



<i>Meeting (No)</i>	<b>Full Council Meeting (6)</b>
<i>Time &amp; Date</i>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 6pm</b>
<i>Location</i>	<b>Neston Town Hall</b>
<b>MINUTES</b>	

<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs: Jones (Mayor), Adderley, Braithwaite, Davies, Doughty, Griffiths, Hudspeth, Kynaston, Marple, D. Ruscoe, N. Ruscoe, Swaffer, Townsend and Wastell.</p> <p>In attendance: Z. Dean (Locum Chief Officer)</p>	
<p><b>PART 1: Items considered in the presence of the press and public</b></p>	
<b>70</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Cllr Warner had submitted apologies due to a holiday.</p> <p><b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To accept the apologies for absence.</p>
<b>71</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Cllr Marple expressed a non-pecuniary interest for item 76 as a member of the Parkgate Society.</p>
<b>72</b>	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p><b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To accept and sign the minutes from the Full Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The Mayor duly signed the minutes.</p>
<b>73</b>	<p><b>Questions and Comments from Residents</b></p> <p>No members of the public were present at the meeting.</p>
<b>74</b>	<p><b>Committee Minutes</b></p> <p>a) <b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To approve the minutes from the Community &amp; Environment Committee held on 04/02/2025 and 04/03/2025.</p> <p>b) <b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To approve the minutes from the Market &amp; Town Hall Committee held on 11/02/2025.</p> <p>c) <b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To approve the minutes from the Finance &amp; Administration Committee held on 18/02/2025.</p>
<b>75</b>	<p><b>Liverpool Road Speed Limit Proposal</b></p> <p>Members noted that the map provided was confusing and subsequently debated the proposal, noting that there had recently been a road traffic accident on Liverpool Road.</p> <p><b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To unanimously recommend that the speed limit on the stated section of Liverpool Road is reduced to 40mph in line with the proposed changes. As requested, comments to be shared with CWaC's Engineering team.</p>
<b>76</b>	<p><b>Recommendation from Community &amp; Environment Committee</b></p> <p>Cllr Marple spoke both as a councillor and a member of the Parkgate Society to provide background information on the proposal. Members noted that the telephone box was part of the feature and landscape of Mostyn Square, Parkgate. In the past 12 months 40 phone calls had been made, the criteria for BT to keep the box operational is 52 calls annually. An email had been received from Cllr Barker requesting that the Town Council take on the asset, residents and the Parkgate Society had also expressed interest in keeping the telephone box, which appears to be in good condition. A survey would need to be completed on the box.</p>

	<p>Members debated the proposal, there was a degree of nervousness in attracting high spend following similar, previous acquisitions. Members queried whether the box could be handed back if deemed unsafe and a discussion was held regarding the potential of the telephone box housing a linked cash machine. Members also asked whether this could be a shared project with the Parkgate Society.</p> <p><b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To defer the decision pending further information, whilst speaking to the Parkgate Society with a discussion of apportioning costs.</p>
<b>77</b>	<b>Neston Town Council Domain</b>
a)	<b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To receive the report.
b)	<p>Members noted that it was a necessary change to a gov.uk web domain.</p> <p><b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To change the Town Council website domain to a gov.uk webpage.</p>
c)	<p>The Chief Officer explained that changing the councillors' emails to gov.uk would involve an update to Office 365 and subsequent IT support from the Council's IT technician. A suggestion was made to place this on hold for one year as the project had not been budgeted for in 2025/26.</p> <p>The decision was put to a vote. 13 x for with 1 x abstention.</p> <p><b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To transfer to gov.uk for Town Councillor email contacts at an approximate annual cost of £1,224 for 17 councillor accounts.</p>
<b>78</b>	<b>Council Risk Assessment 2024/2025</b>
	<p>The Mayor noted that an amendment had been completed and the altered page distributed at the meeting for members' attention (sheet 14) under General Power.</p> <p><b>It was RESOLVED:</b> approve the Town Council Risk Assessments 2024/2025.</p>
<b>79</b>	<b>Assets and Insurance</b>
a)	<p>There was a query regarding telephone boxes. The Chief Officer clarified that the price insured was 'new for old' and this would be the cost of replacement, less haulage costs.</p> <p><b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To approve the Fixed Asset List up to 31/03/2025.</p>
b)	<b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To agree all items with the total sum insured as at: £121,939.61.
<b>80</b>	<b>Locum Chief Officer's Report</b>
	<p>A question was asked regarding the new windows at the front and side of the building, which are planned for replacement by CWaC in the new financial year. It was noted that NTC is grateful for what CWaC is able to provide.</p> <p>Members queried the reason for the Post Office move to the van. The Chief Officer explained that the notification of the change had been received via Post Office personnel, with no reason given.</p> <p><b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To receive the Locum Chief Officer's Report.</p>
<b>81</b>	<b>Exclusion of the Public and Press</b>
	<b>It was RESOLVED:</b> 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.
<b>PART 2: Items considered in the absence of the Press and Public</b>	

Mayor's Initial & Date:

<b>82</b>	<b>Banking Update</b>
	<b>It was RESOLVED:</b> To accept the report.

**Meeting closed at 18:52.**

**Signed**\_\_\_\_\_ **Dated**\_\_\_\_\_