

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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Northwich
town council

DATE: 28th February 2023

To: The Members of Northwich Town Council

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the at the **Council Chamber, 78 Church Road, Northwich, CW9 5PB** held on **Monday 6th March 2023 at 6.00 pm.**

Yours Sincerely

Chris Shaw

Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Grants awards

Mayor to present cheques to Grants awarded

2. To receive a presentation on the Festival of the Future

3. Apologies for absence or absence

4. Declaration of interest

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

- * Pecuniary interest
- * Outside bodies interest
- * Family, friend, or close associate interest

5. Open Forum

Members of the public will be allowed to speak at the Open Forum section of this meeting on the understanding that any topics raised will have been forwarded in writing to the Town Clerk at the above address prior to the date of the meeting. Public Question Time to be a maximum of 10 minutes.

6. Signing of the Minutes

Of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023 (minutes attached)
[Members are required to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record](#)

7. Reports of Committees

- 6.1 To note Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 20th February 2023 (minutes attached)
- 6.2 To note Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 27th February 2023 (minutes attached)

8. Town Mayor's Communication

List of civic events that the Town Mayor has attended during the last month
[Report attached](#)

9. Town Clerk's Report

To consider the Town Clerks Report

[Report attached](#)

10. Skatepark Refurbishment

To note report attached

11. HS2 Petitioning

To receive an update from Cllr Cooper

12. New Cremation Vaults Witton Cemetery

To note report attached

13. Women in Sport

To receive an update from Cllr Siddall

14. CW&C Councillor Updates

[To receive updates from Members](#)

15. Outside Bodies

[To receive an update from any member attending meetings of outside bodies](#)

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 6.00 pm.

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 6th March, 2023

Agenda Item : 1

Prepared By : Theresa Cash

Subject : Presentation of Grants cheques



Grant awards are being presented this evening to the following causes who were successful in obtaining Grants they applied for. The applications were considered by the Grants Committee when they met on 24th January.

Cheshire Children's Schools F.A.	John Clark will receive a cheque for	£300
Community Yarn Bombing	Ms. Katie Brown will receive a cheque for	£500
Community Children's Area at The Venue	Jay and Cat will receive a cheque for	£500
Festival for the Future 2023	Ms. Poppy Garrett will receive a cheque for	£1500
Northwich Basketball Club	Tom Shubrook will receive a cheque for	£1000

The Town Mayor will make the presentations.

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2023

Present:

Cllr G. Emmett

Town Mayor

Councillors:

Cllr. S. Bennett
Cllr. R. Cernik (joined at 6.55)
Cllr. A. Stott
Cllr. S. Naylor (joined at 6.15)
Cllr. A Cooper

Cllr. Mrs J. Illidge Cllr. Ms A Gerrard
Cllr. L. Siddall Cllr. Mrs O Dean
Cllr. Miss C Fox Cllr. Ms R Waterman
Cllr. Ms. J Macdonald Cllr. M. McNamee

Also present: Chris Shaw
 Liza Clansey
 Theresa Cash

Town Clerk
Assistant Town Clerk
Council Secretary/Mayor's P.A.

Before this meeting began the Town Mayor wished to welcome Mr Eric Hodgson, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, who has expressed an affection for our town.

NTC 22/107 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. Bowden,(LOA) K. Cernik, ,
,A. Lockett, , B. Holland and J Thomas. Cllrs. T Melville and G. Edwards did not attend.

NTC 22/108 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

- Pecuniary Interest
- Outside Bodies Interest
- Family, Friend or Close Associate interest

Cllr.B. Cernik declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Cllr S. Naylor declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Cllr. A. Cooper declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council

Cllr. Ms A. Gerrard declared an interest in any matters relating to Rudheath Parish Council

Cllr. Mrs. O. Dean declared an interest in any matters relating to Rudheath Parish Council

NTC 22/109 OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers

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Cllr. G. Emmett Town Mayor

NTC 22/110 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr. Stott seconded by Cllr Macdonald . Minutes to be signed by the Mayor. All in favour.

NTC 22/111 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 6.1 To note the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023. Noted by Cllr. G. Emmett.
- 6.2 To note the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on Monday 23rd January, 2023. Noted by Cllr. Stott
- 6.3 To note the Grants Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 25th January, 2023. Was not noted and will be deferred, to next Full Council meeting.

