



*Meeting (No)* **PLACES COMMITTEE (8)**  
*Time & Date* **6pm 10 October 2017**  
*Place* **Town Hall**  
*Document* **Minutes**

**Present:** Cllrs Roberts (Chair), Chapman, Griffiths, Kynaston and Warner.

**In attendance:** Miss Duncan (Governance and Operations Manager)

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

**64 Election of Chair**

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

It was noted that, as Cllr Roberts would now be attending the Policy Committee as Chair of Places Committee, Council would need to consider appointing a further member to the Policy Committee.

**65 Election of Vice Chair**

**RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Griffiths as the Vice Chairman of the Places Committee to serve until the first meeting of the Places Committee in the new Council year.

It was noted that Cllr Griffiths would continue as Policy substitute member, attending Policy Committee meetings should the Places Committee Chairman be unavailable.

**66 Questions and comments from residents: none.**

**67 Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Barker (personal).

The absence of Cllr Cray was noted.

**68 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Kynaston declared a pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 84.

**69 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve minutes of the meeting held on 05.09.17. The Chairman signed the minutes.

**70 Governance & Operations Manager's report**

The Committee considered the Governance and Operations Manager's report on issues raised at the last meeting and noted in particular that:

A540 traffic management – a request had been made for details of the match funding required for installation of interactive signs on the A540 either side of Raby Park Road.

Installation of pavement edge bollards in Brook Street – the Principal Engineer advised that the pavement would be too narrow to accommodate bollards.

Brook Street deliveries – a request had been submitted to Tesco for a meeting to discuss the issues caused by large vehicles making deliveries to the Tesco store.

Upper Raby Road speed limit – it had been confirmed to CWaC that Neston Town Council would be willing to deliver letters (provided by Highways) along with a reply paid envelope to the properties fronting the road of the proposed reduced speed limit zone.

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## **71 Budgets**

- a The Committee considered the Places Committee's budgets and EMR report and chose not to make any changes.
- b The Committee considered the Places Committee's requirements for financial year 2018/19 and agreed to recommend to the Policy Committee the budget as set out in report PL8/71.

## **72 Strategic objectives**

The Committee considered the Places Committee's objectives for 2017/18 and agreed two updates:

### 5. Campaign with partners to enhance and protect the local environment and valued community assets

Committee objective: minimise mosquito nuisance

Outcome: reduced mosquito bites for residents

Action steps: continue to monitor the mosquitoes

Measures: assessment reports from mosquito monitoring programme

Progress: green.

### 10. Campaign with partners to improve community safety

Committee objective: improved community safety

(a) Outcome: a safer environment for Neston residents

Action steps: by working in partnership to provide CCTV

Measures: installation of CCTV in Neston. GREEN

(b) Outcome: maintain awareness of local issues

Action steps: engage in dialogue with local Police

Measures: discuss potential resolution of any issues identified.

Progress: amber.

## **73 Risk assessments**

**RESOLVED** to approve the risk assessments for the Places committee.

## **74 Contract for the provision and maintenance of floral arrangements**

- a **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Warner to the Contract Redesign Task & Finish Group and appoint Cllr Griffiths as lead member.
- b The Committee considered the timescale for consideration of the contract redesign, given that there had been no group meetings due to the departure of the Group's lead councillor. It was agreed that, under these circumstances, the timescale would need to be altered. The Committee agreed that the Task and Finish Group should produce a specification for consideration at an extraordinary meeting to be called in February, with contract quotations being considered at the scheduled March meeting and the new contract to be in place by October 2017.

## **75 Committee working groups**

The Committee considered the terms of reference for all Places working groups. The Committee confirmed that the Marsh Working Group should have a maximum of seven members, including a minimum of two Town Councillors.

## **76 Transport Working Group**

The Committee agreed to request that Council nominate an additional member of the Transport Working Group and agree a lead member.

## **77 Neston Looking Better Group**

The Committee considered the notes of the meeting held on 06.09.17.

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## **78 Marsh Working Group**

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Marsh Working Group would be held on 13 October.

## **79 Planning applications**

- a The Committee noted the Borough Council planning decisions.
- b The Committee noted the comments submitted to planning applications.

## **80 Footpath refurbishment**

The Committee noted Council approval of a £750 contribution towards the cost of refurbishing footpath 10, Manorial Road (payment to be made from budget line 9333 – unallocated New Homes Bonus).

## **81 Other items:** none.

## **82 Next scheduled meeting:** noted as 28.11.17 at 6pm.

## **83 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**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.

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

Cllr Kynaston left the meeting.

## **84 Restoration of Neston Town Council Benches**

- a The Committee noted that the appointed company had withdrawn from the contract to refurbish Neston Town Council benches.
- b The Committee considered two quotations for restoration of Neston Town Council benches.

**RESOLVED** to appoint Groundwork and Leisure Services Ltd to restore nine Town Council benches at a cost of £375 + VAT from EMR 9320 (benches).

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Signed



Date

28.11.17