

Meeting (No)

Time & Date

Location

FULL COUNCIL (9)

6.30pm, 21st February 2017

St Thomas's Church, Parkgate

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Shipman (Mayor), Barker, Carter, Chambers, Clayton, Cray, Fleetwood, Griffiths, Jilani (from item 134), Lloyd, Loch, Marlow and Montgomery, Pilley, Roberts and Wilkie and Mrs Kunaj (Council Manager)

In attendance: Six members of the public

PART 1: Items considered in the presence of the press and public

133 Questions and comments from residents:

Mr Johnson asked about Parkgate Allotment site and its unkempt condition.

The Council Manager advised letters to all pōtholders had been issued and the lead councillors for each allotment site would complete site inspections in May.

134 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Kynaston (business) and were accepted.

Cllr Jilani arrived

135 Declarations of Interest: None.

136 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: To approve the minutes of 6th December 2016 and 17th January 2017 as a true and correct record, subject to an amendment of the reasons for Cllr Lloyds absence on 17th January from 'personal' to 'attending at a school Governors' meeting'.

137 Council Manager's Report: None.

138 Chairman's Announcements:

A Social event to meet and honour previous Urban District Council members is planned for the end of April.

Standing Orders: A group of councillors met to undertake a review, recommendations will be tabled at the next Council meeting.

ICO registration: Councillors were reminded that should they hold and manipulate resident's information they must register with the Information Commissioners Office.


Various Council Meeting Venues: A request was made to councillors to let the Council Manger know in their opinion if this has been successful or not.

139 Recommendations from Committees

a Planning and Environment Committee 14/06/16 & 24/01/17

Resolved: That a contribution of £1,000 from bus & transport earmarked reserve currently £3,400, be made for the provision of CCTV at Neston railway station as outlined in the report PE1/11c from New Homes Bonus funds.

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Cllr Wilkie's intention to resign from the Council with effect from 22nd February 2017 was announced by him. An additional councillor nomination to the Community Steering Group would now be required.

Resolved: To nominate Cllrs Carter and Shipman as members of the Community Steering Group.

Resolved: That £4,902 from 16/17 budget line 4208 (Gateway Walls) be earmark reserved for construction work in financial year 2017/18.

Resolved: That £633 from 16/17 budget line 4211 (floral arrangements/maintenance) be earmark reserved for tree planting work in financial year 2017/18.

140 Correspondence

Correspondence from Neston District Chamber of Trade was received and noted.

141 CWaC Consultation on Parking Strategy

No additional observations to those already submitted in response to the CWaC Consultation on Parking Strategy were proposed.

142 Junior Mayor

Resolved: To approve the constitution contained in paper FC9/142 for the establishment of a Junior Town Mayor the first of whom should take office at the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2017.

Cllr Barker left the meeting

143 Review of Electoral arrangements

Resolved: To approve the establishment of a Task and Finish Group to recommend to the Council at its meeting scheduled for 4 April a submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for its review of electoral arrangements in Cheshire West and Chester. Cllrs Griffiths, Roberts and Shipman were nominated as the Task and Finish Group members.

144 Standing Committees

a) Members noted that Cllr Lloyd had resigned from the Finance & General Purposes Committee which therefore had 1 vacancy.

b) No nominations for membership of this committee were put forward.

145 Minutes of Committees & Working Groups

1 The minutes of the meetings listed below were noted.

a *Finance and General Purposes Committee 13/12/16*

b *Society and Culture 10/01/17*

c *Planning and Environment Committee 24/01/17*

d *Town Centre Committee 31/01/17*

e *Project Partner Committee 02/02/17 (Meeting note)*

f *Human Resources Committee 07/02/17*

146 Budgets

a The Council budgets and report were considered. No issues were raised.

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- b The EMR report was considered. It was observed that the Council was holding reserves for projects that would require funding in the near future.
- c **Resolved:** That,
 - i. £4,820 from the budget line 4230 Marsh/Mosquito monitoring centre 201 be earmark reserved for marsh dredging in 17/18 subject to the work not been completed by 31.03.17.
 - ii. £1,500 be earmark reserved from the budget line 4140 Marketing & Promotion to pay for advertising and promotion via radio broadcasts and social media in 2017/18.

147 Finance

- a **Resolved:** To approve expenditure of £36,718.85 net for the council's current account from 19.01.17 to 22.02.17.
- b The income from 11.01.17 to 15.02.17 of £10,046.74 net was noted.
- c The FairFX card expenditure from 11.01.17 to 15.02.17 of £60.00 net was noted.

148 Assets

Resolved: To approve the Council's list to date
Two members of the public left the meeting.

149 Payments

Resolved: To retrospectively approve delegated authority to the Council Manger for payments made on 20th January 2017, £12,932.24.

150 Other Items:

Resignation: The intention of resignation by end of April from Cllr Jilani was received.

Hallwood Court: The Society and Culture committee were to request an update from CWaC Cllr Gittins.

151 Next meeting:

The 4th April 2017 at Neston Town Hall was confirmed.

Three members of the public and Cllr Marlow left the meeting.

PART 2: Items considered in the absence of the press and public.

152 Exclusion of the Press and Public

A motion to exclude public and press for the remaining items because of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, except that the complainant referred to in item 153 be allowed to remain in order to made an oral presentation only was proposed and seconded and following a vote the motion was carried

Resolved: to exclude public and press for the remaining items because of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, except that the complainant referred to in item 153 be allowed to remain in order to made an oral presentation only.

Cllr Marlow returned to the meeting.

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153 Appeal

Members of the working group present at the meeting Cllrs Clayton, Griffiths Marlow and Montgomery retired from the meeting table and did not take part in the debate.

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting the complainant who was invited to make an oral presentation in support of the appeal that had been made against the findings of the working group established under the Council's complaints procedure.

The complainant made a detailed presentation and then left the meeting.

Members considered the appeal.

A motion from the Chair to suspend Standing Order 1y in order to complete the remaining business was agreed without debate.

Cllr Cray left the meeting.

Correspondence previously available to members of the finding of the working group and the contents of the complainants address to the Council were discussed in assessing the 6 grounds on which the appeal had been launched.

Resolved: To reject the appeal on the grounds that the Council did not agree that the assertions made in the grounds of appeal had been proven by the complainant.

Members of the working group Cllrs Clayton, Griffiths Marlow and Montgomery returned to the meeting table.

155 Recommendations from Committees

1 Town Centre Committee 31/01/17

a Asset Management Agreement with CWaC

Resolved: That:

- the financial offer for the two year extension be accepted, and
- £25,000 of the Town Hall and Market Square earmarked reserve be specifically allocated as a separate reserve to cover any potential loss of income.

2 Human Resources Committee 07/02/17

a **Resolved:** To confirm the appointments of the Finance Manager, Mrs C Mottershead and Assets and Events Manager, Mrs C Evans.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed



Dated

4/4/17