NTC 22/112 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

There were 4 events attended by the Town Mayor and Deputy during January

Monday 16 th January	Charles Darwin Primary School	Greatest Show on Earth Exhibition
Wednesday 18 th January 2023	Rotary Club NVR	Charter Dinner
Thursday 19 th January	FI Real Estate Management	Grand Opening Tour of Winnington Business Park
Friday 27 th January	Community ReAwards	Annual Awards evening – Deputy Mayor also attended.

Updates were given by the Town Mayor on the events attended. The Mayor also read a letter of thanks from St. Luke's Hospice expressing their gratitude for the Christmas Tree supplied and erected by NTC, and how much it means to their staff, visitors and residents.

NTC 22/113 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

Northwich Skate Park

We are now in contact with contractors who will be able to deliver this project. Site meetings have been arranged and we have visited numerous sites in the North West to look at existing designs and build options. I will give a full report to members ASAP with recommendations and design.

A meeting will also be organised with the friends of group and end users to ensure we deliver the best possible facility for our residents following our success in securing the funding.

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Cllr. G. Emmett Town Mayor

Northwich Events

The following events list has been produced and shows the extent of the events calendar in Northwich which is delivered by various partners.

Event	Date	Day	Lead Partner	Confirmed	Promoted
Artisan Market Feb	11/02/2023	Saturday	The Market Co	Yes	Yes
Artisan Market Mar	11/03/2023	Saturday	The Market Co	Yes	Yes
Northwich Grub Club	06/04/2023	Thursday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Artisan Market Apr	08/04/2023	Saturday	The Market Co	Yes	Yes
Young Producers Event	16/04/2023	Sunday	Cheshire Dance	No	No
Northwich Grub Club	04/05/2023	Thursday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Coronation Concert	07/05/2023	Sunday	Roberts Bakery	No	No
Artisan Market May	13/05/2023	Saturday	The Market Co	Yes	Yes
Spring Food Festival	27/05/2023	Saturday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Spring Food Festival	28/05/2023	Sunday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Spring Food Festival	29/05/2023	Monday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Northwich Grub Club	01/06/2023	Thursday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Transformers Visit	02/06/2023	Friday	The Entertainer	No	No
Verdin Park Music Festival	09/06/2023	Friday	Northwich Town Council	Yes	No
Verdin Park Music Festival	10/06/2023	Saturday	Northwich Town Council	Yes	No
Artisan Market Jun	10/06/2023	Saturday	The Market Co	Yes	Yes
Annual Diversion	11/06/2023	Sunday	The Salty Dog	Yes	No
Pride	17/06/2023	Saturday	TBC	No	No
Festival Of Arts Launch	01/07/2023	Saturday	Northwich BID	Yes	No
Scooter Rally	02/07/2023	Sunday	Northwich BID	Yes	No
Northwich Grub Club	06/07/2023	Thursday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Artisan Market Jul	08/07/2023	Saturday	The Market Co	Yes	Yes
River Festival	15/07/2023	Saturday	Rotary Northwich	Yes	No
Krazy Races	16/07/2023	Sunday	Northwich Town Council	Yes	Yes
Crazy Golfing Trail	22/07/2023	Saturday	Northwich BID	No	No

Northwich Grub Club	03/08/2023	Thursday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Summer Food Festival	05/08/2023	Saturday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Summer Food Festival	06/08/2023	Sunday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Artisan Market Aug	12/08/2023	Saturday	The Market Co	Yes	Yes
Pina Colada Festival	19/08/2023	Saturday	Northwich BID	Yes	No
Final Summer Event Day - TBC	26/08/2023	Saturday	Northwich BID	No	No
Cam The Cat From Squishmallows	02/09/2023	Saturday	The Entertainer	Yes	Yes
Northwich Grub Club	07/09/2023	Thursday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Artisan Market Sep	09/09/2023	Saturday	The Market Co	Yes	Yes
Beer Festival	15/09/2023	Friday	Rotary Northwich	Yes	No
Beer Festival	16/09/2023	Saturday	Rotary Northwich	Yes	No
Northwich Grub Club	05/10/2023	Thursday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Now Northwich	07/10/2023	Saturday	Cheshire Dance	No	No
Artisan Market Oct	14/10/2023	Saturday	The Market Co	Yes	Yes
Firefest	04/11/2023	Saturday	Rotary Northwich	Yes	No
Artisan Market Nov	11/11/2023	Saturday	The Market Co	Yes	Yes
Christmas Extravaganza	25/11/2023	Saturday	Northwich Town Council	Yes	No
Christmas Food Festival	02/12/2023	Saturday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Christmas Food Festival	03/12/2023	Sunday	Cocker Hoop Creative	Yes	No
Artisan Market Dec	09/12/2023	Saturday	The Market Co	Yes	Yes

