



Meeting (No) **Planning & Environment Committee
(No 6)**
Time & Date **6.00 pm 8th November 2016**
Place **Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllr Chambers (Chair), Griffiths, Montgomery, Pilley, Roberts (from agenda item 80) and Wilkie and Miss Duncan (Governance and Operations Manager) and Mrs McMahon (Support Officer).

In attendance: Cllr Shipman, CWaC Cllr Gittins, Chief Inspector Pengelly, Sgt Greenhalgh and one resident.

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

77 Questions and comments from residents: Mr Hadley welcomed the Town Council's request for a review of A540 traffic safety. He was, however, still concerned about safety and cited two recent traffic accidents in the area. Mr Hadley felt that a filter arrow should be added to the turning into Hinderton Road as well as a redesigned junction layout and that this should be a prelude to a wider comprehensive road safety scheme for the A540 and its junctions within Neston. Mr Hadley presented a letter which he asked to be passed to the Committee Chairman and he requested that he be kept informed of developments.

78 Apologies for absence

No apologies received.

Absent: Cllr Cray.

79 Declarations of Interest: none.

Cllr Roberts joined the meeting.

RESOLVED to temporarily suspend the meeting for the duration of agenda item 80a in order to allow discussions with Chief Inspector Pengelly and Sgt Greenhalgh.

80 Community safety

- a** The Committee received an update from Chief Inspector Pengelly and Sgt Greenhalgh on matters relating to community safety in Neston. They explained that charges had been brought in the recent violent incidents and that liaison with neighbouring forces helped them to monitor and combat anti-social behaviour. It was noted that Cheshire Police utilised a range of measures to combat anti-social behaviour: criminal behaviour orders and dispersal orders but also local partnerships and interventions. It was explained that a mobile camera was now in use in Neston which could provide valuable evidence for criminal investigations and that Rural Watch was now in place to deter theft in the local farming community, including the marking of high value equipment as part of Operation Shield. The Committee welcomed the reduction in anti-social behaviour during 2016 and requested that positive information such as this be included in future Neighbourhood Alerts along with more context in order to provide a balanced view of the situation in Neston.

The Chair thanked Chief Inspector Pengelly and Sgt Greenhalgh for their presentation.

Chief Inspector Pengelly, Sgt Greenhalgh and CWaC Cllr Gittins left the meeting at 6.50pm.

Following completion of agenda item 80a, the meeting was resumed.

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- b** As Cheshire West's Senior Integrated Early Support Manager (Community Safety) was unable to attend the meeting, it was agreed that the intended community safety update would appear on the next agenda.
- c** In view of the 80b, it was agreed that consideration of the need to request a report of the effectiveness of CWaC Community Safety Wardens in Neston would be deferred until the next meeting.

81 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to approve minutes of the meeting held on 04.10.16. The Chair signed the minutes.

82 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Committee received the Governance & Operations Manager's report and noted:

Road safety improvements to Lees Lane – the request as agreed by P&E on 04/10/16 (minute 65) had been sent to CWaC.

Leighton Road and The Runnell Safety Scheme – following agreement made by P&E on 04/10/16 (minute 64), Cllr Barker was liaising with Highways to make the necessary arrangements.

CWaC Local Plan (Part Two) consultation – the response as agreed by P&E on 04/10/16 (minute 66) was forwarded to CWaC.

Request for a review of traffic flows and pedestrian safety for Ladies Walk, Raby Road, Tannery Lane, Olive Road, Gladstone Road and Brook Street as agreed by P&E in March 2016 – update expected from Highways in the new year.

A540 traffic management (minute 59b) – following the request sent to CWaC, the Principal Engineer (Place Operations) had confirmed that the Committee would receive a full update prior to any scheme being introduced but that this would not be until the new year due to ongoing discussions with the local community.

