



MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2018.

Present - Councillor Marren (Mayor) and Councillors Bartram, Bostock, Butterill, Hall, Kirkham, Lewis, Martin, PC Matt Stonier and the Town Clerk.

PART 1

46. PUBLIC FORUM

PC Matt Stonier provided a report on the outcome of the vandalism incident on the Square involving damage to a planter. The offenders had paid £100 to Nantwich in Bloom and submitted a letter of apology to the Committee. They will also be involved in some gardening work.

The Food Festival weekend was a great success with no incidents of note. In general anti-social behaviour incidents had reduced in number during the summer.

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bowyer-Bates, Groves and Moran.

48. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

49. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING – 12 JULY 2018

Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 July 2018 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

50. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

List of engagements in July, August and September

Fri 13 th July	Players Theatre 'Ladies Day'
Sun 15 th July	Attendance at Winsford Civic Service
Wed 18 th July	Shavington Academy production of 'Annie'
Thurs 19 th July	Nantwich Museum Summer Exhibition
Sat 21 st July	Attendance at Societies Spectacular - Nantwich Square
Tues 24 th July	Nantwich Show Traders Day - Cheese Pavilion
Tues 24 th July	Pre-Show business reception South Cheshire Chamber of Commerce
Wed 25 th July	Nantwich & South Cheshire Show Judging Creative Crafts pavilion President's lunch Prize giving Home Produce & Crafts pavilion
Fri 27 th July	CANTA meeting - Overwater Marina
Mon 6 th Aug	Visit to Hope House
Fri 10 th August	Cheshire East Mayor's Afternoon tea - Crewe
Sun 2 nd Sept	Attendance at Nantwich Food Festival
Wed 5 th Sept	Wyche Malbank Rotary Club launch at Richmond Village

The Mayor reported that he had attended a great variety of events during the summer. Nantwich Show was particularly successful and the Town Council stand was well attended with members of voluntary groups. The Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor for attending the Food Festival opening ceremony.

51. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

51.1. Anti-Slavery Awareness Event

An anti-Slavery event is to be held at Nantwich Civic Hall. South Cheshire Chamber of Commerce and Libre Solutions Ltd (not for profit company) are holding the event to raise awareness of modern day slavery and the exploitation of vulnerable people.

The awareness event will take place on the 19th November 2018 starting at 12:30pm. It is a free of charge event and speakers will explain how to recognise the signs of modern slavery and if it is found, how to deal with it, both for residents and local businesses.

At the event, residents and business will receive a presentation from Chamber Members Libre Solutions, who specialise in helping businesses to identify and tackle modern slavery that could be affecting their companies. Their aim is to work with business communities to help them protect and prevent slavery and labour abuse from entering the supply chain.

51.2. Connected Communities

Cheshire East "Connected Communities" is holding a "Connected to People" - Integration Strategy conference on 24 September 9.30am to 2.00pm at Holmes Chapel Community Centre. The conference will be an opportunity to discuss priorities and develop activities and projects.

52. PLANNING CONTROL

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

53. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 19 JULY 2018.

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

54. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE 26 JULY 2018.

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

55. BY ELECTION

The Clerk reported that an election to fill the casual vacancy had been called and would take place on Thursday 4 October 2018.

56. NANTWICH MUSEUM

Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Diana Hall as a representative to Nantwich Museum.

57. CHESHIRE EAST CEMETERIES STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Council considered a response to the Cheshire East consultation and **RESOLVED** to approve the response and answer the on-line questionnaire.

58. CHESHIRE EAST NEW HOMES BONUS COMMUNITY FUND

The Clerk reported on the meeting for Town and Parish Councils regarding the administration of the Fund. The first meeting to decide priorities will be held on Thursday 4 October.

59. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Martin reported that the Cheshire East Highways contract had been awarded to Ringway Jacobs.

60. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Hall reported that there had been a high number of visitors to the Museum over the Food Festival weekend.

Councillor Bostock reported that Nantwich in Bloom had erected a new sign at the Community Orchard. A decision on the North West Bloom competition was awaited.

Councillor Lewis reported that Nantwich Litter Group goes from strength to strength and was particularly active during the Food Festival.

PART 2

61. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Council **RESOLVED**, further to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960), to exclude the press and public on the grounds that the matters to be considered concern financial details best considered in confidence.

62. BROOKFIELD ALLOTMENTS DRAINAGE

Council considered additional information relating to the costs of resolving this issue and **RESOLVED** to accept the offer by Cheshire East to share the costs