Artisan Market Saturday 11th February 2023

The Northwich Artisan Market will take place on Saturday 11th February and NTC shall have our new look stand after discussions at the January meeting asking for more leaflets and information.

11.00 – Cllr. Graham Emmett
12.00 – Cllr Janet Illidge
13.00 – Cllr. Brian Holland
14.00 – Cllr. Julie Macdonald

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Cllr. G. Emmett Town Mayor

NTC 22/114 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Report distributed to Members prior to this meeting. Assistant Town Clerk explained some highlighted items. Proposed to accept by Cllr. Fox, seconded by Cllr. Gerrard. All in favour.
Approved

NTC 22/115 FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Report distributed to Members prior to this meeting. Proposed to accept by Cllr. Dean, seconded by Cllr. Cooper. All in favour.
Approved

NTC 22/116 FIXED ASSET REGISTER

Report distributed to Members prior to this meeting. Cllr. Cooper queried some figures quoted in respect of Old Hall Road play area. It was proposed to accept with condition that this is checked and brought to Finance Committee and if necessary, a small adjustment made and approved by Finance. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Gerrard.
Approved

NTC 22/117 PRECEPT 2023-2024

Town Clerk gave background to the justification statement previously distributed to members. Finance Committee have been presented with the 2023/24 budget In the January meeting and have recommended that Full Council approve the precept figure for 2023/24. This budget offers value for money for Northwich residents with no increase yet again this year whilst delivering key services and initiatives throughout the town.

Projects and initiatives 2022/23

This budget will deliver the following improvements for Northwich residents.

Planned Improvements

- Continued improvements to our parks and open spaces.
- A new Northwich Skate Park delivered with partners.
- Continued partnership working with local stakeholders to improve the appearance of Northwich Town Centre and surrounding areas.
- Increase in floral displays.
- Improvements to cemetery paths and additional cremated remains areas.
- Continued installation of AED's (Defibrillators) throughout the town.
- New Wildflower areas.
- Additional Christmas Lights.
- Partnership working with local agencies to combat ASB and provide youth activities.

Events

Northwich is now the envy of Cheshire with a wide range of events taking place throughout the year with most events free to attend and be involved in. The strong partnership working with local organisations ensure our events go from strength to strength. The following events will be delivered with partners throughout the year. The above Precept proposed by Cllr. Fox and seconded by Cllr. McNamee to accept. All in favour.

Approved

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Cllr. G. Emmett Town Mayor

NTC 22/117 cont'd

- Krazy Races
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Pina Colada Festival
- NOW festival
- Artisan & Vegan Markets
- Christmas Extravaganza
- Music Festivals
- River Festivals
- Food festivals
- Christmas Light Switch On

Services

Northwich Town Council provide a wide range of services to the Northwich Community including cemeteries, open spaces, allotments and play areas.

Members have agreed for Church Walk Paddling pool being free to attend for all, this fantastic facility is known throughout the North West and brings visitors into the town to enjoy a free day out during these difficult financial times.

Vickersway Park is a firm favourite with locals, Verdin Park now sees additional events staged there and will see additional investment this year.

The above events, improvements and projects are just the tip of the iceberg in what NTC deliver.

Town Clerk believe this budget gives value for money and will see increased spend on existing facilities and initiatives throughout the year. This is achieved by a forward thinking Council who use their experience to generate additional income to invest into our town for our residents.

Members to approve Band D charge of **£76.86** for 2023/24 which means the cost to residents will remain the same as 2022/23.