83 Budgets

- a** The Committee considered the budget to 26.10.16 and year end projection, notes to accompany year end projection and the EMR report. The Committee made no comments on or changes to the budget or earmarked reserves.
- b** The Committee considered the Planning & Environment Committee's requirements for financial year 2017/18 and agreed to recommend to the Finance & General Purposes committee the 2017/18 P&E budget as suggested in paper PE6/83ai, £41,900. The Committee chose not to make any changes to this suggested budget.


84 Committee Strategic objectives

- a** In the absence of the P&E Chair, the Committee did not consider agenda item 84a as this was to be an oral update from the Chair.
- b** The Committee accepted the draft committee objectives in support of the Council's strategic priorities and agreed an appropriate progress rating for each.

85 Planning applications

- a** **RESOLVED** to make the following responses to planning applications:
16/04551/FUL , Denhall House Farm, Denhall Lane, Neston (erection of two holiday lets): No objection to two holiday homes provided that, if CWaC intends to grant consent, appropriate conditions are imposed to ensure that they can only ever be used as holiday homes. In addition, CWaC should seek a legal agreement with the applicant to ensure that the proposed dwellings can never be used for anything other than holiday homes.

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16/04511/FUL, land between Hinderton Nursing Home and Shell garage, Chester High Road, Neston (siting of a caravan as an agricultural worker's dwelling for three years): The Town Council wish to object to this application on the basis that we can see no need for an agricultural worker's dwelling on this site bearing in mind the close proximity of the site to the urban area of Neston.

- b** The Committee noted the Borough Council planning decisions.
- c** The Committee noted comments submitted to planning applications.

Miss Duncan left the meeting.

86 Neighbourhood Plan

The Committee received an oral update. It was noted that three further copies of the Neighbourhood Plan were to be purchased and that a meeting of the CSG was scheduled for the week commencing 14th November.

87 Consultation: CWaC Local Plan - Draft Oil & Gas Exploration, Production & Distribution Supplementary Planning Document

RESOLVED to agree the draft response to the consultation as set out in PE6/87.

88 Consultation: Residents' Parking Scheme Policy

RESOLVED to agree the draft response to the consultation as set out in paper PE6/88.

89 Consultation: Decommissioning of the public telephone box in Raeburn Road, Little Neston

RESOLVED to agree the draft response to the consultation as set out in PE6/89.

90 Community Pride competition

The Committee received the competition results and feedback for the Neston/Little Neston entry and welcomed the news of joint runner-up award. It was noted that Parkgate feedback would be considered at the next meeting.

91 Addition to contract for provision of floral arrangements

RESOLVED to amend the greening contract to incorporate planting and maintenance of a planted area beneath the Welcome to Parkgate sign on Boathouse Lane.

It was noted that written permission had been received from CWaC to carry out this work.


92 Tree planting

RESOLVED to approve that Mersey Forest be contracted to plant four more trees on Drake Road at a cost of £4,550 with £3,987 being taken from EMR 9324 (floral greening/trees) and £600 from budget line 4211 (floral arrangements/maintenance).

93 Traffic management (A540/Quarry Road)

- a** The Committee noted that a request had been submitted to CWaC to review all junctions within Neston along the A540.
- b** The Committee discussed the appropriate forum for collaborative working with Cheshire West officers and members in reviewing road safety considerations on A540, and its junctions within Neston, and agreed that an invitation be extended to Councillors to state an interest, before an approach is made to Cheshire West officers and members.

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94 Marsh dredging

The Committee noted that quotations for dredging of Parkgate marsh on a revised specification have not yet been received.

95 Gateway Walls

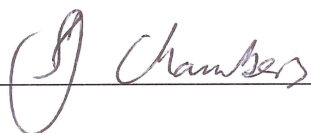
The Committee noted that planning consent had been granted for construction of "Welcome to Neston" walls on Liverpool Road and that three quotations were being sought for consideration at a future meeting.

96 Other items: None.

97 Next meeting

Noted as Tuesday 24 January 2017 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed  Date 24.1.17.