

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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DATE: 28th August 2024

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 2nd September at 6.00pm.**

Yours Sincerely

Chris Shaw

Chief Officer

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declaration of interest

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

*Pecuniary interest

*Outside bodies interest

*Family, friend, or close associate interest

3. 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 Chief Officer at the above address prior to the date of the meeting.

Public Question Time to be a maximum of 10 minutes.

4. Signing of the Minutes

4.1. Of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024. Minutes attached.

[Members are required to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.](#)

5. Reports of Committees

5.1 To note Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 15th July 2024 and 19th August 2024. Minutes attached.

[Members to note the minutes.](#)

5.2 To note Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 22nd July 2024 and 27th August 2024

[Members to note minutes.](#)

6. Town Mayor's Communication

List of Civic Events that the Town Mayor has attended during July and August 2024 (attached)

[Members to note the report.](#)

7. Chief Officers Report

Report attached

[Members to note the report.](#)

8. Events Update

Report attached

[Members to note the report](#)

9. Police Update

To receive a report from Northwich Police

10. Outside Bodies

To receive an update from any member attending meetings of outside bodies

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th October at 6.00 pm.

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 1st July 2024

Present:

Cllr Kate Cernik Town Mayor

Councillors:

Cllr Andy Kent	Cllr Amy Lockett
Cllr Catriona Stewart	Cllr Andy Stott
Cllr Julie MacDonald	Cllr Bob Cernik
Cllr Arthur Neil	Cllr Joanne Callaghan
Cllr Alison Gerrard	Cllr Sam Naylor
Cllr Catherine Fox	Cllr Lee Siddall
Cllr Rachel Waterman	

Also present:

Chris Shaw Chief Officer
Cath Kirwan Deputy Chief Officer/Responsible Finance Officer

NTC 24/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Graham Emmett, Cllr Janet Illidge, Cllr Tom Melville, Cllr Jane Thomas, Cllr Olwyn Dean and Cllr Patricia Parkes.

NTC 24/14 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE KINGS HONOURS

Presented by: Eric Hodgson, Susan Sellars, and Mark Cashlin from the Cheshire Lieutenantcy Eric Hodgson explained the criteria for the King's Honours and requested help with nominations.

Susan Sellars is organizing nominations for the honours, which recognise outstanding achievements within the community.

Eligibility: No age restrictions; nominees must be currently active in their roles, typically for at least 3 years.

Nomination Requirements: Evidence, such as awards or memorable stories, is essential. Nominations require letters from two people, and confidentiality is maintained.

Support: Advice and mentorship are available for the nomination process. Process: After submission to the Cabinet Office, a due diligence process follows, taking up to 18 months before the King offers the honour.

Royal Garden Parties: These are additional recognition opportunities. Nominations are accepted year-round but must be submitted before December 1st.

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Cllr Kate Cernik
Town Mayor

Mark Cashlin emphasised the importance of community involvement in the nomination process. He also explained the King's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award for voluntary organisations.

Eligibility: Organisations must be at least 3 years old, have more volunteers than staff, and cannot focus solely on animal welfare. Previous winners or recent nominees are not eligible.

Recognition: The award includes the King's logo, a crystal award, and an invite to Buckingham Palace.

Councillors' Questions and Discussions

Councillor Sam Naylor inquired about the nomination process timeline, noting the impact of COVID-

19. Susan Sellars confirmed the process could take 18 months. Councillor Sam Naylor also asked if unsuccessful nominees are informed. Susan Sellars confirmed nominators can inquire with the Cabinet for updates.

Councillor Bob Cernik asked whether the honour level can be chosen. Susan Sellars clarified that this decision is made by the Cabinet.

Councillor Rachel Waterman encouraged councillors to consider nominations, highlighting the many unsung heroes in the town.

Councillor Kate Cernik suggested adding this topic to future agendas to create a systematic nomination approach.

Susan Sellars reiterated her team's support in recognizing unsung heroes and outstanding organisations.

Councillor Sam Naylor asked if overseas organisations can be nominated. Mark will confirm this later.

Mayor Kate Cernik thanked the presenters and highlighted the council's connections to the community, emphasising the council's role in nominations.

NTC 24/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

Pecuniary Interest

Outside Bodies Interest

Family, Friend or Close Associate interest

Cllr Arthur Neil and Cllr Sam Naylor declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council. Cllr Alison Gerrard declared an interest in any matters relating to Rudheath Parish Council.