Cllr. Naylor welcomed the recommendation of no increase over the last 7 years. Other Town and Parishes are having to increase their precept. This demonstrates the hard work and commitment by NTC. Cllr Waterman agreed that no increase this year, but the same high standards of work. Cllr. Cooper added this is a great achievement with forward thinking and the key to this is partnership working to deliver.

NTC 22/118 NORTHWICH TOWN CENTRE MULTI AGENCY DROP-IN

Invitation to this event from The Environment Agency, CW&C and United Utilities was sent to all Councillors prior to this meeting. Cllr. Naylor welcomes this to allay criticism on the Town's answer to flooding.

NTC 22/119 SOOT HILL REPAIR

Letter from Comberbach Parish Council to CEO Andrew Lewis (CW&C) relating to the current situation of Soot Hill. Contents were noted.

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Cllr. G. Emmett Town Mayor

.NTC 22/120 WOMEN IN SPORT CHAMPIONS

Cllr. Siddall gave background to this initiative. Has met with CEO and Founder of Motherwell Cheshire, Kate Blakemore, who is putting together a Women in Sport pledge for Town Councillors working towards each town having a Women In Sport Champion. The lady works with many organisations for Women and Girls providing support. Also wants to be aware of existing Women's Sports Groups locally, and help support fundraising initiatives. Cllr. Naylor pointed out that there are already female football and netball teams meeting at Moss Farm at weekends through the Vale Royal partnership. Contacts are already in place to engage and encourage females to get involved in Sports. Cllr Waterman has many useful contacts including Active Cheshire for sports of this nature including safeguarding etc. The Town Mayor proposes for Cllrs. Waterman and Siddall to get together going forward. Cllr Cooper advised that CW&C are already looking at this and other initiatives and has initiated a commission on the matter of safe and active participants. The Town Mayor proposes a meeting to be arranged with Cllrs. Waterman and Siddall who will also invite Cllr. Lockett who may be interested.

Resolved

NTC 22/121 CW&C COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr. Cooper advised that the temporary Library is now open in Weaver Hall Museum with great facilities available, and is also a 'Warm Hub'.

Engagement is taking place in relation to the Dane Valley Woodland. Positive feedback received. Have linked in the Crime Team at Cheshire Police. Plans should commence in September this year.

CW&C budget is coming up for discussion this month. CW&C have been asked for proposals to spend the monies allocated under the UKSPF. There is now a short time scale to apply. There is £1.8m allocated with £1.2m being spent on Borough wide projects.

Northwich has had comparable funding in the past for several projects e.g. Town Centre Heritage project, and the NOW Festival has had funding over the past few years. Criticism that Northwich are not getting a 'fair share' is unjustified.

Cllr. Siddall referred to the recent interview that Cllr. Cooper had with Radio Northwich and felt much of the content was very well put over. Cllr. Siddall does not believe Northwich are getting a fair share and mentioned the many projects in Chester having taken place.

Cllr. Fox commented that she is very passionate about getting funding for Northwich but we are in a competitive market. Chester is a very important City and there will be further investment. Levelling up happens across the U.K., and felt we should engage more with CW&C Regeneration Team to know what updates are available for our current projects including Weaver Square and the Library.

Cllr Cooper agreed with these comments and added that large investment has been seen in Northwich over many years with priority initiatives.

Cllr. Naylor mentioned all the investment to Northwich over many years, including mine filling, Memorial Court/Leisure Centre and gyratory system. Negativity creates the wrong impression of what Northwich has had. Cllr. B. Cernik added it doesn't do good to say that Chester 'gets everything'. CW&C have responsibility for all towns in the Borough, it is a very well run organisation and is well regarded.

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Cllr. G. Emmett Town Mayor

NTC 22/122 OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Emmett attended a meeting to discuss the proposed sale of the Canal and River Trust property on Navigation Road. The property is in a dilapidated state but there is a business trading in part of the building. CRT are firm on a sale and a follow up meeting has been arranged. Cllr. Cooper agreed it was an interesting meeting with a CW&C Representative present, who advised the site includes three listed buildings, is in a Conservation Area and Flood Zone 2. Is not suitable for housing. CRT will only sell if the right Partnership comes along.

