

Meeting (No) **Planning & Environment Committee (No 1)**
Time & Date **6.00 pm 14 June 2016**
Place **Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Chambers, Cray (from agenda item 2), Griffiths (from agenda item 6), Loch and Wilkie and Miss Duncan (Assistant Town Clerk)

Absent: Cllr Pilley

In attendance: Cllr Shipman and six residents

Cllr Shipman opened the meeting and asked for nominations for the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

1a Election of Chairman

RESOLVED to elect Cllr Cray as Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee to serve until the first meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee in the new Council year.

1b Election of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED to elect Cllr Chambers as Vice Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee to serve until the first meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee in the new Council year and to serve as Chair of the Planning Applications Sub-Committee

Cllr Chambers assumed the chair.

2 Questions and comments from residents

Six Gladstone Road residents attended the meeting to express concern about the traffic situation on Gladstone Road. The residents stated that the volume of traffic had increased along this road and that they had all suffered damage to their cars and were very concerned about pedestrian safety. The residents understood that there were plans in existence for a one way system on Gladstone Road but that they were unable to gain any meaningful response from CWaC (communication had been ongoing between the residents and CWaC since March 2015).

Cllr Cray joined the meeting at 6.07pm.

The Committee agreed to write to CWaC expressing concern about the issue and requesting that a representative of Highways attend the next Planning and Environment meeting on 2 August as well as requesting that the problems with HGV signage close to Tannery Road be addressed.

All residents left the meeting at 6.16pm.

Cllr Cray assumed the chair.

3 Apologies for absence: None.

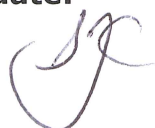
4 Declarations of Interest: None.

5 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to approve minutes of the meetings held on 08.03.16 and 19.04.16. The Chairman signed the minutes.

Cllr Griffiths joined the meeting at 6.20pm.

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6 Assistant Town Clerk's report

Road safety (minutes 08/03/16, item 117)

A request was sent to CWaC on 14.03.16 for a review of traffic flows and pedestrian safety for Ladies Walk, Raby Road, Tannery Lane, Olive Road, Gladstone Road and Brook Street. Request logged and assigned but no formal response yet received.

A resident copied Neston Town Council into correspondence with CWaC regarding the roundabout at the junction of Town Lane and Talbot Avenue (concerned about visibility at the junction and potential safety issues). CWaC currently investigating the matter.

Mosquito forecast

Weekly monitoring service reinstated for the summer months along with an updated FAQ section.

7 Finance

- a The Committee received the budget comparison reports to 31.03.16.
- b The Committee received the end of year finance report.
- c The Committee considered the Committee budget details to 08.06.16.

8 Strategic objectives

The Committee considered the strategic objectives and agreed objectives 3, 5 and 10 to be the most pertinent to the Planning & Environment Committee. The Committee agreed to revisit the programme of works and performance measures at the next meeting which would allow members the opportunity to consider committee priorities.

9 Crime and disorder

- a The Committee considered report PE1/9a regarding an incident at Stanney Fields Park and the Assistant Town Clerk gave an update received from the Police, noting that CCTV had been reinstated.
RESOLVED to write to CWaC thanking them for reinstating CCTV and requesting that foliage be reduced in order to improve the effectiveness of the CCTV and asking that appropriate signage be installed to increase residents' feeling of safety.
- b The Committee considered report PE1/9b regarding security on the Clayhill Business Park.
RESOLVED that Cllr Wilkie should be the Committee's representative for the CWaC/Police partnership aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour.

10 Road safety

The Committee discussed issues faced by pedestrians on Church Lane and the steps being considered to improve safety as detailed in report PE1/10.

RESOLVED to write to CWaC welcoming the actions being taken and suggesting that consideration should also be given to the addition of barriers in order to prevent vehicle access and force cyclists to dismount.

11 Public transport

- a **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Chambers and Wilkie be lead councillors for public transport.
- b The Committee agreed that the Transport Working Group should be asked to formulate a draft response to the rail franchise consultation exercise for the InterCity West Coast Rail services for West Cheshire and that the draft would be considered at the Planning & Environment Committee meeting on 2 August.