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Cllr Kate Cernik
Town Mayor

NTC 24/16 OPEN FORUM

Jan Smallwood (William Street resident) is concerned about the back alleyways, there has been a lot of fly tipping and in lockdown tidied her alleyway. This took a lot of work and a neighbour joined in and then another neighbour. In tidying this area up the fly tipping has reduced. The Council took 5 months to remove the waste but in threatening to go to the newspaper it was removed in a couple of days. A lot of people now use the alleyway, and the residents are very proud of what has been achieved. JS is asking for help towards a green bin to remove the waste. Another neighbour who is keen to help has asked if a gate can be installed to secure the area. Photos have been passed round and the alleyway is very impressive now. Councillor Catherine Fox confirmed that to get gates you would need everybody to agree and who would hold the keys to the gates. It is not impossible to achieve but everyone would need to agree. You may need to seek some legal guidance. These schemes have worked in Salford.

Councillor Kate Cernik commented that when she was a CWaC Councillor she had tried to implement this initiative in Winnington but unfortunately it was very difficult to achieve. Also, an agreement was required from the Police regarding anti-social behaviour. The assessment from the Police was that this could create more issues. Unfortunately, Northwich Town Council would be unable to help but advised that your Cheshire West and Chester ward councillor can offer advice and support on this matter.

Councillor Bob Cernik commented on the gating. When you are making your gardens look this beautiful you can apply for a grant for Northwich Town Council for funding towards the gate.

Councillor Julie MacDonald could other neighbours help cover the cost of a green bin. JS commented that she felt that she is saving CWaC money, alternatively apply for this through the grant at NTC.

Councillor Lee Siddall commented that it is pride in the community and not all people want to be involved. Could NTC have an Alley Awards system.

Councillor Arthur Neil commented that him and Councillor Fliss are meeting with CWaC Streetscene and will be asking for some alleyways to be tidied up and hopefully some schools will get involved.

Councillor Kate Cernik summarised that this is a careful situation and please apply for a NTC grant.

Councillor Sam Naylor praised JS for her hard work and will help with the council application and will do his best to offer support and use the alleyway as an example.

Councillor Rachel Waterman is very impressed with the work in the alleyway and could this be an entry in the Northwich in Bloom.

Jan Smallwood thanked the council and left the meeting.

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Clr Kate Cernik
Town Mayor

NTC 24/17 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

4.1 The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd June 2024 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Councillor Bob Cernik and seconded by Councillor Julie MacDonald All agreed.

Minutes to be signed by the Mayor.

NTC 24/18 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

5.1 To note the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 17th June 2024.

Noted by Cllr Catherine Fox

All agreed.

NTC 24/19 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor's diary – June 2024

Town Mayor's Communications	
6 th June	Verdin Park – Beacon Lighting
7 th June	National Shopmobility Awareness Day
7 th and 8 th June	Verdin Park Music Festival
14 th June	Middlewich FAB Festival
21 st June	Evening of Health and Wellbeing – <i>attended by Deputy Mayor</i>
25 th June	Scouts Annual AGM - <i>attended by Deputy Mayor</i>
28 th June	Daneside Mews – Open Day

NTC 24/20 CHIEF OFFICER REPORT

Members received a report from Chief Officer.

Summer Bedding - All summer bedding in installed.

Paddling Pool & Vickersway Park - Weather has been very disappointing and it has not been open much.

Belmont Road – Funding has now been applied for and a result will be issued in September.

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Cllr Kate Cernik
Town Mayor

Beacon Lighting - Thursday 6th June, lighting of the Beacon – was a successful event

Verdin Park Music Festival – Many thanks for the staff and volunteers and a mention to Councillor Lee Siddall for all his hard work over the weekend. Date for next year to be confirmed next month.

7.07pm – Councillor Alison Gerrard left.

NTC 24/21 POLICE UPDATE

No Police officers attended.

NTC 24/22 ANNUAL PARISH ACTIONS

Members discussed the Annual parish Meeting members raised the following concerns.

Disused buildings at the bottom of Winnington Hill

Rachel Waterman raised concerns regarding the disused building at the bottom of Winnington Hill and what were the plans going forward for the building.

Action – To invite Cheshire West Leader and CEO, BID Northwich and the Localities Team to an open forum and work together and see what is possible to achieve. A working group to be formed to arrange the questions that we want answered.

