

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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Northwich
town council

DATE: 1st July 2025

To: The Members of Northwich Town Council

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the **Full Council** at the **Council Chamber, 78 Church Road, Northwich, CW9 5PB** to be held on **Monday 7th July at 6.00pm.**

Yours Sincerely

Chris Shaw

Chief Officer

AGENDA

1. Presentation of Mayors Awards

2. Presentation of Grants Awards

3. Apologies for Absence

3. Declaration of interest

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

*Pecuniary interest

*Outside bodies interest

*Family, friend, or close associate interest

4. 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.

5. Signing of the Minutes

5.1. Of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 2nd June 2025 (Minutes attached)

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

6. Reports of Committees

6.1 To note Finance, Amenities & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16th June 2025.

6.2 To note Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd June 2025

6.3 To note Grants Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd June 2025

[Members to note the minutes.](#)

7. Town Mayors Communications

List of Civic Events that the Town Mayor has attended during June 2025 (attached)

[Members to note the report.](#)

- 8. Chief Officers Report**
To receive a report from the Chief Officer (attached)
[Members to note the report.](#)
- 9. Police Update**
To receive a report from Northwich Police
[Report to be given at the meeting.](#)
- 10. Northwich Infirmary Proposal**
Members to resolve to accept the recommendation (report attached)
[Decision of the Council is requested.](#)
- 11. Town Centre Enhancements**
Members to resolve the recommendation (report attached)
[Decision of the Council is requested.](#)
- 12. Town Centre Business Signage**
Members to receive an update (report attached)
[Decision of the Council is requested.](#)
- 13. Rose Meadow Play Area**
Members to receive an update (report attached)
[Members to note the report.](#)
- 14. Outside Bodies**
To receive an update from any member attending meetings of outside bodies.
- 15. CW&C Members**
To receive an update from CW&C ward members
- 16. Date of next meeting**
The next meeting will be on Monday 1st September 2025 at 6.00pm

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 2nd JUNE 2025

Present:

Cllr Julie MacDonald Town Mayor

Councillors:

Cllr Emma Guy	Cllr Bob Cernik
Cllr Kate Cernik	Cllr Rachel Waterman
Cllr Stephen Harcombe	Cllr Alison Gerrard
Cllr Andy Kent	Cllr Patricia Parkes
Cllr Lee Siddall	Cllr Catriona Stewart
Cllr Arthur Neil	Cllr Andy Stott
Cllr Joanne Callaghan	Cllr Janet Illidge

Also present:

Cath Kirwan Deputy Chief Officer/Responsible Finance Officer

NTC 25/01 PRESENTATION OF MAYORS AWARD

Councillor Kate Cernik presented the Mayor's Award to the family of the late David Lanham. Councillor Arthur Neil reflected on the fond memories of David's contributions to his work.

NTC 25/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Graham Emmett, Cllr Tom Melville, Cllr Olwyn Dean, Cllr Sam Naylor, Cllr Jane Thomas, and Cllr Catherine Fox.

NTC 25/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

Cllr Rachel Waterman, Cllr Arthur Neil, Councillor Patricia Parkes declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council. Cllr Alison Gerrard an interest in Rudheath Parish Council.

NTC 25/04 OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers.

Date.....

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Cllr Julie Macdonald
Town Mayor

NTC 25/05 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

5.1 The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025 be

- confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.
- 5.2 Of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 19th May 2025
- 5.3 Of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 19th May 2025

Members are required to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Rachel Waterman and seconded by Cllr Catriona Stewart

All agreed.

Minutes to be signed by the Mayor.

NTC 25/06 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 6.1 To note Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2025.
- 6.2 To note Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27th May 2025

Members noted the minutes of the meetings.

NTC 25/07 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor's diary – April and May 2025

Date.....

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Cllr Julie Macdonald
Town Mayor

Town Mayor's Communications	
2 nd April	AED Install at Methodist Church, Witton Street and North West Performance (Navigation Road)
11 th April	Northwich Rotary Club
13 th April	Veterans Breakfast Club
24 th April	Cheshire West Community and Voluntary Arts Award
26 th April	No Limits Event
28 th April	Chrysalis Day Nursery
1 st May	Year 13 Awards Evening – Sir John Deanes College
1 st May	Northwich Gateway Club <i>attended by Deputy Mayor</i>
20 th May	VivoCare, Vivos Got Talent
23 rd May	The Band Performance at Brio Leisure
24 th May	Northwich Mosque
25 th May	Civic Service, Chester

NTC 25/08 CHIEF OFFICERS REPORT

Members received the report from the Chief Officer.

