



## **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018.**

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

### **107. PUBLIC FORUM**

#### **Police Report**

PC Marc Harley provided an update on the measures taken to reduce speeding in Crewe Road. The recent deployment of the speed camera had led to 11 motorists being ticketed. THE Speed Indicator Device in Birchin Lane very effective but may have to be moved to other locations in the town.

Work is proceeding on the identification of the offenders involved in the assault outside First Stop on 26 January. Councillor Martin said there was considerable concern about the activities of gangs especially in the Stapeley area. PC Harley said policing within the town had increased to deal with incidents of anti-social behaviour and the Police is working with Cheshire East Partnerships, schools and the Fire Service to improve liaison with these groups.

#### **Representations on the Planning Application for the link road at Taylor Drive**

Council received a number of representations and objections from the residential area off Taylor Drive and Edmund Wright way regarding the proposed link road between the two streets.

The Clerk explained that the Council was aware of representations in favour and against the proposal.

It was explained that the proposal had been resurrected following the appeal decision by a Planning Inspector (appointed by the Government) regarding the Malbank Waters development. A contribution to the proposal was offered by the developer in a unilateral undertaking which was considered a material consideration by the Inspector in the appeal decision.

Replying to a question about whether Nantwich Town Council has discussed the application the Clerk read out the minute of the Policy Committee of 25 January. The members of the public present indicated that they wished the Council to highlight the issues against the application. It was agreed that the Clerk should forward these issues to Cheshire East together with any representations in favour of the proposal.

### **108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hall.

### **109. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Bowyer-Bates declared an interest in planning application 18/0404N for 5 South Crofts.

### **110. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING – 11 JANUARY 2018**

Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

## 111. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report on her list of engagements in January and February was received.

Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018	Best Kept Station Awards - Northwich
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	CEC Holocaust Memorial Day Service - Sandbach
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	Holly Holy Day Wreath Laying & Battle of Nantwich Presentation of trophy
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	Medieval Banquet, Holly Holy Day - Crown Hotel
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2018	Meeting with Sealed Knot representatives

The Mayor's Quiz will be held on Friday 9 March 2018. The Mayor congratulated the volunteers responsible for the planting on Nantwich Station which had won a Best Station Floral award.

## 112. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 112.1 **Nantwich War Memorial, The Square, High Street, Nantwich, Cheshire – Awarded Listed Building Status List Entry Number: 1451515**

Historic England has added the war memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The memorial is now listed as Grade II.

Listing helps Historic England to mark a building's significance and celebrate its special architectural and historic interest. It brings specific protection so that its special interest can be properly considered in managing its future.

### 112.2 **Appeal by Muller Strategic Projects**

The legal challenge to the Local Plan by Muller Strategic Projects has been dismissed by the High Court after the court considered that there was no arguable case.

The challenge followed the adoption of the Local Plan Strategy in July 2017 and claimed that irregularities in air quality data had affected the selection of sites and distribution of development in the plan.

This assertion was summarily dismissed by the High Court. The judgement concluded that shortcomings in air quality data did not affect the substance of the Local Plan. Accordingly, the claim was found to be 'not arguable.'

### 112.3 **A51 Meeting**

Over recent months a number of Parish Councils between Nantwich and Chester along the A51 have met and discussed the long-term future plans for the A51/A55. The next meeting is to be held on 12 February 2018 at Duddon War Memorial Hall, CW6 0HD.

## 113. PLANNING CONTROL

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

114. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE OF 25 JANUARY 2018**  
Council noted the minutes and **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the above Minutes be accepted and approved.
115. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 1 FEBRUARY 2018,**  
Council noted the minutes and **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the above Minutes be accepted and approved.
116. **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**  
Councillor Groves reported that the public local inquiry into the Stapeley development is to commence on 20 February.
117. **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
None.