



Meeting (No) **PLACES COMMITTEE (2)**
Time & Date **6pm 30 May 2017**
Place **Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Chambers (Chair), Griffiths and Kynaston

In attendance: Cllr Howe

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

2 Election of Vice Chair

RESOLVED to elect Cllr Roberts as Vice Chair of the Places Committee to serve until the first meeting of the Places Committee in the new Council year.

3 Questions and comments from residents

None

4 Substitute member for Policy committee

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Roberts as a substitute member of the committee to attend at the Policy committee meeting, should the Chair be unavailable

5 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllrs Loch & Roberts.

Absent: Cllrs Barker & Cray.

6 Declarations of Interest

None.

7 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED To approve minutes of the meetings held on 16.05.17. The Chair signed the minutes.

8 Governance & Operations Manager's report

No report was presented.

9 Planning applications to be considered

RESOLVED to submit the following responses to the Planning Authority:

17/01345/FUL - St Winefrides Schoolhouse, 9 Burton Road, Little Neston (Demolition of old school house and construction of new priest retirement flats)

Response - No objection to this application but would like to recommend that the existing sandstone boundary wall is retained rather than replaced with wooden fencing.

17/01489/FUL - Land at Liverpool Road, Neston (Siting of touring caravan and a crusher brick access path)

Response - Objection, Concern was expressed re this Green Belt application. This was viewed as an inappropriate usage of the land. Such a use of the land is not covered by categories of development that should be permitted in Green Belt, (STRAT 9).

17/01590/FUL - land between Hinderton Nursing Home & Shell Garage, Chester High Rd, Neston (Erection of agricultural storage building).

Response - No objection.

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17/01763/FUL – Chandigar, Victoria Road, Little Neston (Proposed rear and side extension and increase in ridge height to create dormer bungalow)

Response – No objection.

17/01990/FUL - The White Cottage, The Parade, Parkgate (Rear two storey extension and side single storey extension and construction of detached garage to rear of garden)

Response – No objection.

10 Task & finish/working groups

RESOLVED that the establishment, remit and nomination of membership and a lead member be as detailed below:

Marsh working group

Purpose & Terms of reference: To assist in giving consideration to aspects of the Marsh, with special consideration of the mosquito problem, in line with the Terms of Reference of the Places Committee.

To make recommendation for action to the Places Committee.

Cllr Barker to lead. Cllr Carter to be asked to join this group.

Transport Working Group

Purpose & Terms of reference: to assist NTC in achieving the aims of the Neston Public Transport Standard. The Group should seek to accomplish this by consulting with CWaC and other bodies regarding NTC's known policies and approved recommendations.

Mr Phil Lloyd and Mr John Alcock be invited to join the group, with Mr Lloyd being asked to lead. The Committee nominated Cllr Chambers to join the group and noted that further members would be needed.

Neighbourhood Plan Community Monitoring Group

Purpose & Terms of reference: to monitor actions and initiatives taken in the area against the adopted Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Kynaston to lead, no other members were nominated.

Neston Looking Better

Purpose & Terms of reference: To consider ideas put forward by members of the group to improve the local environment. These may include new planting, improvement to areas or physical structures which enhance the local area and bring Neston's profile to the notice of residents and people outside the area.

To make recommendations to the Places Committee.

Members: Cllr Griffiths to lead. Cllr Kynaston and 8 volunteers including those from local community groups. Consult with CWaC representatives regarding councils known policies and recommendations.

11 Appointment of Representatives and Delegates to External Organisations

RESOLVED to appoint following Cllrs as representatives to external organisations:

Borderland Steering Group, and Wrexham-Bidston Rail Users' Association:

Cllr Howe had agreed to represent the Council on these groups.

CWaC's 106 group: The Committee agreed that the representative for the S106 group should be appointed by the Resources Committee.

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(Following the meeting it was noted that Council agreed on 16/05/17 (minute 13) that the Places Committee would be responsible for appointing two members to CWaC's 106 Group.)

Project Rural Matters: Cllr Loch to be invited to act as representative.

12 Committee meeting dates

The Committee confirmed the Places Committee meeting dates, 05/09/17, 10/10/17, 28/11/17, 06/03/18 and 17/04/18 as published on the Town Council's schedule of meetings.

13 Other items the Chairman determines are urgent for discussion, or noting for the next agenda.

The Committee wished to add an item for the next agenda - to look at enhancing empty properties in a non-invasive manner, with agents'/owner's permission.

(Following the meeting it was noted that would be taken up at the next Economic Development Working Group meeting.)

14 Next scheduled meeting

The Committee noted this as 05.09.17 at 6pm.

15 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED to exclude the 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.

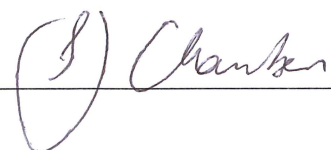
PART 2: Items to be considered in the absence of the press and public

16 Church Lane signage

- a** The Committee discussed the wording of draft communication relating to signage on Church Lane and agreed that the signage letter for Neston re section of national cycle routes to residents does make clear the reasons for this re-routing, however the included map does not appear to be as clear as it could be. An assumption is made that local people will be able to interpret this, which may not be the case.
- b** The Committee discussed the signage plan for Church Lane. In principle the Committee agreed with the re-routing away from Church Lane before the turning onto Burton Rd and on to the Wirral Way. However, the Committee felt that the signage would be intrusive in a rural area and members would prefer slightly smaller sign boards. It was agreed that the plan appeared to have an excess of signage at points 1, 2 & 7.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm

Signed



Date

5 Sept 17