



Meeting (No) **PLACES COMMITTEE (5)**
Time & Date **6pm 6 November 2018**
Place **Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Roberts (Chair), Edwards, Griffiths, Kynaston and Wastell.

In attendance: Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager), Cllr Barker, Cllr Lloyd, Chair of Transport Working Group and one resident.

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

45 Questions and comments from residents

A resident reiterated concerns raised at previous committee meetings about the safety of the A540/B5134 Hinderton Road junction and wider road safety issues in the area. The resident requested feedback on concerns raised and handed over some supplementary information.

The Chair stated that the issue of the Hinderton Road junction would be considered in agenda item 51.

46 Apologies for absence

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

The absence of Cllr Yarker was noted.

47 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Edwards declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 18/04026/FUL.

48 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to approve minutes of the meeting held on 25.09.18. The Chair signed the minutes.

49 Governance & Operations Manager's report

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

One-way traffic in Gladstone Road (minute 35c, 25/09/18)

The Committee's agreed response was submitted to CWaC. A reply was received from the Principal Engineer (Highways Commissioning) saying that he fully acknowledged the comment regarding a general review of traffic flows in the town centre and stating that this was something he would gladly be involved with in the future. This response was shared with the Transport Working Group.

Traffic calming measures in Lees Lane (minute 35d, 25/09/18)

The Committee's agreed response was submitted to CWaC.

Active Design (minute 38, 25/09/18)

The promised updated costings had not been received.

Greening contract (minute 38, 25/09/18)

Autumn planting completed and positive feedback received from residents about the planting in front of the Town Hall and from station adopters about the station planting. One incident of vandalism to the planting had occurred at the station and the contractor had repaired the damage.

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Neston Looking Better (minute 39b)

Restoration of the bench recently removed from Little Neston - quotations had been requested but not yet received.

Modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors were reminded that they had been sent information about the process for reviewing and modifying a made Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that very minor changes could be made by sending them to CWaC. More significant changes would need to be supported by up-to-date evidence, consultation with the local community, statutory consultees and any other organisation or individuals who would be affected by the change. The modified plan would then need to be submitted to CWaC and be subject to independent examination.

Cllr Edwards temporarily left the meeting.

The Governance and Operations Manager highlighted planning application 18/04026/FUL which was in the Green Belt and recommended to councillors that they consider this application at an extraordinary committee meeting.

Cllr Edwards returned to the meeting.

Agenda items 51, 52 and 53 were brought forward by common consent.

51 A540/B134 Hinderton Road junction

The Committee considered concerns raised by a resident about the safety of the A540/B134 Hinderton Road junction and the following points were noted:

- CWaC had made representations to the Department for Transport to add the A540 to the Major Roads Network. The outcome would not be known until early 2019.
- Town and parish councils had no statutory or discretionary powers to intervene in such highways matters and CWaC was the local highway authority for all highways within and around Neston. As such, Neston Town Council had reached the limit of its authority by highlighting the issues with CWaC and had been successful in maintaining the profile of these issues with the decision makers.
- If the decision is taken to include the A540 in the Major Roads Networks then it would be for the Highway Authority (ie CWaC) to take this forward.
- If a decision is taken not to include the A540 in the Major Roads Network then CWaC would revisit the suggestion for three sets of linked lights along the junctions of the A540 within Neston.

It was agreed to write to the resident stating the Committee's position and also explaining the distinction between the roles of a town and parish council and a highways authority.

52 Neston Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group

- a The Committee received oral feedback on the recent NNPMG meeting. Differing interpretations of the meeting were expressed.

It was agreed that the NNPMG were not happy with the concept of rotating chairmanship, especially as the decision had been taken without prior consultation.

It was agreed that it was important to reflect on recent events and prioritise working positively with partners.

- b Agenda item 52b (to confirm that the position of NNPMG Chair next be changed from June 2019) was not considered.

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- c The Committee noted that there had been extensive correspondence relating to sewerage capacity in Neston which would be relevant to any future planning applications. A definitive response had been received from the Planning Policy Team and this would form the basis of an agenda item at the next Places meeting.

53 Transport Working Group

- a The Committee considered notes of the meeting held on 23.10.18.
- b To Committee considered and endorsed a TWG briefing note on the Neston Transport Charter. It was agreed that the Neston Transport Charter was measured and a positive vision for the future.
- c The Committee agreed to ask Council if any councillors wished to join the TWG and asked that any potential nominees be mindful of the need to consider what they could bring to the table and actively contribute.

The Committee acknowledged the positive contribution of the TWG Chair and thanked him for his support.

50 Committee budgets and strategic Objectives

- a To Committee considered the budget for 2018/19. No action was taken.
- b Strategic objectives – item deferred to next meeting to allow time for the committee chairs to meet with the Council Manager.
- c The Committee considered the Places Committee's requirements for financial year 2019/20 and agreed to recommend to Policy Committee the RFO's draft committee budget for 19/20.

Agenda items 51-53 were considered earlier following item 49.

54 Neston Transport Charter

To Committee considered the Neston Transport Charter and amended number seven to read:

"To support and encourage sustainable forms of transport, the Town Council would like to see safe cycle routes along the A540 linking the town with Heswall, Willaston and Ellesmere Port. We would like to see a review into how cycling can be made safer. Safe cycle corridors, linking key areas, should be a priority."

55 War Graves

The Committee considered the proposal to refurbish the graves of Privates Williams and Milner (re-turf and add edging stones), as well as the refurbishment of the memorial tablet of WEA App Williams and its possible relocation to within the War Memorial railings. Officers were asked to obtain further details for consideration at a future meeting.

56 Signpost

The Committee agreed the wording for the signpost to be installed on Station Road as detailed in paper PL5/56 with the deletions of Ness Gardens and the WC symbol from arm 2.

57 Commemorative Bench

The Committee noted that the commemorative bench had been installed at a cost of £60.

58 Planning applications

The Committee noted decisions of the Borough Council in relation to planning applications considered by Places Committee.

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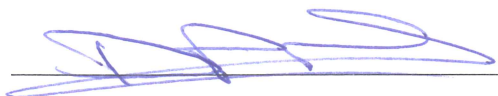
59 Other items the Chairman determines are urgent for discussion, or noting for the next agenda.

60 Next scheduled meeting: noted as 04.12.18 at 6pm.

An extraordinary meeting to be held on 13.11.18 at 5.30pm to consider planning application 18/04026/FUL.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed



Date

4. DEC. 2018