

Meeting (No) **Planning & Environment Committee
(No 8)**

Time & Date **6.00 pm 7 March 2017**

Place **Town Hall**

Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Chambers (Chair), Griffiths, Montgomery and Roberts and Miss Duncan (Governance and Operations Manager).

In attendance: Cllr Shipman and six residents.

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

120 Questions and comments from residents

Mrs Fielding (representing Mrs Lloyd) spoke in relation to agenda item 127. Mrs Fielding highlighted Mrs Lloyd's concerns relating to the safety of the junction of Raby Park Road and the A540 which she felt should be on a CWaC list for the addition of lights or a roundabout as soon as funds become available.

Mrs Romaya spoke in relation to agenda item 127. Mrs Romaya was in agreement with the points raised by Mrs Fielding and stressed that she believed the increased traffic due to the Aldi distribution centre and rebuilt school made it even more important that traffic lights should be added to the junction.

Mr Ennion (a resident who lives close to the Upper Raby Road/A540 junction) spoke in relation to agenda item 127. Mr Ennion also felt that traffic in at the Upper Raby Road/A540 junction had increased dramatically over the last 20 years and that there was also an increase in wagon traffic travelling at excessive speeds. Mr Ennion stated that a one-way system or widened road would be preferable to lights. Mr Ennion also stressed that he had not been consulted by CWaC on either the new high school development or the building of the Aldi distribution centre.

121 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Councillors Cray and Pilley.

122 Declarations of Interest

None.

Agenda items 127, 128 and 130 were brought forward by common consent.

127 Highways meeting

The committee considered a report of a meeting held between councillors and CWaC's Principal Highways Engineer and the associated recommendations regarding possible highways improvements. It was agreed that a framework for responses to the recommendations should be agreed with CWaC once the budgets for the new financial year had been fully established.

128 Traffic issues in Brook Street

The Committee considered report PE8/128.

RESOLVED to:

a) make a Freedom of Information request to Cheshire West & Chester Council to supply details of times and duration of the deployment of traffic enforcement officers in Brook Street during the past six months;

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- b) request that Cheshire West and Chester Council impose limits on the size of vehicles entering Brook Street to match those imposed on Sainsbury's, Brook Street;
- c) request that Cheshire West and Chester Council install pavement-edge bollards similar to those installed on the High Street between no 1 and no 17 Brook Street.

Five residents left the meeting.

130 Kissing gate on footpath 46X

The Committee considered CWaC's request for the Town Council's opinion on the proposed removal of the kissing gate on footpath 46X.

RESOLVED to respond to CWaC stating that the Council objected to the removal of the kissing gate.

One resident left the meeting.

123 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24.01.17. The Chair signed the minutes.

124 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Committee received the Governance and Operations Manager's Report.

125 Budgets & Strategic Objectives

- a The Committee considered the budget to 28.02.17 and noted that the amount remaining in 2016/17 budget line 4208 (Gateway Walls) would be earmark reserved before the end of the financial year.
- b The Committee considered the earmarked reserve report.
- c The Committee reviewed progress to date of the committee's annual objectives and agreed that, in light of improvements in public transport (introduction of direct bus to Arrowe Park and introduction of new service that will run every evening and all day Sunday from Neston to West Kirby), a success rating of amber would be appropriate for the objective to "improve overall public transport for Neston".

126 Annual Report

The Committee agreed that the Chair should write a contribution for the Annual Report based on what had and had not been achieved during the year.

AGENDA ITEMS 127 AND 128 WERE CONSIDERED EARLIER (AFTER AGENDA ITEM 122)

129 Flowerbed signs

The Committee considered report PE8/129.

RESOLVED to purchase five flowerbed signs at a total cost of £197.70 from budget line 4211 (floral arrangement maintenance).

AGENDA ITEM 130 WAS CONSIDERED EARLIER (BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 123)

131 Cleaning of War Memorial

It was clarified that cleaning would be to the steps and surrounding flagstones only and would not affect the war memorial itself. The Committee agreed to the cleaning of the steps and surrounding flagstones subject to any necessary permissions being obtained and risk assessments being completed.

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132 Transport Working Group

- a** The Committee considered the notes of a meeting between the Transport Working Group and CWaC Officers on 21.02.17
- b** The Committee noted that the Transport Working Group's business for the current Council year had been completed.

133 Neston Looking Better Group

The Committee considered the notes of the Neston Looking Better Group meeting on 01.03.17 and noted that the launch of the Country Trail booklet was planned for the beginning of April.

134 Neighbourhood Plan Community Steering Group

The Committee noted that Cllrs Shipman and Carter had been appointed by Council as representatives on the Community Steering Group.

135 Planning applications

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

136 Press release

The Committee chose not to issue any press releases.

137 Other items: none.

138 Next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 2 May 2017 at 6pm.

139 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.

Cllr Shipman left the meeting.


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

140 Construction of Gateway Walls

The Committee considered quotations for construction and installation of "Welcome to Neston" walls on Liverpool Road.

RESOLVED to appoint Botanica Garden Design subject to negotiating a reduction in cost from £10,600 to £10,000. It was decided that the matter would be returned to Committee for further consideration should this reduction not be successfully negotiated.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed  _____ Date 2.5.17