Cllrs. Dean and Gerrard gave background to St John's playing field which is being proposed as development for 46 houses and a Care Home, which will take most of the field, leaving a small play area. Councillors on Rudheath Parish Council are objecting most strongly to this as the football pitch is regularly used with a planned programme of events covering the Coronation weekend, and is used for several Charity football matches. Developers have suggested alternative football pitches but these are not suitable and are not local to Rudheath. Cllr. Fox suggests RPC getting in touch with National Playing Fields Association. There are 2 weeks for CW&C to decide the fields community value. Cllr Naylor said that NTC need to do everything possible to protect this valuable piece of land, and to support Cllrs. Dean, Gerrard and residents in their fight to object to this proposal and preserve the field.

NTC 22/123 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next Full Council Meeting will be held on Monday 6th March 2023 at 6.00 pm.
Meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.

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Cllr. G. Emmett Town Mayor

PART B

In accordance with the Local Government Act Public Admittance to meetings Act 1960, the following Agenda item is to be considered in the absence of Press and Public.

NTC 22/124 TOWN CENTRE TOILETS

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2023 at 6.30 pm

Members Present : Cllr T Melville
Cllr Mrs K Cernik
Cllr Ms J Thomas
Cllr G Emmett
Cllr L Siddall
Cllr M McNamee
Cllr Ms C Fox
Cllr Ms R Waterman

Also Present : Chris Shaw - Town Clerk
Liza Clansey – Assistant Town Clerk

FIN22/67 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr G Emmett, Cllr S Naylor and Cllr Ms J Macdonald.

FIN 22/68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were given by Cllr Mrs K Cernik in relation to CW&C.

FIN 22/69 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 16th of January 2023 and noted at Full Council meeting on Monday 6th of February 2023 were approved.

Proposed Cllr L Siddall, seconded Cllr M McNamee, all agreed

FIN 22/70 DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET

TC, AC & FO answered various members questions relating to budget headings.

- Building and Maintenance Projects – spend of 27,000. TC explained this line is used for all building/projects/maintenance such as new paths etc
- Skips and waste removal is over budget by 1092.00, this is due to the skips needed to be emptied more frequently
- Skate Park – match funding is now complete, a meeting with skaters will soon take place in the chapel to discuss future plans
- The Friendly Bench – this should be installed within Vickersway Park in the next 2-3 weeks
- Gorstage – TC advised members we have just quoted for new contract work in this area
- Rudheath Cemetery – we have won back the contract for this Cemetery

Proposed Cllr Mrs K Cernik, seconded Cllr Ms J Thomas, all agreed

FIN 22/71 BACS DUE FOR PAYMENT

Bacs payments and direct debit figure approved £97,691.13

Proposed by Cllr Ms R Waterman and seconded by Cllr Mrs K Cernik, all agreed

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Cllr Ms C Fox

FIN 22/72 BANK PAYMENTS TO BE CHECKED BY FINANCE

Members approved evidence for payments made in December (November 22 invoices)

Intelligent Monitoring Systems - £368.64
Karl Brooks - £200.00

Proposed by Cllr T Melville seconded by Cllr Mrs K Cernik, all agreed

Members picked two suppliers from January payments (December invoices), evidence to be brought to finance meeting in March 2023

A Vlies, Northwich Metals - £540.00
Bounce Back Safety Surfaces - £2856.00

Proposed by Cllr Ms C Fox seconded by Cllr M McNamee, all agreed

FIN 22/73 ASSET REGISTER

At February's Full Council Meeting the asset register was approved with the following recommendation – Some play area figures on the asset register were queried as some showed as £1.00 and others that had new play equipment purchased showed the cost of the new equipment. It was agreed that ATC checked this with the internal Auditor and any amendments that needed to be made could be agreed by Finance Committee.

ATC checked with John Henry (Internal Auditor) who said play areas that have been an asset transfer to NTC should be valued at £1. When capital spend on the play equipment has been made by NTC it needs to show the value cost and not £1.00.

Finance Committee queried that office buildings/shops/Witton Cemetery are also all valued at £1.00 and show none of the refurbishment costs in the value.

TC to check with Jackie Weaver and bring to Full Council in March.

Proposed by Cllr L Siddall and seconded by Cllr M McNamee, all agreed

FIN 22/73 SANCTUM VAULT NEW SECTION UPDATE

Further to previous agenda item at Full Council, the new sanctum area in Witton Cemetery is almost ready to begin. TC and AC met with Granart Memorials today. The vaults they provide are very similar to the Columbaria vaults but the availability of vaults and costs are more competitive. They will deliver and fit ten vaults FOC which NTC will pay as and when they are sold.