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- c The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that a contribution of £1,000 from bus & transport earmarked reserve, currently £3,400, be made for the provision of CCTV at Neston railway station as outlined in report PE1/11c. Recommendation subject to the agreement of the Town Centre Committee to make a contribution of £9,000 (NHB).

12 Pathway audit

The Committee considered report PE1/12 and identified the following priority areas to be addressed by S106 funds:

1. Brook Street north side, 3. Chester Road car park, 4. Chester Road north side, 5. Chester Road south side, 6. Bridge Street east side, 7. Bridge Street west side, 12. Parkgate Road south side, 14. Parkgate Road north side, 17. High Street west side, 18. Park Street north side/Liverpool Road west side, 20. Liverpool Road east side, 21. Raby Road north side, 22. Raby Road south side, 23. High Street east side (slurry seal only).

The Committee agreed to urge the S106 Group to reconsider the suggestion of an art installation in order to free up funds for all repairs listed above. This will be taken forward by the Town Council representative, Cllr Wilkie.

13 Neston Neighbourhood Plan

- a **RESOLVED** to retrospectively approve expenditure of £650 for changes to the Neighbourhood Plan document and appendices as a result of the examiner's recommendations.
- b The Committee noted that the referendum on 5 May resulted in the Neston Neighbourhood Plan receiving a favourable 86% yes vote.

14 Neston country trail leaflet

The Committee considered paper PE1/14 and agreed to recommend to the Society & Culture Committee that a Neston country trail leaflet be produced with the cost being met from budget line 4304 (information leaflets/guides).

15 Planning applications

- A The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that no categories of planning applications should be excluded from the standard process for submission of comments.
- b The Committee agreed that applications referred to committee would be considered by the full Planning & Environment Committee, thus removing the need for a planning applications sub-committee.
- c The Committee noted the Borough Council planning decisions.

16 Task and finish/Working groups

RESOLVED that groups for 2016/17 be organised as follows:

- Marshes – Cllrs Barker (lead) and Wilkie
- Neston Looking Better – Cllrs Griffiths (lead), Kynaston and Loch
- Transport – Cllrs Chambers and Wilkie.

Cllr Cray left the meeting at 7.30pm and Cllr Chambers assumed the chair.

17 Representation on external bodies

RESOLVED to appoint the following representatives:

- Borderlands Steering Group – Cllr Wilkie
- Project Rural Matters – Cllr Loch.

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18 Marsh Working Group

- a The Committee received an oral report of the Marsh Working Group meeting of 15.05.16 and noted:
- Mosquito monitoring – traps have been put in place for 2016 and mosquito forecast to continue via the Town Council website. The Parkgate pools will be sampled for mosquito larvae.
 - Parkgate gulley dredging – it was agreed that the main gulley in Parkgate should be dredged in 2016.
- b **RESOLVED** to approve dredging of the Parkgate marsh in summer 2016 using the currently approved contractor at a maximum cost of £4,000 + VAT.
- c The Committee noted that CWaC had agreed to make a contribution of £300 towards the cost of mosquito monitoring for 2016.

19 Neston Looking Better Group

The Committee considered the record of the meeting held on 13.04.16 and commended the Group for its efforts which were much appreciated by local residents.

20 Transport Working Group

The Committee noted that Transport Working Group members attended the Deeside Business Forum on 15.04.16.

21 Planning & Environment Committee meeting dates

RESOLVED to confirm committee meeting dates for 2016/17 as detailed on the published schedule of meetings.

22 Recycling centre

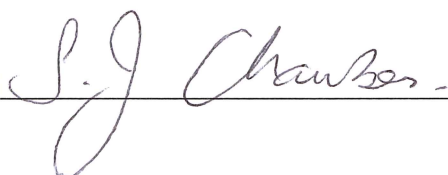
The Committee noted the Finance & General Purposes Committee request for involvement in the process and feedback from CWAC on the outcome of the consultation.

23 Next meeting

This was noted as Tuesday 2 August at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7.37pm

Signed



Date

2.8.16.