NTC 25/09 POLICE UPDATE

During April and May, Cheshire Police received 6,491 emergency (999) calls. They

responded to 92.7% of Grade 1 (emergency) incidents within 15 minutes and 81% of Grade 2 (priority) incidents within 60 minutes. A total of 360 residents responded to the Residents Voice Survey over the two months. The most common community concerns reported were parking (49 mentions), speeding (42), and issues involving youths and drugs (32). In terms of public confidence, 22.3% of respondents strongly agreed that the police are dealing with anti-social behaviour (ASB) effectively, while 26.9% tended to disagree. Visibility of police in the community was also mixed, with 22.6% strongly agreeing that police are visible and 27.4% tending to agree.

Notable enforcement activity included a drugs warrant executed in the town centre on April 28th, resulting in two arrests and the seizure of suspected drugs, mobile phones, and prop money. The investigation is ongoing. A well-known shoplifter in Northwich was again arrested in early May, and police are considering long-term solutions to address both his behaviour and the impact on the community.

There were 17 ASB reports in the Winnington and Castle beat during April and May, all within the town centre footprint, with no single location emerging as a hotspot. Chester Way, Victoria House, and Park Road saw the highest number of incidents. Increased attention is being given to enforcing the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Northwich, particularly around street drinking. Officers are being encouraged to take firmer action, and additional support from CSW officers is being arranged, with the help of Sam Chapman. Police are also aware of a group of homeless individuals frequently present in Northwich. One is on the waiting list for housing at Victoria House, two need assistance with homeless applications, and another is currently serving a short sentence for offences committed outside the area.

Looking at ASB trends during the summer months in previous years, 72 incidents were recorded between June and August 2022, 58 incidents during the same period in 2023, and 71 in 2024. The incidents ranged from homeless-related issues near supermarkets to youth-related disturbances at locations like Barons Quay, McDonald's, and the Odeon.

NTC 25/10 OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Andy Kent provided an update on the Friends of Northwich Train Station. Activity is ongoing in collaboration with Mid Cheshire Rail, including the recent unveiling of artwork by Jim Stanley, funded by the community partnership. A range of further improvements are planned over the summer. The group is also working with Grozone and Northwich Town Council to plant wildflowers around the station area. Encouragingly, there has been a 24% increase in station traffic, and train punctuality has seen notable success.

However, there was less positive news regarding the ticket office refit by Network Rail. Despite earlier commitments, the project will not meet its initial deadline. It is now anticipated that work will begin in September. The local MP has arranged a meeting to seek an explanation for the delays. Thanks were extended to Cllr Rachel Waterman and Cllr Olwyn Dean for contributing from their members' budgets toward the purchase of essential materials for the ongoing work.

Date.....

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Cllr Julie MacDonald
Town Mayor

Cllr Kate Cernik updated members on the Care Community initiative and progress on compiling information about local groups, which will soon be made available to the public. Efforts continue to ensure that new developments incorporate community space. Although the new library will include such a space, it will be limited in size.

NTC 25/11 CWaC MEMBERS

Cllr Arthur Neil provided an update on the expression of interest regarding Jubilee Fields. Discussions are ongoing with the Canal and River Trust concerning the land at Navigation Road and its potential development. He also reported on his regular monthly meetings with the hospital, particularly raising concern that NHS staff are currently required to pay for parking, which he found quite shocking. Additionally, he noted that Romaines Street has recently been cleared and tidied.

Cllr Rachel Waterman updated members on the disruption caused by the ongoing works on London Road. She shared her concern over the lack of clear communication with residents and reported that during the second night of works, she was spoken to disrespectfully by contractors. She stressed the need for better communication and respect in future works. Regarding Leftwich Care Home, the matter is currently with legal representatives and discussions are ongoing about required electrical work. It is hoped that the home will reopen soon. On a positive note, the new Northwich Library is expected to open in 2026. Local businesses are hopeful this will improve footfall and trade in the area.

On Weaver Square, Cllr Rachel Waterman noted that significant activity is happening behind the scenes, with the area identified as a key focus for a major redevelopment project. In relation to Northwich Market, the intention is to relocate it from Weaver Square to Barons Quay. Recent open days regarding this proposal were reported as highly successful, and the public is encouraged to take part in the ongoing survey to provide feedback.

NTC 25/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Council meeting will be Monday 7th July 2025 at 6.00 pm

Meeting closed at 7.05pm

Date.....