Councillor Kate Cernik, Councillor Sam Naylor, Councillor Rachel Waterman and Councillor Catherine Fox will be part of the group.

Chief Officer to email Fifield Glynn and asked for a response to the concerns raised.

7.26pm – Councillor Amy Lockett left

Riverside Path to the rear of the Cresnet Leftwich

Andy Kent - raised concerns around the riverside path at the back of the Cresnet and what CRT/CW&C were doing regarding repair.

Response – I have emailed CRT and asked for a response to the question, I have also asked them to attend a Council meeting to discuss on going concerns.

Action – To chase CRT for a response

CRT Building

Bob Cernik – Building at Navigation Road, CRT premises requests and update.

Response – Please see above

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Clr Kate Cernik
Town Mayor

Action – Working group to be formed to contact CRT. Sam Naylor has spoken to CRT with regards to the CRT Assets and has been confirmed that the assets will be protected. Sam Naylor stressed that we are concerned and has suggested that we compile a letter which will list our concerns over the sale of these sites and a local consultation should happen.

7.35pm – Councillor Catherine Fox left.

7.38pm – Councillor Arthur Neil left.

Group: Councillor Sam Naylor, Councillor Graham Emmett, Councillor Andy Kent and Councillor Kate Cernik.

Town Bridge/Hayhurst Bridge Cleansing

Lee Siddall – Can Town Bridge/Hayhurst Bridge be cleaned. Response – Please see above

Timings for swinging town bridges

Andy Kent – Asked if there was a timetable for swinging the bridge. Response – Please see above

Winnington Urban Village

Jane Thomas – Requested an update on Winnington Urban Village. Response – Chief Officer to liaise with Ward Councillors

Town Centre Cleansing

Sam Naylor – Can the Town Centre cleansing be improved including around Sainsburys. Response I will work with BID/CW&C on improving the town centre cleansing.

Action – NTC is delivering this work on improving various sites.

NTC 24/24 OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Sam Naylor updated members on the Solar Farm and has asked for footage of this area and concerns around traffic congestion and the bridge capacity. Members will be receiving a report from CWaC Councillor Felicity Davis on this matter. Councillor Lee Siddall on behalf of Northwich Town Council will be attending the planning meeting as they have many concerns around this.

NTC 24/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Council meeting will be Monday 2nd September 2024 at 6.00 pm
Meeting closed 7.55pm.

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Clr Kate Cernik
Town Mayor

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th JULY 2024 at 6.00pm

Members Present : Cllr J Macdonald
Cllr L Siddall
Cllr R Waterman
Cllr C Fox

Also Present : Cath Kirwan – Deputy Chief Officer/RFO

FIN24/07 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr K Cernik, Cllr A Gerrard, Cllr S Naylor and Cllr T Melville

FIN 24/08 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were given by Cllr J Macdonald to Northwich Metals and Cllr R Waterman to Cheshire West and Chester.

FIN 24/09 **SIGNING OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 17th June and noted at Full Council meeting on Monday 1st July 2024.

Proposed Cllr J Macdonald, seconded Cllr J Macdonald, all agreed

FIN 24/10 **DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET**

RFO answered various members questions relating to budget headings.

Proposed Cllr J Macdonald, seconded Cllr R Waterman, all agreed

FIN 24/11 **BACS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

Bacs payments and direct debit figure approved £122,925.23

Money to be transferred from HSBC Money Market to cover the salary costs and purchase ledger balance.

Proposed Cllr R Waterman, seconded Cllr L Siddall, all agreed

FIN 24/12 **FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CHECK PAYMENT**

Members chose two payments from June 2024 payments. DCO/RFO provided the evidence for:

Every Dog Has its Day – £2300.00
Weaver Bomfords - £196.50

FIN 25/13 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of the next meeting Monday 19th August at 6.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.40pm

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Cllr Catherine Fox
Chair

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th AUGUST 2024 at 6.00pm

Members Present : Cllr J Macdonald
Cllr L Siddall
Cllr R Waterman
Cllr C Fox
Cllr T Melville

Also Present : Chris Shaw – Chief Officer
Cath Kirwan – Deputy Chief Officer/RFO

FIN24/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr K Cernik, Cllr A Gerrard and Cllr S Naylor

FIN 24/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were given by Cllr J Macdonald to Northwich Metals, Cllr L Siddall to Siddall Training and Cllr R Waterman to Cheshire West and Chester.

