



Meeting (No) **PLACES COMMITTEE (4)**
Time & Date **6pm 25 September 2018**
Place **Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

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

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

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

29 Questions and comments from residents

A resident reiterated concerns he had raised at previous meetings relating to 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 also handed over a folder of information which he provided with consent to share and encouraged the Places Committee to share with other town councillors, CWaC and the local MP.

30 Apologies for absence

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

31 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

The Committee agreed by common consent to bring forward agenda item 35.

35 Travel and transport

- a The Committee received notes of the meeting between Neston Town Council and CWaC members/officers held on 12.09.18 to consider Neston's transport priorities.

The Committee noted that the current situation regarding CCTV had been clarified and requested that the Council Manager liaise with CWaC officers in an attempt to get CCTV coverage of the railway station.

RESOLVED to write to Mr Madders MP urging him to lobby for the A540 to be included in the Major Roads Network.

- b The Committee considered a draft Transport Charter and associated documents (Transport Standard and Rail Position Statement).

The Committee made some slight alterations to the wording and order of the draft and agreed to recommend the amended draft Charter and associated documents to Council for adoption.

The Chair stated that he would be proposing to Council the addition of cycle travel for addition to the Charter.

The Committee thanked the Chair of the Transport Working Group for his significant contribution on matters relating to travel and transport in Neston.

- c The Committee considered CWaC's intention to make Gladstone Road one-way on a permanent basis.

RESOLVED to urge CWaC to avoid piecemeal solutions and consider Gladstone Road as part of a general review of traffic flows in the town centre.

- d The Committee considered the proposed changes to traffic calming in Lees Lane.

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RESOLVED to respond to CWaC welcoming the replacement of two existing kerb build-outs by flat top speed cushions and to request that CWaC consider a similar solution for the remaining two build-outs on Lees Lane.

- e The Committee considered the proposed introduction of maximum two hour stays in specified lay-bys on the A540.

RESOLVED to respond to CWaC stating that the Town Council did not object to lorries staying in the A540 lay-bys overnight and were concerned about where the lorries would go if they could not stop in the lay-bys. The Committee would prefer CWaC to consider installing large rubbish bins at the lay-bys with notices asking lorry drivers to avoid littering the area.

The Transport Working Group Chair left the meeting.

32 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to approve minutes of the meetings held on 26.06.18 and 14.08.18. The Chair signed the minutes.

33 Governance & Operations Manager's report

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

- Mersey Forest had confirmed that, contrary to information provided previously, tree planting in Drake Road had in fact been completed.
- Mersey Forest would aim to replace the two dead birch trees in the winter season.
- A safety repair to one of the benches at The Ropewalk had been carried out at a cost of £38.00.
- Cllr Wastell had agreed to be the Council's representative for the Borderlands Steering Group and Deeside Business Forum.
- The Council Manager had been liaising with the Youth Justice Service and clearing work had commenced.
- Councillor Wastell had agreed to attend the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership seminar on 12/10/18.

34 Committee budgets

The Committee considered the budget for 2018/19.

RESOLVED that any surplus remaining in 4208 (environmental improvements) at the end of the current financial year be vired to EMR 9320 (benches).

RESOLVED that payment for the planned Quayside dredging be taken from EMR 9325 (de-silting).

RESOLVED that EMR 9326 (Parkgate Marsh) be deleted and the balance of £2,600 be vired to EMR 9325 (de-silting).

RESOLVED that any surplus remaining in 4230 (marshes/mosquito monitoring) at the end of the current financial year be vired to EMR 9325 (de-silting).

Agenda item 35 carried forward to follow item 31.

36 Planning applications

The Committee considered planning application 18/02972/S73 – variation of conditions 8 (sale of food and convenience goods) and 9 (non-food concessions) of planning permission 12/00747/S73, Sainsbury's Supermarket Ltd, Brook Street, Neston CH64 9AR.

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RESOLVED not to submit a comment on this application.

37 Active Design

The Committee received an update on active design and noted that costs would be considered at a future meeting.

38 Contract for the provision and maintenance of floral arrangements (greening contract)

- a The Committee noted that a one-year contract to commence 01/10/18 had been signed by the appointed contractor.
- b The Committee discussed the condition of the planters at the Bushell Fountain and agreed to defer any decision about removal/replacement of the existing planters until financial year 2019/20.
- c The Committee considered oral feedback from discussions between officers/greening contractor relating to the implementation of the revised specification.
- d **RESOLVED** to increase the amount allocated for the maintenance of planters at Neston station from £600 to £700 per year from Floral Maintenance budget 4211.

39 Neston Looking Better Group

- a To receive notes of Neston Looking Better Group meetings held on 12.07.18 and 01.08.19.
- b The Committee agreed to consider quotations for restoration of a single bench to determine whether it was more cost-effective to repair or replace.

40 Commemorative bench

The Committee considered report PL4/40 regarding purchase, installation and maintenance of a commemorative bench.

- i. **RESOLVED** to replace the bench at Little Neston with a commemorative WW1 metal bench at a cost of £858.50 plus installation from budget 4208 Environmental Improvements.
- ii. The Committee agreed that the wording for the plaque should mark the contribution of all those who served, not just those on the roll of honour. The Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Council Manager to decide on the final wording for the plaque
- iii. **RESOLVED** that the Council would cover the cost of the delivery and installation and future maintenance for the bench.
- iv. The Committee agreed that the bench would be unveiled during the week prior to Remembrance Day and that a press release should be issued.

41 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The Committee noted that the revised NPPF was published on 24.07.18.

42 Neston Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group

- a The Committee reviewed the Group's terms of reference.
RESOLVED to amend the terms of reference to introduce annual rotation to the positions of chair and vice-chair and introduce continuation of these roles for a period of two months into the new council year to allow time for the Group's recommendation for successors to be approved by Council.

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The Committee felt that the terms of reference as they stood were sufficient to encompass the Council's strategic objectives.

RESOLVED that a CWaC officer could be invited to join the NNPMG. This would not require any alteration to the existing terms of reference as the CWaC officer would attend as a "specialist knowledge/skills" member. Other CWaC officers could be invited to attend NNPMG meetings for specific items but would not be part of the membership of the Group.

- b As a result of the amendment made to the terms of reference (42a above), Committee members were unable to confirm the appointment of Mr R Hughes as NNPMG Chair for the council year 2018/19.
- c **RESOLVED** to confirm appointment of Ms T Derragh as NNPMG Vice-Chair for the council year 2018/19.
- d **RESOLVED** to confirm appointment of Mr G Prytherch as a resident member of the NNPMG.
- e The Committee considered points and recommendations arising from the NNPMG meeting held on 04.09.18.

Advertising resident & specialist vacancies

RESOLVED to advertise for NNPMG members, with the final decision on wording of the advertisement being taken by the Council Manager.

Payment of expenses

RESOLVED that reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (eg travel costs) incurred by NNPMG members would be reimbursed upon submission of an expenses claim form.

Monitoring report action

The NNPMG's draft monitoring table was noted.

Community-led housing

The Committee chose not to establish a new NNP Steering Group at this time.

Annual monitoring 2018-19

The Committee agreed that the Town Council's strategic objectives were now aligned with the Neighbourhood Plan and Council's representatives on the NNPMG would liaise with the Group.

43 Other items

- Issue of tree planting to be added to the next agenda.
- Issue of A540/B5134 Hinderton Road junction – Chair to consider adding this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

44 Next scheduled meeting: currently 13.11.18 at 6pm (*possibly subject to change to 06.11.18*).

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed



Date

6th NOV 2018