



Meeting (No) **Community & Environment Committee (2)**
Time & Date **6pm, 1 June 2021**
Place **Neston Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Marple (Chair), Davies, Hinks, Kynaston, Samuel and Wastell

In attendance: Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager) and CWaC Cllr Barker

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

11 Questions and comments from residents

There were no questions or comments.

12 Apologies for absence

The Committee received apologies for absence from Cllr Griffiths (personal) and **RESOLVED** to accept the reason for absence.

13 Declarations of Interest

Agenda Item 22a (planning application 21/01441/FUL):

Cllr Kynaston – non-pecuniary interest because acquaintances live in Raby Park Road.

Cllr Hinks – non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being a resident of Raby Park Road.

RESOLVED to temporarily suspend the meeting to allow the Committee to discuss with CWaC Cllr Barker the condition of the bicycle pump at The Parade. Following discussion, the meeting resumed.

Agenda item 18 was brought forward by common consent.

18 Bicycle pump located at The Parade

- a **RESOLVED** to repair and reinstate the bicycle pump at the Donkey Stand.
- b **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Governance & Operations Manager the authority to arrange for repair/reinstatement of the bicycle pump at a maximum cost of £600+VAT from budget 4208 (environmental improvements).

CWaC Cllr Barker left the meeting.

Cllr Davies temporarily left the meeting.

14 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meetings held on 13.04.21, 28.04.21 and 05.05.21. The Chair signed the minutes.

15 Signing the minutes of previous meetings

The Chair signed the following minutes that had been approved previously during remote meetings:

11.02.20 (People)
10.06.20 (People)
03.03.20 (Places)
07.07.20 (Places)
13.10.20 (C&E)
01.12.20 (C&E)
15.12.20 (C&E)

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12.01.21 (C&E)
09.02.21 (C&E).

Cllr Davies returned to the meeting.

16 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Governance & Operations Manager's report was received. It was noted in particular that the Town Council bench in the grounds of St Thomas' Church had been removed for safety reasons and was being assessed to determine whether it was repairable. The G&O Manager also reported that the replacement bench for Well Lane (minute 73, 13.04.21) had been installed on 7 May.

17 Budget

The committee budget was considered. No action was taken.

Agenda item 18 was considered earlier following item 13.

19 Election of Vice Chair

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

20 Task & finish/working groups

a **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Davies as an additional member of the Marsh Working Group.

b **RESOLVED** to create a Neston Looking Better Group and appoint Cllrs Griffiths, Kynaston and Marple as members of the group.

RESOLVED to create a Neighbourhood Plan Task & Finish Group with a remit to review the planning section of the Neston Neighbourhood Plan in light of the proposed new planning regulations and report findings to Community & Environment Committee. Cllr Wastell was appointed to the group and it was agreed to request that Council appoint additional members.

21 Representation on external bodies

Given that CWaC have declared a climate emergency, Councillors agreed to investigate potential representation on external bodies that emphasise environmental improvements. Councillors to report findings to the July meeting at which point next steps would be agreed.

22 Planning applications

a The Committee considered planning application [21/01441/FUL](#), 28 Raby Park Road, Neston – demolition of existing dwelling and construction of four semi-detached dwellings.

RESOLVED to inform the Planning Authority (Cheshire West and Chester Council) that Neston Town Council is not opposed to development at this location, but the current proposal is inappropriate due to the apparent height and density and also the potential loss of mature habitat. In addition, the design is inappropriate and out of character with adjacent buildings.

b The Committee considered planning application [20/04075/FUL](#) (amendment/additional information), 9 Sandy Lane, Little Neston – demolition of existing dwelling & erection of up to two dwellings & associated driveways & landscaping adjacent to a Public right of Way.

RESOLVED to inform the Planning Authority (Cheshire West and Chester Council) that the revised plan does not materially change the objections made by Neston Town

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Council to the original application. In addition, the revised plan would still allow for a later application to build an additional property.

- b The Committee noted recent decisions on planning applications to which the Town Council had submitted comments.

23 Proposed 20 mph limit in Neston town centre

RESOLVED to respond to Highways that the Town Council supported the proposal to introduce a new speed limit in the centre of Neston but requested that Highways consider applying this speed limit to the whole centre and also to appropriate sections of approach roads on the grounds that it would be easier for drivers to have a consistent speed throughout the area and would be more cost-effective to introduce a single speed limit change rather than a staggered approach.

24 Proposed 30 mph limit in Upper Raby Road

RESOLVED to respond to Highways that the Town Council supported the proposal to introduce a new speed limit on Upper Raby Road. The Committee also requested that Highways be informed that the Town Council was concerned that the residents whose properties were not included in the Upper Raby Road 40 mph zone when that was created several years ago remained very disappointed and continued to feel vulnerable when slowing to turn into their driveways as commuter vehicles increased speed in the unrestricted zone. The Committee felt strongly that consistency of speed would create a safer environment for Upper Raby Road residents and agreed that a request should be made to Highways to consider reducing the speed limit to 40 mph on this section of road.

25 Hip & Harmony CIC

The Committee received an oral report from the Chair on a potential community development project. It was agreed to meet with Hip & Harmony to discuss in more detail and then to call a single item extraordinary meeting to decide whether to make a financial contribution (donation) to this project.

26 Trees for climate funding

It was agreed that the Neston Looking Better Group should be asked to investigate possible options for tree planting and report back to the Community & Environment Committee.

27 Allotments

It was agreed to recommend to Council that allotments should fall within the terms of reference of the Community and Environment Committee.

28 Christmas lights task & finish group

Cllr Samuel and Cllr Marple gave an oral update on work to date and reported that the group would be submitting recommendations for Christmas 2021 at the July Community & Environment Committee meeting.

29 Transport Sub-committee

The Committee noted minutes of the meeting held on 18.05.21 and the record of the inquorate meeting dated 05.05.21.

30 Date of next meeting

20 July 2021 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed Brenda M. Marple Date 20/7/21