FIN 24/16 **SIGNING OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 15th July and to be noted at Full Council meeting on Monday 2nd September 2024.

Proposed Cllr J Macdonald, seconded Cllr R Waterman, all agreed

FIN 24/17 **DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET**

RFO answered various members questions relating to budget headings.

Proposed Cllr J Macdonald, seconded Cllr R Waterman, all agreed

FIN 24/18 **BACS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

Bacs payments and direct debit figure approved £220,900.73

Cllr L Siddall proposed that Northwich Town Council cover the cost to Thinkprint for the “Have your Say” leaflets for the proposed Solar Farm in Winnington. Chief Officer will seek advice and this will be taken to full Council in September.

Proposed Cllr T Melville, seconded Cllr L Siddall, all agreed

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Cllr Catherine Fox
Chair

FIN 24/19 FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CHECK PAYMENT

Members chose two payments from July 2024 payments. DCO/RFO provided the evidence for:

New Rig Music Limited - £1080.00
Race the Dragon - £315.00

FIN 25/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting Monday 16th September at 6.00pm.

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

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**Cllr Catherine Fox
Chair**

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 22nd JULY 2024

Members Present

Cllr Jo Callaghan
Cllr Andy Stott
Cllr Catherine Fox
Cllr Bob Cernik
Cllr Catriona Stewart
Cllr Andy Kent
Cllr Catherine Fox

Also present

Chris Shaw – Chief Officer

PL 24/09 TO ELECT A VICE CHAIR FOR 2024/25

Cllr Robert Cernik proposed Cllr Catriona Stewart to be vice chair for 2024/25, this was seconded by Cllr Catherine Fox

All agreed.

Cllr Catriona Stewart to be Vice Chair for 2024/25

PL 24/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Janet Illidge, Cllr Patricia Parkes was not present.

PL 24/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

PL 24/12 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28th May 2024 and to be noted at the Full Council meeting on Monday 3rd June 2024 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate.

Proposed by Cllr Catherine Fox, seconded by Cllr Jo Callaghan

All agreed

Date Cllr Andy Stott

The minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2024 and to be noted at the Full Council meeting on Monday 1st July 2024 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate.

Proposed by Cllr Catherine Fox, seconded by Cllr Jo Callaghan

All agreed

PL 24/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1.The Crescent Northwich CW9 8AD

Proposal: Single storey rear/side extension

Reference Number: 24/01683/FUL

No Comment

2. 201 - 203 Middlewich Road Northwich CW9 7DN

Proposal: Change of use from a tool hire shop to a hand car wash and valet business
with storage/staff facilities and rear building to motor vehicle workshop -
Retrospective.

Reference Number: 24/01101/FUL

Detrimental to the residential amenity of the surrounding properties.

3. Moss Farm Sports and Leisure Complex Moss Lane Northwich CW8 4BG

Proposal: 3G synthetic pitch with sports lighting, perimeter fencing, drainage, storage
container, access, car park and associated landscaping

Reference Number: 24/01441/FUL

No Comment

Date Cllr Andy Stott

4. Land At Oldhams Hill Winnington Street Northwich

Proposal: Erection of one detached dwelling

Reference Number: 21/02333/FUL

No Comment

5. 97 Carlton Road Northwich CW9 5PW

Proposal: Single storey rear extension with new detached outbuilding

Reference Number: 24/01580/FUL

No Comment

6. Land of The South of Chester Way Peter Street Northwich

Proposal: Development of a 72-bed Class C2 care home, with ancillary communal facilities, means of access, landscaping, open space and all other works and infrastructure.

Reference Number: 24/01535/FUL

1. Concern over biodiversity loss and how this will be compensated for and how extra BNG will be achieved.
2. Access/egress is not satisfactory of Chester Way either temporary or permanent, we have concerns over road safety.
3. A three storey building is not in keeping with two storey terraces on Peter Street and we have concerns regarding increased parking and traffic that this development will create.
4. Note the comments from the archaeological officer on the area and the need for an archaeological survey to be undertaken.

PL 24/14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th August 2024 at 5pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.40pm

Date **Cllr Andy Stott**

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 27th AUGUST 2024

Members Present Cllr Jo Callaghan
 Cllr Andy Stott
 Cllr Catriona Stewart
 Cllr Andy Kent
 Cllr Janet Illidge

Also present Chris Shaw – Chief Officer
 Cath Kirwan – Deputy Chief Officer/RFO

PL 24/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Bob Cernik, Cllr Catherine Fox and Cllr Patricia Parkes

PL 24/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

PL 24/17 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22nd July and to be noted at the Full Council meeting on Monday 2nd September 2024 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate.