Granart Memorials also provide benches with ten plaques (rather than three) which means the cost of the bench is far more affordable than a bench with three plaques as the cost would be split ten ways instead of three.

Finance agreed we continue with Granart Memorials.

Proposed: Cllr T Melville and seconded Cllr Ms J Thomas, all agreed

FIN 22/73 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting Monday 20th March 2023 at 6.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.10pm

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Cllr Ms C Fox - Chair

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2023

Members Present

Cllr A Stott (Chair)	Cllr. A. Cooper
Cllr. G. Emmett	Cllr. B. Holland
Cllr. S. Bennett	Cllr. R. Cernik
Cllr. Mrs J. Illidge	

Also present Mrs. Theresa Cash – Council Secretary/Mayor's P.A.

PL 22/40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, OR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs. Bowden, (LOA) C. Fox and T. Melville

PL 22/41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

- Pecuniary Interest
- Outside Bodies Interest
- Family, Friend, or Close Associate interest

Cllr. Cernik declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Cllr Cooper declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

PL 22/42 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

Of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd January, 2023 and were noted at the Full Council Meeting held on Monday, 6th February, 2023. Proposed by Cllr. Emmett seconded by Cllr. Holland. All in favour.

PL 22/43 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 22/04632/FUL

Single storey rear extension

1 Wheelock Close, Northwich CW9 8TQ

This application is not within the Northwich Parish boundary (Kingsmead)

2. 23/00057/PMA

Proposed conversion of existing shop unit first floor storage area to 1 no. flat

40 High Street Northwich CW9 5BE

No objections

3. 23/00063/FUL

Dropped kerb on a classified road.

227 Middlewich Road Northwich CW9 7DN

Approval already granted

4. 23/00154/FUL

To establish the use of the building as offices with staff parking for Platinum Financial Services since 1990.

6 Middlewich Road, Northwich CW9 7AP

No objections

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Cllr A Stott - Chair

5. 23/00035/TEL

Proposed 5G telecoms installation: H3G 20m street pole and additional equipment cabinets.

Telecommunications Chester Way Northwich

The Committee suggests that the cabinets and pole be positioned further back from the pavement to avoid furniture clutter for pavement users. This site is also on the periphery of a Conservation Area.

6. 22/04724/FUL

Rear and side extension to existing church building.

Bethel Church Hargreaves Road Northwich Cheshire CW9 7BL

No objections

7. 23/00261/TPO

Large Cypress(T1) – Request to fell by approx... 10m as the tree is multi-stemmed and too tall with poor unions and at risk of falling. 2 x Tall thin Cypress trees (T2 and T3) – Request to fell to ground level due to the poor shape and form of the trees due to overcrowding. One of these trees has already had a stem failure. These trees are not to be replaced due to overcrowding. 2 x Lime trees (T4 and T5) at side of property. – Request to reduce to previous pollarded height for maintenance reasons, leaving branches below this height.

252 London Road Northwich CW9 8AJ

No objections subject to the Tree Officer's satisfaction with the proposal.

8. 23/00305/TEL

The installation of a 15 metre high slim-line monopole, supporting 6 no. antennas with 1 no. wraparound equipment cabinet, and ancillary development thereto.

Land near junction of Castle Court and Chester Road Northwich

The Committee again have objections to the positioning, which is too close to residential properties, and we reiterate our previous comments. We cannot accept positions submitted numbers, 2,3, 4 and 5. Therefore we suggest the applicant looks at other alternatives.

9. 23/00369/FUL

Demolition of existing lock up garages and erection of two detached dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping.

Land adjacent to 47 Park Street Northwich

No objections

10.23/00389/FUL

Single storey rear extension

7 Manor Street Northwich

No objections

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Cllr A Stott - Chair

PL 22/44 HS2 SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr. Cooper advised that he will be attending a HS2 Select Committee meeting at Westminster with Cllr. Emmett (Town Mayor) on Monday 27th March. It was agreed that the next Planning and Environment Committee Meeting be postponed until Tuesday 28th March 2023. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Stott. All in favour.