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Cllr Julie MacDonald
Town Mayor

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, AMENITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd JUNE 2025 at 6.00pm

Members Present : Cllr J Macdonald
Cllr R Waterman
Cllr B Cernik
Cllr K Cernik
Cllr L Siddall
Cllr T Melville

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

FIN26/11 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Kent, Cllr C Stewart Cllr C Fox and Cllr S Naylor

FIN 26/12 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

FIN 26/13 **SIGNING OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Finance, Amenities and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 20th May 2025 and noted at Full Council meeting on Monday 2nd June 2025.

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

FIN 26/14 **DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET**

RFO answered various members questions relating to budget headings.

Members discussed the opening of Church Walk Paddling Pool and decided that the pool to stay open regardless of the booking numbers and weather conditions. Members of the public are still required to book. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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

FIN 26/15 **BACS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

Bacs payments and direct debit figure approved £108,279.46

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

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Date

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Cllr Kate Cernik
Chair

FIN 26/16 FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CHECK PAYMENTS

Members chose two payments from both May 2025 payments. DCO/RFO provided the evidence for:

Cheshire Icecream Farm - £943.49
Rudheath Parish Council - £1850.00

FIN 26/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting Monday 21st July 2025 at 6.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

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Date

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**Cllr Kate Cernik
Chair**

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd JUNE 2025

Members Present

Cllr Catherine Fox
Cllr Andy Stott
Cllr Patricia Parkes
Cllr Emma Guy
Cllr Graham Emmett
Cllr Stephen Harcombe
Cllr Janet Illidge

Also present

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

PL 26/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, OR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from, Cllr Bob Cernik, Cllr Jo Callaghan and Cllr Arthur Neil

PL 26/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

Cllr Rachel Waterman and Councillor Patricia Parkes declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

PL 26/09 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 27th May and to be noted at the Full Council Meeting on Monday 2nd June 2025 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate.

Proposed by Cllr C Fox seconded by Cllr Patricia Parkes

PL 26/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. **Site Address: Townbridge Court Castle Street Northwich CW8 1BG**
Proposal: Various works on various trees as per tree survey
Reference Number: 25/01539/CAT

Comment – Refer to Tree Officer

Date **Cllr Andy Stott.....**

Chair

2. **Site Address: 1 Gordale Close Northwich CW8 4XT**

Proposal: Two storey side extension

Reference Number: 25/01464/FUL

Comment: No comment

3. Site Address: Northwich Brunner Library 89 Witton Street Northwich CW9 5DR

Proposal: Refurbishment of Grade II Listed Library Building including proposed new extension and internal and external works, including demolition of outbuildings, creation of new external plant area and provision of new signage totem.

Reference Number: 25/00847/LBC

Comment – No comment

4. Northwich Brunner Library 89 Witton Street Northwich CW9 5DR

Proposal: Refurbishment of Grade II Listed Library Building including proposed new extension and external works, including demolition of outbuildings, creation of new external plant area and provision of new signage totem.

Reference Number: 25/00846/FUL

Comment – No comment

5. Site Address: 50 The Crescent Northwich Cheshire CW9 8AD

Proposal: Erection of two dormers, single storey rear/side extension

Reference Number: 25/01309/FUL

Comment – No comment

(Councillor Emma Guy is a resident on The Crescent)

6. Site Address: 3A Moss Road Northwich CW8 4BQ

Proposal: Alterations to existing rear extension to change glazed lean to roof to tiled hipped roof

Reference Number: 25/01327/FUL

Comment - No comment

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

Proposal: Alterations to shopfront to include removal of existing set of entrance doors and to be replaced with aluminum glazed shopfront

Reference Number: 25/01484/FUL

Comment – No comment

8. Site Address: 120 Chester Road Northwich CW8 4AN

Proposal: Single storey side extension

Reference Number: 25/01192/FUL

Comment – No comment

9. Site Address: 2 Darwin Street Northwich CW8 1BT

Proposal: Single storey side extension and alterations and conversion of existing out Buildings

Reference Number: 25/01335/FUL

Comment – No comment

Date

**Cllr Andy Stott.....
Chair**

10. Site Address: Weaver Court London Road Northwich CW9 5EU

Proposal: Various works on various trees as per tree survey

Reference Number: 25/01590/CAT

Comment – Refer to Tree Officer

11. Site Address: First Floor Winnington Leisure Park Winnington Lane Northwich

Proposal: Change of use from commercial use to nightwatchmans overnight accommodation - Retrospective.

