

*Meeting (No)* **PLACES COMMITTEE (7)**  
*Time & Date* **6pm 21 January 2020**  
*Place* **Town Hall**  
*Document* **Minutes**

**Present:** Cllrs Davies (Chair), Griffiths, Hutt (from agenda item 105b), Kynaston (substitute for Cllr Warner), Roe and Wastell

**In attendance:** Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager) and eight residents

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

**96 Questions and comments from residents**

One resident reiterated concerns raised at earlier meetings that there should be a right turn traffic light arrow at the turning off the A540 into Hinderton Road and an associated reduced speed limit in this area.

One resident expressed concern that there had been no progress on implementation of the one-way system for Quarry Road.

One resident stated that any one-way system for Quarry Road would need associated parking restrictions for Quarry Road near its junction with the A540 to prevent cars parking close to the junction and causing an obstruction.

**97 Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies for absence from Cllr Warner (business). The absence of Cllr Flockhart was noted.

**98 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

Agenda item 105 was brought forward by common consent.

**105 Action 54 Zero Partnership**

- a The Council's representative reported that there had been a meeting of Action 54 Zero on 09.01.2020 at which the group had agreed to write to CWaC asking for a "shelf-ready" scheme to be created so that it could be implemented as soon as funds became available. The group suggested to CWaC that as a minimum the scheme should include the specific aims as detailed in agenda item 105b.

Cllr Hutt joined the meeting.

- b The Committee considered supporting specific aims of Action 54 Zero to make the following safety improvements to the A540 and its junctions through Neston:
- Linked traffic lights from Liverpool Rd to Lees Lane
  - Additional lights at Raby Park Rd/A540 junction
  - No entry from the A540 onto Quarry Road
  - Safe walking route to Neston High school from Hinderton Road junction with controlled pedestrian crossing point and well-surfaced pavements.
  - Advance stop lines for cyclists at all junctions
  - Revised speed limits
  - Improved signage and foliage maintenance.

The Committee agreed that it supported the specific aims in principle but requested clarification on the detail of the aims. The Committee's representative to seek clarification and report back to the next Places meeting.

Eight residents left the meeting.

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## **99 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve minutes of the meeting held on 03.12.2019. The Chair signed the minutes.

## **100 Governance & Operations Manager's report**

The report was received and it was noted in particular that:

- two benches had been repaired and sanded/stained at a total cost of £394.50+VAT (minute 41c, 30/07/19) but that the invoice would not be paid until the Committee had confirmed the work had been carried out to an acceptable standard, and
- two mosquito traps had been purchased at a total cost of £1,417.92+VAT (minute 88cii, 26/02/19).

## **101 Chair's report**

The Chair reported on points of interest from the Policy meeting held on 17.12.2019.

## **102 Committee budget**

The Committee noted the current budget and EMRs.

## **103 Strategic objectives**

The Committee's current objectives were considered.

It was agreed that committee objectives for the financial year 20/21 would be discussed at the March meeting.

## **104 Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan**

The Committee agreed to submit the response detailed below to CWaC's consultation on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

"Neston Town Council welcomes CWaC's commitment to making infrastructure improvements for cyclists and walkers and would like to make the following suggestions in relation to Neston:

- entries to the Wirral Way within Neston require improvement in order to encourage greater use of off-road cycle routes;
- traffic calming measures within Neston require review rather than an automatic extension;
- it is anticipated that passenger numbers using Neston Railway Station will increase with the new trains appearing in 2020 and the more frequent service scheduled for 2021. Secure cycle storage at the station, which could be realised as a joint venture with TfW (the station operator), would provide sustainable access to the station;
- electric charging points for cycles at Neston Railway Station would further facilitate and encourage active travel.

The Town Council would welcome the opportunity to discuss these suggestions further."

## **105 Action 54 Zero Partnership**

This agenda item was considered earlier following agenda item 98.

## **106 Transport Working Group**

- a The Committee considered notes of the meeting held on 05.12.19.
- b **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Townsend as Transport Working Group lead.

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- c The Committee agreed with a recommendation of the TWG that Places Committee should engage with relevant authorities about enforcing parking regulations, especially on Parkgate Parade and High Street, and obtain statistics on numbers of collisions/injuries. It was agreed to write to the Police (enforcement) and Highways (collision/injury statistics), but that communication with the Police about enforcing parking regulations should relate to the whole Town Council area.
- d The Committee agreed with the TWG recommendation that Places Committee should discuss with CWaC the condition of off-road cycle routes (drainage issues) as a continuous dry surface would encourage cyclists to use off-road routes. It was agreed to write to Highways about this matter, mentioning in particular the condition of the Wirral Way entrance at Bushell Road/Mellock Lane.

The TWG had requested contact with CWaC regarding future plans for cycle paths. The Committee decided, however, that this information was already available in the draft Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan.

- e Sustainable Connectivity in Neston document (an amalgamation of the Transport Charter and the Railway Access Position Statement) – it was agreed that this item should be deferred until the next meeting.
- f It was agreed to recommend to Council that the Neston Public Transport and Travel Standard be renamed Neston Public Transport and Travel Monitoring. Monitoring to be undertaken by the TWG and reported to Places Committee.
- g It was noted that the Borderlands Steering Group had been disbanded.

#### **107 Neighbourhood Plan Task & Finish Group**

It was reported that the group established on 15.10.2019 had yet to meet and so was not able to make recommendations as requested by Committee (minutes 69c, 70a and 70b). The group reported that it would meet as a matter of urgency within the next two weeks and report back at the earliest opportunity, possibly by means of an extraordinary Places meeting.

#### **108 Benches**

Park Street: it was agreed that the installation was of an acceptable standard and confirmed that the bench remained in good condition.

Well Lane and St Thomas' Church: The Committee considered the finish of these recently restored benches to be of a poor standard and decided that the invoice should not be paid until the contractor had improved the finish of both benches.

Little Neston: Committee confirmed that the bench in Little Neston (WWI commemorative bench) remained in good condition.

West Vale Park: Committee confirmed that the bench in West Vale park (composite material with arms) was in good condition. It was agreed to ask Friends of West Vale Park for their assistance in removing the moss from this bench.


#### **109 Proposed waiting restrictions – Mellock Lane area**

The Committee considered paper PL7/109 and agreed to inform CWaC that the Town Council supported the proposed parking restrictions in the Mellock Lane area.

#### **110 Replacement planting**

**RESOLVED** to grant delegated authority to the G&O Manager to arrange replenishment of greening contract planters in the case of theft/vandalism up to a maximum annual value of £300 from budget line 4208 (Environmental Improvements).

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

It was agreed to consider budget line 4335 (Community Pride competition) as an agenda item at the next scheduled meeting.

**112 Next scheduled meeting**

The next scheduled meeting date was noted as 03.03.20 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed

Date

3-3-20.