PL 22/45 NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th March, 2023 at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

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Cllr A Stott - Chair

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 6th March, 2023

Agenda Item : 8

Prepared By : Theresa Cash

Subject : Town Mayors Communications



**There were 10
events attended by the Town Mayor and Deputy during February**

Thursday 2 nd February	Knutsford T.C.	Charity Pub Quiz
Friday 3 rd February	NTC	Defibrillator install at Castle Private Club. Photocall
Sunday 5 th February	Mayor of Neston	Civic Service
Tuesday 7 th February	Christ Church Barnton	Induction of new Vicar in Charge
Thursday 9 th February	CWAC	Tree planting with volunteers
Wednesday 15 th February	Sir John Deane's 6 th Form College	Little Shop of Horrors production
Thursday 16 th February	North West Ambulance Service	'Talk to Us' event at Memorial Court
21st February	Co-op Northwich event	Fairtrade/Ethical/Sustainable Products Deputy Mayor attended
Friday 24 th February	Storengy	Sustainability launch and tour of the site.
Sunday 26 th February	Congleton Town Mayor	Strictly High Tea Deputy Mayor also attended

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 6th March, 2023

Agenda Item : 9

Prepared By : Chris Shaw

Subject : Town Clerks Report



Northwich Town Centre Toilets (Weaver Square)

From 1st April 2023 Northwich Town Council will no longer be cleansing the Town Centre toilets in Weaver Square. This will now be undertaken by an alternative provider and all enquiries relating to the cleaning of these facilities will now fall under the responsibility of Cheshire West & Chester Council.

Grounds Operative and Town Ranger

We currently have vacancies for Grounds Operatives and a Town Ranger to join our existing teams. These positions have been advertised locally and on INDEED.

Vickersway Park

Vickersway Park shop will open again for the summer season on April 1st with a full range of ice creams, hot and cold drinks and snacks. All our amenities will be open for the community to come and enjoy.

Friendly Bench

The Vickersway Friendly bench will be installed in April after the landscaping of the chosen area has taken place. It is hoped that local groups will use the bench and we have already been in contact with the local Rangers from CW&C about starting some of their walks from there.

Inclusive Roundabout Church Walk Play Area

We have been successful in securing some funding to install an inclusive roundabout in Church Walk play area to replace the existing kit.

Funding has come from Toyota UK through the Oakmere Toyota group, and Northwich Rotary Club with matched funding from NTC. This will be installed for the summer and we will be inviting Rotary & Oakmere Toyota to an official unveiling of the new equipment.

Artisan Market Saturday 11th March 2023

The Northwich Artisan Market will take place on Saturday 11th March following our Strategic Planning Day, this will be the last opportunity before purdah to discuss any concerns with residents.

14.00 –

15.00 –

Members to volunteer for the listed times above.

Chris Shaw

Town Clerk

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 6th March, 2023

Agenda Item : 10

Prepared By : Chris Shaw

Subject : Skatepark Refurbishment



Update

Following on from our successful funding applications and Spacehive campaign I have now met with 4 suppliers on site to discuss the refurbishment.

Tender documents have been sent to the following suppliers:-

- Wheelscape
- Bendcrete
- Canvas
- Clark & Kent

Once designs and costs are submitted I will be holding a further consultation with the community so they can have another chance to have an input in the final design.

I will advise members when this consultation event will take place and bring the final designs and costs to Amenities and Full Council for final approval.

Chris Shaw

Town Clerk

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 6th March, 2023

Agenda Item : 12

Prepared By : Chris Shaw

Subject : New Cremation Vaults (Witton Cemetery)



Background

In 2014 Council installed a new cremated remains vault section as we had run out of existing plots within the cemetery. These vaults have proved popular with residents who wish to have an option to lay their loved ones to rest in Northwich.

This section is now full and we have had requests for a further section to accommodate the communities needs going forward. Members agreed to install a further section as you enter the cemetery which will also see the decorative font refurbished and secured.

Also being installed in the area will be 3 benches with up to 10 memorial plaques on each so that loved ones can be remembered if they do not have a memorial stone on their existing plots.

The area will be completed by 11th March and our fees will be updated and approved at the next Finance meeting.

Chris Shaw

Town Clerk