



*Meeting (No)* **Planning & Environment Committee (No 2)**  
*Time & Date* **6.00 pm 2 August 2016**  
*Place* **Town Hall**  
*Document* **Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Chambers (Chair), Griffiths, Loch, Pilley and Wilkie and Miss Duncan (Governance and Operations Manager)

In attendance: Cllrs Montgomery and Shipman

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

**24 Questions and comments from residents:** none.

**25 Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Cray (personal).

**26 Declarations of Interest:** none.

**27 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve minutes of the meeting held on 14.06.16. The Chairman signed the minutes.

**28 Governance & Operations Manager's report**

### **Stanney Fields (minutes 14/06/16, item 9a)**

The suggestion to reduce foliage and add signage in order to improve the effectiveness of the CCTV and raise public awareness has been sent to CWaC.

Sgt Greenhalgh has confirmed that CWaC provide live CCTV monitoring from Chester but that the Police can retrieve footage. Police can also request, via police radio, that the cameras move to cover areas where an incident may be occurring.

### **Clayhill Business Park (minutes 14/06/16, item 9b)**

CWaC informed that Cllr Wilkie will be the Committee's representative for the CWaC/Police partnership aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour.

A letter is currently being drafted which will invite businesses to a meeting at the Town Hall with the aim of discussing the findings of a recent survey, investigate solutions and possibly create a business forum to encourage collective support. The letter will be sent by the Police but will carry CWaC and Town Council logos as partner organisations.

### **Church Lane (minutes 14/06/16, item 10)**

An email has been sent to CWaC suggesting that consideration be given to the addition of barriers in order to prevent vehicle access and force cyclists to dismount.

### **Neston Country Trail Leaflet (minutes 14/06/16, item 14)**

The Society & Culture Committee approved production of a country trail leaflet. Design and content currently being drafted.

### **Marsh Dredging (minutes 14/06/16, item 18)**

Necessary permissions have been obtained by RSPB for dredging of the Parkgate marsh and a quotation has been requested for dredging approximately 1,855m of main ditch and side ditches.

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## **Construction of Welcome to Neston Walls**

The planning application is currently being completed for construction of gateway walls on Liverpool Road.

## **Condition of Pathways (minutes 14/06/16, item 12)**

The Governance and Operations Manager agreed to contact CWaC regarding progress towards improving pathways, highlighting the condition of the pavement outside the pharmacy on Liverpool Road.

## **29 Finance and strategic objectives**

- a** The Committee received the Planning & Environment Committee budget and clarified that the purpose of budget line 4250 (bus and transport support) was to provide a bus replacement service during road closures.
- b** The Committee considered the earmarked reserves report and agreed to alert the Neston Looking Better Group to the existence of the earmarked reserve 9324 (floral-green/tree) and the Transport Working Group to the existence of 9332 (bus and transport). The Committee also agreed to recommend to Finance and General Purposes Committee that when committees request earmarked reserves, the specific purpose be recorded by the Finance Manager and added to all earmarked reserve reports.

The Chair to update at the next Planning and Environment Committee meeting following the budget meeting scheduled for 9 August.

- c** The Committee agreed that the Marsh, Transport and Neston Looking Better Working Groups should be asked to feed into the process of objective setting. The Committee agreed that the Chair would facilitate this process and bring the results to the next Committee meeting.

## **30 Risk assessments**

**RESOLVED** to approve the risk assessments for the Planning & Environment Committee. Cllr Pilley requested that it be noted that he dissented on the grounds that staff had not been formally trained to carry out risk assessments. The Committee stressed that appropriate training should be made available if requested by staff completing annual risk assessments.

## **31 Review of assets**

- a** The Committee received report PE2/31 and reviewed the list of current Planning & Environment Committee assets, noting the condition of benches and hanging basket trees. The Committee agreed to:
  - Obtain quotations for restoration of Neston Town Council benches.
  - Obtain quotations for restoration of hanging basket trees.
  - Pursue the option with CWaC to relocate one of the Ropewalk benches to the adjoining play area.
- b** The Committee requested that the Neston Looking Better Group considers the feasibility of local sponsorship for floral arrangements with a view to increasing the overall budget.

