

Meeting (No) **PLACES COMMITTEE (11)**
Time & Date **6pm 6 March 2018**
Place **Town Hall**
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Present: Cllrs Roberts (Chair), Chapman (from agenda item 117), Edwards, Griffiths, Kynaston and Warner.

In attendance: Miss A Duncan (Governance and Operations Manager), Cllr Lloyd, one resident and the chair of the Transport Working Group.

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

105 Questions and comments from residents

A Neston resident spoke in relation to agenda item 111. He requested that the concerns he had raised previously about the Hinderton Road junction be seen as an integral part of any new road safety plan for the A540 and be included in any Neston Town Council or CWaC considerations in future.

106 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

The absence of Cllr Cray was noted.

107 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

108 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to approve minutes of the meeting held on 28.11.17 and 16.01.18. The Chair signed the minutes.

109 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Committee considered the Governance and Operations Manager's report and noted in particular:

Speed limit on Upper Raby Road – the Town Council had helped to facilitate a consultation with residents regarding the proposed speed limit changes.

Mosquitoes – no new traps would be needed this year and the estimate of monitoring costs for 2018 would be submitted for consideration at a future meeting.

Marsh dredging – Two quotations were obtained. Parkgate dredging scheduled to be completed by the end of March but the Council's approved contractor would not be able to complete the work within the timescale. As the work would be carried out on RSPB land, the Town Council could only use contractors approved by RSPB. Under these circumstances, the contract would be fulfilled by an RSPB approved contractor for the same cost agreed by the original contractor (£5,400+VAT).

Benches – the work to secure the second Ropewalk bench to a concrete base had been completed but there would need to be a sufficiently long dry spell before the work to restore Town Council benches could commence.

Mersey Forest/Drake Road – planting scheduled to be completed during March.

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110 Budgets

The Committee considered the Committee's budgets including a recommendation from the Policy Committee to review the need for the bus and transport EMR.

The Committee decided that no changes should be made to the budgets or EMR.

111 Highways issues

- a The Committee noted the results of CWaC's speed limit assessment for the A540 between Lees Lane and Raby Park Road. The Committee expressed concern that there was a mean speed of 41.6 on section 1 of the assessed route and referred the matter to the Transport Working Group for further consideration. Transport Working Group to report back to the Places Committee.
- b The Committee noted correspondence from a resident about safety of the A540/Hinderton Road junction. The Committee also noted that CWaC was currently exploring options for the A540, including possibilities for external funding, and agreed that CWaC needed time to undertake this work.

It was agreed by common consent that agenda items 113 and 114 would be considered in reverse order.

RESOLVED to temporarily suspend the meeting (Standing Order 5a xx) to allow discussion with the Chair of the Transport Working Group in relation to the agenda items 112 and 114. Following discussion, the meeting resumed.

112 Position statement on railway access for Neston residents

- a *Recommendation to Council* – to adopt the updated version of the position statement with the addition Neston's population.
- b **RESOLVED** to request the Transport Working Group to campaign for adoption of the Council's position by utilising relevant forums and in co-operation with bodies that have similar objectives.

114 Transport Working Group

- a The Committee considered the notes of the Transport Working Group meeting held on 09/01/18.
- b **RESOLVED** to confirm Mr P Lloyd as chair of the Transport Working Group.
- c The Committee considered recommendations from the Transport Working Group.
RESOLVED to ask CWaC to use part of the Hooton Station car parking revenue to subsidise bus services to Neston and surrounding villages.
RESOLVED to request that the Transport Working Group offers advice to the Places Committee on the holistic review of traffic flows within Neston.
- c **RESOLVED** to amend the Transport Working Group's Terms of Reference to include issues relating to pedestrian travel.

113 Railway station subway improvements

RESOLVED to undertake maintenance (graffiti removal) of the station subway at a cost not exceeding £160 from budget line 4208 (environmental improvements). Work to be undertaken by the artist commissioned originally to produce the subway art. Cllr Edwards dissented from this decision.

The Chair of the Transport Working Group left the meeting.

115 Neston Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group

- a **RESOLVED** to confirm Mr R Hughes as chair of the Neston Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group.

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- b **RESOLVED** to confirm Ms T Derragh as a member of the Neston Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group.
- c The Committee agreed that the Monitoring Group should present its report to the next scheduled meeting of the Places Committee on 17 April.

116 Community Pride 2018

- a **RESOLVED** to submit two entries for the Community Pride (best kept village) 2018 competition in respect of Parkgate and Neston/Little Neston. Entries to be made in association with the Parkgate Society and the Civic Society respectively.
- b **RESOLVED** to pay the competition entry fees of £60 (Parkgate) and £75 (Neston/Little Neston) from budget line 4335 (community pride competition).

Cllr Chapman joined the meeting.

117 CWaC consultation relating to the control of dogs

The Committee agreed a response to the consultation for submission to CWaC.

118 Neston Looking Better Group

The Committee considered the meeting notes for 17.01.18 and noted the Group's concern about the planted area on the corner of Raby Road the station car park.

119 Other items

There were no other items for discussion or noting for the next agenda.

120 Next scheduled meeting

This was noted as 17.04.18 at 6pm.

121 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED to exclude the public and press for the remaining items because of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

One resident left the meeting.

PART 2: Items considered in the absence of the press and public

122 Contract for the provision and maintenance of floral arrangements

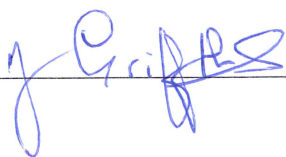
The Committee noted that the specification and invitation to submit quotations for this contract had been sent to four local contractors as well as being uploaded to the Contract Finder website, displayed on the Town Council's noticeboard and uploaded to the Town Council's website.

The Committee considered the two quotations that had been submitted.

The Committee requested clarification in relation to both quotations and agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting at 6pm on 20 March to reconsider the quotations in light of the additional information.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed



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