



MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th FEBRUARY 2022

PRESENT: Councillors: Stuart Bostock (Mayor), Peter Groves (Deputy Mayor), David Greaves, Pam Kirkham, Andrew Martin, Arthur Moran, Philip Staley, John Statham, and Carole Thomas and with Sheryl Birtles Deputy Town Clerk.

Also Present: There was one member of the press present.

116. PUBLIC FORUM

116.1 There were no representatives from the Police.

Councillor Moran raised the issue of parking on double yellow lines around Swine Market and Oat Market saying just this week there had been an incident and ask the Town Council to speak to the Police about patrolling the area. Councillor Groves also wanted the Council to chase a matter on Nantwich Lake and request the installation of the portable cameras.

116.2 There were no representations from members of the public.

116.3 There was no representations from members of the public on planning applications.

116.4 There was no questions submitted in advance in writing.

117. APOLOGIES: There were apologies of absence from Councillors Penny Butterill, David Marren and Stephanie Wedgwood.

ABSENT: None

118. DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Groves declares a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 Brine Multi Academy Trust as he is a school Governor of Brine Leas and had already submitted a letter of support.

119. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

119.1 **Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

119.2 **Resolved:** To receive and note the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27th January 2022, and to accept and approve the recommendations contained within the minutes.

120. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor informed members of his two engagements last month including the Battle of Nantwich 50th Anniversary and St Mary's Church Accession Day Service. He commented that both events were very interesting and enjoyable.

121. PLANNING CONTROL

Members considered the planning applications and supported the recommendations of the Deputy Clerk. Councillor Moran informed members that in relation to planning application 21/6388N an objection had been raised from a resident. They objected to the height of the current fence at 3.4m but respected the occupier's privacy and suggested a comprise at 2m tall.

Resolved: It was resolved that the recommendations of the Deputy Clerk be reported to Cheshire East along with members support for reducing the fence height on application 21/6388N.

122. INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT

Members considered the previously circulated third quarterly interim internal report. The Deputy Clerk advised members that there was just one observation from the audit, and to which the Clerk had provided a response.

Resolved: It was resolved to note the content of the third internal audit report and support the actions by the Clerk to address the observation.

123. DETAILED BUDGET REPORT 2022/23

Members considered the previously circulated detailed budget report for 2022/23 and the proposed timetable.

Resolved: It was resolved to approve the detailed budget report and timetable for 2022/23.

124. COMMUTED SUMS

Members were asked to consider possible sites in Nantwich to accommodate affordable housing funded using Section 106. Councillor Groves commented that there is a need for affordable housing and reasonably priced rentals but said that unfortunately there wasn't any areas suitable.

Resolved: It was resolved that the Council would respond supporting the need for affordable housing.

125. BARONY SKATE PARK AND MASTER PLAN

Members considered the previously circulated Barony Masterplan. Councillor Moran informed members that he had been contacted by ANSA in relation to the next bid for funding for the Skate Park and that they would like the Town Council to write to support the bid. Councillor Statham commented that during a Walk-about to discuss the masterplan with the working group it was suggested that in the future the old toilet block on the Barony owned by Nantwich Town Council could be utilised for refreshments and toilets and was keen for Council to discuss this item on a future agenda. Councillor Bostock advised that ANSA had confirmed that they have the funds for hedge planting to begin in February along with some planting of trees this year. Councillor Moran responded that this was good news and also advised that Everybody Leisure had confirmed that they would be going ahead with a jogging/walking track also on the Barony.

Resolved: It was resolved to:

- a) Write a letter of support in relation to the bid for funding for the Stake Park at the Barony
- b) Respond to the Cheshire East’s Barony Consultation in support of the plan, praising the work done so far and, on the commitment, and hard work of Ruth Morgan (ANSA)

126. BRINE MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Members were asked to consider a previously circulated letter in support of Brine Multi Academy Trust and Alsager Multi Academy Trust’s application to sponsor the new primary school at Kingsley Fields.

Resolved: It was resolved that the Council would respond in support of Brine Multi Academy’s sponsor of the new primary school at Kingsley Fields.

127. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Moran reported that Cheshire East had agreed an increase of 1.99%, with an extra 1% for adult social care. He also advised that a Special Council meeting had been called on 27th April to discuss the Governance review reporting that there had been over 5000 comments submitted.

Councillor Martin reported that as part of Cheshire East’s Medium Term Financial Strategy Cheshire East had agreed to increase spending on potholes in 2023/2024 and 2024/2025.

128. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Bostock reported that Nantwich In Bloom were very busy and had some good plans for the year, whilst focusing on community and sustainability. He reported that he had attending a Sustainable Nantwich meeting and that they had several interesting events planned for the year and that Jeremy Herbert was keen to write a waste policy for the food festival.

Councillor Groves expressed his thanks to the residents who had cleared the pathway on Waterlode.

Councillor Martin and Bostock reported that plans were now well under way for Nantwich Food Festival going ahead in September, reporting that 50 traders had allowed the festival to retain their deposits from previously cancelled events for this year’s event. They also highlighted that they were working with Cheshire East to ensure the event was in line with ever-changing Covid regulations.

The meeting ended at 7.25pm

Signature of Chair :.....
Date :.....