## **32 Road safety – Gladstone Road**

The Committee received report PE2/32 and noted the following:

- An invitation to attend the meeting had been declined by Highways on the grounds that it would not be possible to have any discussions relating to Gladstone Road until after the completion of legal proceedings.

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- An Experimental Traffic Order allowing vehicles to travel from Tannery Lane to Chester Road only will be implemented following completion of the judicial process.
- Issues relating to HGV signage on Gladstone Road will be addressed when the one way system is introduced.
- The request for a review of traffic flows and pedestrian safety for Ladies Walk, Raby Road, Tannery Lane, Olive Road, Gladstone Road and Brook Street has been received by Highways and will be addressed upon completion on the current legal proceedings.

The Governance and Operations Manager confirmed that the agreed representative of the Gladstone Road residents who attended the previous meeting had been informed of the above stated developments.

### **33 Rail franchise consultation**

**RESOLVED** to approve and submit the draft response to the rail franchise consultation exercise for the InterCity West Coast Rail services for West Cheshire.

### **34 Deeside Business Forum**

**RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Wilkie as representative to attend the Deeside Business Forum meetings.

### **35 Flower bed planting**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Neston Town Council will pay £465 to the existing greening contractor to provide foliage shrubs to enhance the CWaC planting of the flower beds on Chester Road, Ladies Walk, Park Street and the corner of Bushell Road/Breezehill Road, thus reducing the time required by the weeding volunteers. This is a one-off payment.
2. Neston Town Council will amend the current greening contract to incorporate planting and maintenance of a planted area beneath the Welcome to Parkgate sign on Parkgate Road.

### **36 CWaC Volunteering Programme**

The Committee considered paper PE2/36 which related to CWaC's Love Your Streets volunteering campaign (originally discussed by committee in spring 2016 and passed on to the Neston Looking Better Group). The Committee agreed to once again pass the campaign details on to the Neston Looking Better Group.

### **37 Neston Neighbourhood Plan**

- a The Committee noted that CWaC had published the approved Neston Neighbourhood Plan.
- b The Committee noted that in the near future members of the Community Steering Group would be meeting with CWaC to ensure that Neston's Neighbourhood Plan will be taken into account during the preparation of Part 2 of the Local Plan.

### **38 Community Infrastructure Levy**

The Committee considered the draft charging schedule which members considered to be positive for Neston.

**RESOLVED** not to make any formal response to the consultation.

### **39 Planning applications**

- a The Committee considered planning application 16/02821/FUL – land adjacent to Mendips, Liverpool Road, Neston (proposed new dwelling to replace existing stable building including new boundary).

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**RESOLVED** to make the following response: The Town Council has concerns about this application and would wish CWaC to ensure that the proposal fully accords with all relevant policies as the site lies within the Green Belt.

- b** The Committee considered the Borough Council planning decisions and noted that the planning officer's recommendations relating to application 16/01503/FUL were to a degree predicated on a potential one way system for Quarry Road.

**RESOLVED** to write to Highways expressing disappointment that the Town Council had not been officially consulted regarding the proposed one way system for Quarry Road and inviting a representative of Highways to attend a committee meeting in order to discuss concerns about the proposed scheme and the impact it will have on Neston residents. A press release to be issued calling on CWaC to undertake a wider consultation.

- c** The Committee noted the comments submitted to planning applications.

**40 Other items**

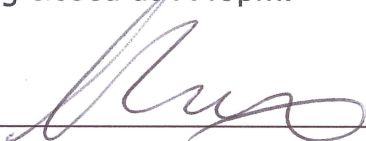
Cllr Griffiths expressed concern about the overgrown condition of the embankment at the end of the ALDI car park. It was suggested that Cllr Griffiths discuss the matter with the Council Manager and request that she write to Aldi.

**41 Next meeting**

Confirmed as Tuesday 4 October at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed



Date

04/10/16