

Meeting (No) **PLACES COMMITTEE (13)**
Time & Date **6pm 17 April 2018**
Place **Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Chapman, Edwards, Griffiths, Roberts and Warner.

In attendance: Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager), three members of the Neston Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group and five residents.

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

130 Questions and comments from residents

A resident raised concerns about road safety at the junction of the A540 and Hinderton Road and the suggested the installation of a right filter arrow for traffic turning into Hinderton Road.

A resident raised concerns about the road safety in Quarry Road. The resident welcomed the speed reduction but hoped the Town Council would also support any future proposals for the introduction of a one-way system for Quarry Road.

131 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to accept apologies for absence from Cllr Kynaston (business).

The absence of Cllr Cray was noted.

132 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

133 Neston Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group Annual Report

The Committee considered the Group's report for 2017/18. The Chair received the suggested action points and thanked the Monitoring Group for its constructive advice and valuable support.

The Committee agreed that the Council Manager should co-ordinate the various aspects of the Council's Neighbourhood Plan commitments in order to ensure a pro-active and consistent approach.

The Committee also agreed to discuss at the Annual Meeting of the Council the Monitoring Group's suggestion for a portfolio-holding councillor with responsibilities for reporting compliance.

The Neston Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group members left the meeting.

134 Minutes of the last meeting

Cllr Edwards requested that minute 113 included the the fact that he dissented for the maintenance of the station subway.

It was agreed that the minutes should be so amended and returned to the next meeting for approval.

135 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Committee considered the Governance and Operations Manager's report and noted in particular:

Marsh dredging (minute 109)

The dredging of Parkgate marsh had been completed under the supervision of RSPB.

Chairman's initials and date:

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Benches (minute 109)

Work completed (sealed to prevent further deterioration). Consideration being given to options for long-term restoration/replacement.

Mersey Forest/Drake Road (minute 109)

Planting scheduled to take place before the end of April.

Position statement on railway access for Neston residents (minute 112)

Updated position statement adopted by Council on 20/03/18.

Community Pride 2018 (minute 116)

Entries for Neston/Little Neston and Parkgate had been submitted.

Consultation relating to the control of dogs (minute 117)

Agreed response submitted.

Contract for the provision and maintenance of floral arrangements (minute 129)

All parties had been informed of the outcome and a new contract with a 1 October commencement date would be issued in due course.

136 Budgets

The Committee considered the Committee's budgets and agreed that no action was required.

137 Mosquito monitoring

RESOLVED to support mosquito surveillance in 2018 at a cost not exceeding £500 from budget line 4230.

138 Public transport

The Committee considered CWaC's response to a request to subsidise Neston bus services using Hooton car parking revenue.

The Committee agreed to request that the Transport Working Group revisit this matter and discuss with CWaC at the meeting to be scheduled for later in the year.

139 Upgrading of Public Footpath 52A

The Committee considered correspondence from CWaC regarding upgrading of Footpath 52A to a bridleway.

RESOLVED to write to CWaC stating that:

- there is little evidence of usage by horses;
- the path is too narrow for horses to pass each other which suggests that it may not have existed as a bridleway;
- the installation of a kissing gate suggests that at some point it was considered that that bridleway rights did not exist.

140 MP correspondence – kissing gate on Footpath 46

The Committee considered correspondence received by the local MP and forwarded to the Town Council for consideration.

The Committee decided that its position remained unchanged (the gate was of historic significance and should remain) and agreed to respond to Mr Madders accordingly.

141 CWaC speed limits order

The Committee noted the reduced speed limit orders issued by CWaC including the introduction of a 40MPH speed limit on a section of Upper Raby Road.

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142 Road safety – resident correspondence

The Committee considered correspondence received from a local resident regarding A540/Hindertons Road junction and noted that the correspondence had been forwarded to Highways and copied to CWaC Councillors.

143 Pedestrian safety – resident correspondence

The Committee considered issues raised by a local resident relating to pedestrian safety in Neston along with related information received from CWaC.

The Committee agreed to investigate further the possibility of conducting a survey on the accessibility of pavements in the town.

144 Transport Working Group

- a The Committee considered the 07.03.18 meeting notes.
- b **RESOLVED** to update the TWG's terms of reference as suggested in paper PE13/144b.

145 Request sign from Station Road junction with Wirral Way pointing to the town centre

The Committee considered options for increased signage in order to direct users of the Wirral Way towards the town centre shops and cafes.

The Committee agreed to investigate the possibility of accessing S106 funds to install appropriate finger post signs.

146 Neston Looking Better Group

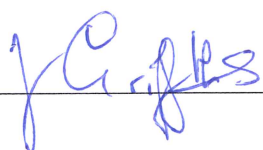
The Committee received oral feedback on the 14.03.18 meeting. Meeting notes to be submitted to the next Places meeting.

147 Other items: none.

148 Next scheduled meeting

It was noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting would be agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 22.05.18.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed  Date 26/4/18