddons is retiring as site representative at Brookfield. Council agreed to send a letter of appreciation signed by the Mayor.

The Clerk reported that Joyce Webb was giving up as co-ordinator of the Nantwich Litter Group. Council agreed to send a letter of appreciation signed by the Mayor.

Councillor Simpson reported on the Nantwich Museum Annual dinner at the Residence.

PART 2

- 71. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**
Council **RESOLVED** that further to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960) the press and public be excluded on the grounds that the matters to be considered concern personal and financial details best considered in confidence.
- 72. RETIREMENT AND SEVERANCE POLICY AND FLEXIBLE RETIREMENT POLICY**
Council considered a report on amendments to the Retirement and Severance Policy including the provisions for flexible retirement and **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Clerk and to make the appropriate amendments to the policy.