

Present: Cllrs: Davies (Chair), Adderley, Griffiths, Halford, Hudspeth, Kynaston,

Marple, D. Ruscoe, N. Ruscoe, Swaffer, Wastell and Warner.

In attendance: CWaC Cllr M. Barker, Z. Dean (Locum Chief Officer).

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

65 Apologies for Absence

It was RESOLVED: To accept the following apologies from councillors:

Cllr Jones – work commitment

Cllrs Braithwaite and Doughty were absent.

66 Declarations of Interest

None received.

67 Presentation from CWaC Cllr Martin Barker

Council received a brief presentation from Cllr Martin Barker regarding Cheshire West & Chester's Space Hive Funding opportunity for the local area.

Email regarding the online Space Hive training session scheduled for 02/12/25 to be re-circulated by the Chief Officer to all members for further information.

A question was asked regarding whether the Town Council can run a project itself, Cllr Barker to clarify. Cllr Barker noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Market Towns Regeneration Group was due to take place on 28/11/25.

The Mayor thanked Cllr Barker for his time.

68 Questions and Comments from Residents

No members of the public were present.

Cllr Barker left the meeting.

69 Co-Option

The applicant was late to the meeting therefore the Mayor reordered the agenda, bringing item 70 forward.

70 Telephone Kiosk Neston

Members debated the proposal and considered various options if the telephone kiosk on the corner of Raby Road and High Street was to remain. The Mayor clarified the deadline provided by BT contained within report (FC4/70) of 30/11/25. Following a vote: 8 against, 3 for –

It was RESOLVED: To not adopt the telephone kiosk on Raby Road/High Street, informing BT ahead of the deadline of 30/11/25.

A question was asked whether another community group in Neston could adopt the kiosk to save it from removal. The Chief Officer agreed to contact BT and ask the question.

69 Co-Option Parkgate Ward

Members received a presentation from Mr Colin Dignam-Gill who apologised for arriving late to the meeting.

Mayor's Initial & Date:

	Members asked questions regarding motivation and interests.
	It was RESOLVED: To co-opt Mr Colin Dignam-Gill as a councillor for the Parkgate Ward.
	Cllr Dignam-Gill signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, which was witnessed by the Chief Officer, and joined meeting.
71	Date of next meeting
	The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 20 th January 2026 at 6pm.
72	Exclusion of the Press and Public
	To consider that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.
PART 2: Items considered in the absence of the press and public	
There was no confidential business.	
Meeting closed at 17:40.	

Signed: _____

Dated: _____