Proposed by Cllr Andy Kent, seconded by Cllr Jo Callaghan

Date **Cllr Andy Stott**
 Chair

PL 24/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. Site Address: 252 London Road Northwich CW9 8AJ

Proposal: Single storey side extension, replacement roof and photovoltaics,
Replacement external doors and windows and new external window openings

Reference Number: 24/01968/FUL

No Comment

2. Site Address: Condate Retail Park Station Road Northwich CW9 5LR

Proposal: Variation of Conditions 2, 4, 5, 7, 15 & 17 of 22/03738/FUL –

Erection of a coffee shop with drive thru facility, erection of a restaurant with
drive thru facility, three business/industrial units (Use Class
E(g)(iii)/B2/B8(including Class B8 trade counters), new access, parking
provision, landscaping and other associated works including the demolition of
buildings and change of use of existing building to commercial, business and
service (Class E) use

Reference Number: 24/01790/S73

No Comment

3. Site Address: Waters Cross Watling Street Northwich CW9 5FY

Proposal: Removal of condition 33 (removal of restriction on occupancy to
over 55 year olds and partners) on permission 18/03361/FUL (Demolition of
all existing buildings and structures, and redevelopment of the site for
residential development comprising of 70 units (Use Class C3), along with
ancillary commercial space (Use Class A3), hard and soft landscaping, car
parking and other associated works - amendment to application
17/02751/FUL)

Reference Number: 24/02240/S73

No Comment

**4. Site Address: Winnington Park Rugby Club Burrows Hill Hartford
Northwich CW8 3AA**

Proposal: Installation of new lighting columns along with LED floodlights to
grass 3rd team pitch

Reference Number: 24/02015/FUL

No Comment

Date

Cllr Andy Stott
Chair

5. Site Address: Land and Car Park Waters Cross Watling Street Northwich

Proposal: T1 - 6866 Tilia cordata (Small-leaved Lime) - reduce 1-2m for street lights clearance T2 –6865 Tilia cordata (Small-leaved Lime) - basal shoot remove from ground level to 4m, reduce 1-2m street lights clearance T3 - 6864 Tilia cordata (Small-leaved Lime) - crown lift 5m T4 - 6863 Tilia cordata (Smallleaved Lime) - remove basal shoots from ground level to 4m T5 - 6862 Tilia cordata (Small-leaved Lime) - remove basal shoot from ground level to 4m, crown lift 5m T6 - 6861 Tilia cordata (Small-leaved Lime) - remove basal shoots to 4m G1 n/a Various overhanging from woodland - crown raise 5 metres the overhanging branches to car park

Reference Number: 24/02279/CAT

Refer to Tree Officer

6. Site Address: 24 Witton Street Northwich CW9 5EB

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use or development (CLEUD) to confirm that the lawful use of unit 1, 24 Witton Street, Northwich is Class E (Commercial, Business and Service).

Reference Number: 24/02016/LDC

No Comment

7. Site Address: 16 Royle Street Northwich CW9 7AH

Proposal: Single storey rear extension for stock room as part of KS Stores.

Reference Number: 24/01930/FUL

No Comment

8. Site Address: 32 Agecroft Road Northwich Cheshire CW9 7HY

Proposal: Two storey side extension

Reference Number: 24/02108/FUL

No Comment

9. Site Address: 24 Lime Avenue Northwich CW9 8DS

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Reference Number: 24/02259/FUL

No Comment

Date

Cllr Andy Stott
Chair

PL 24/19 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd September 2024 at 5pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.35pm

Date

**Cllr Andy Stott
Chair**

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 2nd September 2024

Agenda Item : 6

Prepared By : Cath Kirwan

Subject : Town Mayor's Communications



Town Mayor's Communications	
5 th July	Launch of the Visual Arts Cheshire Art Trail and Northwich LitFest
7 th July	Northwich Musical Theatre Choir
10 th July	Townbridge Court
11 th July	Dementia Friendly Meeting
20 th July	Northwich River Festival
6 th August	Dementia Friendly Meeting
25 th August	Creative Crafters Family Fun Day (Attended by Deputy Mayor)

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 2nd September 2024

Agenda Item : 7

Prepared By : Chris Shaw

Subject : Chief Officers Report



Vickersway Park & Church Walk Paddling Pool

Both sites have been open throughout the summer as usual and have welcomed thousands of visitors enjoying the facilities. The weather has not been favourable this year and we have closed the pool on numerous occasions due to low numbers which is a real shame due to the high costs of running the facility.

