



*Meeting (No)* **Planning & Environment Committee  
(No 10)**

*Time & Date* **6.00 pm 2 May 2017**

*Place* **Town Hall**

*Document* **Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Cllrs Chambers (Chair), Griffiths, Montgomery, Pilley and Roberts

**In attendance:** Miss Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager), Cllrs Kynaston and Shipman and five residents.

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

**145 Questions and comments from residents**

Two residents spoke in relation to agenda item 153a (planning application 17/01390/FUL):

Mrs Holroyd (owner of Vine House) was concerned about the overbearing nature of the proposed development as well as the potential for increased traffic. Mrs Holroyd also felt that the proposed development was unattractive and out of keeping.

Mr Bushby stressed his concern about the safety aspects of limited parking as well as the potential loss of privacy for the neighbouring property and over-development of the site.

**146 Apologies for absence**

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

**147 Declarations of Interest:** None.

Item 153a was brought forward by common consent.

**153 Planning applications**

- a** The Committee discussed planning application 17/01390/FUL, land adjacent 16 Parkgate Road, Neston (development of former Eastern Vine House Garden into 10 apartments).

**RESOLVED** to temporarily suspend the meeting in order to allow further comments from residents in relation to planning application 17/1390/FUL.

Mr Holroyd (owner of Vine House) emphasised that Vine House was an historic building and, in his opinion, the proposed development was out of keeping and inappropriate for the location.

Following Mr Holroyd's comments, the meeting resumed and committee members returned to their discussion of agenda item 153a.

**RESOLVED** to submit the following comment in respect of planning application 17/01390/FUL

Neston Town Council objects to the application on the following grounds:

- Access and egress onto Parkgate Road from the proposed development would raise issues of highways safety.
- The design fails to satisfy various points in policy NND1 of the Neston Neighbourhood Plan, in that it does not respond to and reflect the local character and is not of an appropriate scale and mass for its surroundings. It also fails to provide a visually attractive architecture, landscaping and public realm that reinforces and promotes the Neighbourhood Plan Area's aesthetic.

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Four residents left the meeting.

#### **148 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve minutes of the meetings held on 07.03.17 and 04.04.17. The Chair signed the minutes.

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

The Committee received the Governance & Operations Manager's report and noted in particular that a response was awaited from CWaC regarding the requests for improvements to Brook Street (minute 128). In addition, it was reported that:

- discussions were ongoing about the positioning of the CCTV security camera at the railway station,
- CWaC had allocated £15,000 for kerb realignments at the A540/Raby Park Road junction,
- a speed limit review was planned for the A540 between Raby Park Road and Lees Lane.

One resident left the meeting.

#### **150 Budgets**

- a The Committee considered its budgets to 31.03.17. It was noted that there was a substantial underspend for budget line 4250 (bus and transport support) and it was suggested that the Places Committee might wish to review the purpose of this budget line.
- b The Committee considered the earmarked reserve report.

#### **151 Floral arrangements in Parkgate**

The Committee considered report PE10/151 and the proposal to organise and pay for the ongoing watering of six new floral arrangements to be installed in Parkgate by the Parkgate Society.

**RESOLVED** to organise and pay for watering of six new floral arrangements in Parkgate during the financial year 2017/18 and that this agreement would be reviewed at budget setting time in November 2017. Payment to be made from budget line 4211 (flower arrangement maintenance). Ongoing planting and maintenance/replacement of these floral arrangements to remain the responsibility of the Parkgate Society.

#### **152 Mosquito monitoring**

- a **RESOLVED** to support mosquito surveillance in 2017 at a cost not exceeding £500 from budget line 4230.
- b The Committee noted that the traffic light monitoring service had recommenced.

#### **153 Planning applications**

- a Agenda item 153a was considered earlier (following agenda item 147).
- b The Committee noted the Borough Council planning decisions.
- c The Committee noted the comments submitted to planning applications.

#### **154 Wirral track renewal works**

The Committee considered correspondence from Merseyrail and Merseytravel in respect of the current track renewal works. The Committee agreed that the Governance & Operations Manager should act as a point of contact for Merseyrail.

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**155 Neighbourhood Plan: Community Steering Group**

- a** The Committee considered the notes of the Community Steering Group meeting held on 16.03.17.
- b** The Committee agreed the recommendation to change the Group's name to Neighbourhood Plan Community Monitoring Group.
- c** The Committee noted that CWaC Councillors Barker and Gittins would be CWaC representatives on the Community Steering Group.
- d** The Committee noted the resignation of Mr Baker from the Community Steering Group.

**156 Neston Looking Better Group**

The Committee considered notes of the meeting held on 05.04.17.

**157 Drake Road – additional tree planting**

The Committee noted that Mersey Forest would be taking forward the planned tree planting between autumn 2017 and spring 2018.

**158 Construction of Gateway Walls**

The Committee noted that the contract had been agreed at £10,000 with a provisional date for the commencement of construction is June 2017 and that issues relating to the Section 50 licence were being investigated.

**159 Marsh Dredging**

The Committee noted that confirmation had been received from RSPB that Parkgate dredging would take place in July 2017.

**160 Press release**

The Committee agreed to issue a press release publicising the recommencement of the mosquito traffic light monitoring.

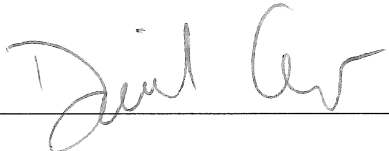
**161 Other items**

None.

**162 Next meeting**

To be recommended at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 16 May.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed  Date 16 MAY 2016