Storm Damage

Over the weekend we have incurred some storm damage to trees at Verdin Park & Whalley Road which has now been cleared away by our contractor, the perimeter fence at Verdin was also damaged and this will be reinstated by our own staff.

We also had a branch fall onto a NTC van windscreen which has now been replaced and is back on the road along with damage to two large parasols in Church Walk Paddling Pool.

The above will be claimed from our insurance as the costs to replace are high.

Weaver Square

Weaver Square has seen some ASB over the last few months and we have been working with partners to repair any damage incurred. The toilets are now fully open after incurring damage, thanks to the team at CW&C for getting these repaired so quickly in time for the Pinacolada Festival.

Ongoing Improvements

We have been carrying out some improvements to our sites over the last few months which are listed below.

- New carpark and fencing at Queensgate allotments.
- New fence, gate and water supply at Winnington allotments
- New tap and cremation plots at Daane Valley Cemetery
- The crazy golf at Vickersway park has seen replacement composite posts/sleepers replacing the damaged timber posts.
- New accessible picnic tables in Vickersway Park.
- Existing toilets at Vickersway have been painted with new window frames installed.
- CCTV Camera installed at Old Hall Road Play Area
- Improved woodland walk area at Verdin Park.

Partnership Working

Our staff have been working in partnership with Northwich BID/CW&C Council/Barons Quay to improve the cleanliness and appearance of the town. Our staff have carried out weedkilling, fly tip removal, strimming, hedge cutting and repair works.

Belmont Road & Rose Meadow Play Area Improvements

The decision date for the funding at Belmont Road from FCC is 9th September so if successful we will be able to place the order for kit and book in the contractor for the install. Depending on availability of kit I am hoping to start after Christmas and it to be finished for the Spring.

With regard to Rose Meadow we are still waiting for CW&C & Bellway Homes to agree terms on the section 106 and asset transfer, we are chasing and will keep members updated once we have a decision. Again, this scheme is ready to go ahead from our side with a consultation, design and contractor already chosen.

Solar Farm Leaflets

In the run up to the Planning Application for the solar farm at Winnington Cllr Neil requested that leaflets be produced for members of Northwich Town Council to deliver to residents highlighting the planning application of the solar farm and the potential downside of the development.

These were received and invoice paid but at our last Finance meeting Cllr Siddall suggested that these were paid by NTC and not individual Cllrs as it was a planning application that could potentially have a detrimental impact on the town and residents.

Members to approve that Northwich Town Council pay the invoice of £260.50 for leaflets and not individual Cllrs.

Decision of the Council is requested.

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 2nd September 2024

Agenda Item : 8

Prepared By : Chris Shaw

Subject : Chief Officers Report



Pinacalada Festival

The Ponacalada Festival took place on Saturday 17th August throughout Northwich Town Centre, this event is led by Northwich BID with support from Northwich Town Council, CW&C Council, Barons Quay & Rotary. This year's event was the biggest yet with crowds flocking to Northwich from all over the North West enjoying Pinacolada's throughout the town, it was great to see all the businesses getting involved and making it a fantastic day for the town.

Thanks to everyone that helped and volunteered on the day, without those people the event would not be able to go ahead.

Firefest 2024

Taking place on Saturday 2nd November at Verdin Park and organised by Northwich Rotary with support from Northwich Town Council and Northwich BID this event attracts thousands of people to watch the amazing fireworks while supporting local charities.

Remembrance Parade Sunday 10th November 2024

The towns annual Remembrance Parade will again take place on Sunday 10th November, once again the parade will form at Crumb Hill, march to Church for the Church service, Act of Remembrance and then parade back to Brio for refreshments.

Christmas Extravaganza Saturday 30th November 2024

Planning is now underway for the Christmas Extravaganza which will take place again on Saturday 30th November 2024 throughout the town centre with the switch on taking place in Barons Quay. We will again be having the ice rink, street entertainment along with the fairground, parade and fireworks. A full line up of activities will be developed in the next month with this years event being bigger and better than previous years.