Reference Number: 25/00587/FUL

Comment – No comment

PL 26/11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 28th July 2025 at 5pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.25pm.

Date

**Cllr Andy Stott.....
Chair**

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 23rd JUNE 2025

Members Present Cllr Julie Macdonald
Cllr Catriona Stewart
Cllr Patricia Parkes
Cllr Janet Illidge
Cllr Tom Melville
Cllr Rachel Waterman

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

GC 25/01 TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2025/2026

Cllr Patricia Parkes to be Chair of Grants

Proposed by Cllr Julie Macdonald and Cllr Catriona Stewart

All Agreed

Cllr Janet Illidge to be Vice Chair of Planning

Proposed by Cllr Catriona Stewart seconded Cllr Tom Melville

All Agreed.

GC 25/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bob Cernik and Cllr Lee Siddall

GC 25/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

Cllr Rachel Waterman, Councillor Patricia Parkes and Councillor Olwyn Dean declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Date

Cllr Patricia Parkes
Chair

GC 25/04 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Grants Committee held on 25th March 2025 and noted at the Town Council meeting on Monday 7th April 2025 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Janet Illidge, seconded by Cllr Janet Illidge, all agreed.

GC 25/05 REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

Three requests were submitted. Members discussed each of their individual merits before making their decisions.

It was resolved that the following donations be made.

Cheshire Autism and Practical Support
Members approved subject to additional information requested.
To be awarded £1300.00

Leftwich Community Primary School – Community Firework Night
Members approved an award of £500

Solar Array
Winnington Park Recreation Club Ltd
Members approved an award of £1500 subject to additional information requested.

Proposed by Cllr J Macdonald seconded by Cllr Rachel Waterman

GC 25/06 DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The date of next meeting to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm

Proposed by Cllr J Macdonald seconded by Cllr R Waterman

Date

Cllr Patricia Parkes
Chair

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 2nd June 2025

Agenda Item : 7

Prepared By : Cath Kirwan

Subject : Town Mayors Communications



Town Mayor's Communications	
8 th June	Veterans Breakfast Club
16 th June	Daneside Mews Care Home
21 st June	Ascendant Grappling Academy
30 th June	Official Opening of the Victoria Infirmary, Northwich <i>attended by Deputy Mayor</i>

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 7th July

Agenda Item : 8

Prepared By : Chris Shaw

Subject : Chief Officers Report



Church Walk Paddling Pool

Working with Northwich BID we have now installed a giant deckchair in the pool area for our visitors to enjoy. We will be running a competition throughout the summer which could win a lucky family 4 Odeon cinema tickets, all you have to do is take a picture of one of you family on the deck chair with a comment on why you think Church Walk Paddling Pool is so fantastic and post it to our website.

The Mayor will pick the best picture and comment at the end of the summer and present the tickets to the lucky family.

Wildflower Meadows

These are now in full flower and looking amazing, please visit Witton Cemetery and Verdin Park to see them in there full glory.

Witton Cemetery Paths

We will be refurbishing the main path through Witton Cemetery throughout the summer, the current path is in a poor condition so will be replaced. New concrete pin kerbs will be installed with tarmac base and tarmac wearing course for longevity, works will begin within the next few weeks.

Witton Cemetery Badgers

Following on from Council resolving to employ the services on an Ecologist to advise and assist us in reducing Badger activity withing Northwich Cemetery we have now been granted a licence from Natural England to close the runs coming from the sett in the railway embankment.

This will be carried out by the ecologist following Natural England guidelines, the actual sett within the embankment will not be disturbed.

This will hopefully reduce the badger activity on surrounding graves and allow future burials to take place when required.

Verdin Park Vibes

On Sunday 13th July we will be holding the Verdin Park Vibes Community Event within Verdin Park, this follows the two-night ticketed event organised by Northwich Radio on the 11 & 12 July.

Verdin Park Vibes will see live entertainment, fairground rides, stilt walkers, transformer characters, giant bubbles, food outlets and bar.

If any members would like to volunteer to help on the day it would be much appreciated, we need support in the following areas.

- Welcome Ambassadors
- Litter Picking
- Help with derig.

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 7th July 2025

Agenda Item : 10

Prepared By : Chris Shaw

Subject : Northwich Infirmary Car Proposal



Background

Northwich Victoria Infirmary has recently had a multi-million-pound investment into a new treatment centre for the surrounding community, this investment and additional services was much needed as will allow residents to attend appointments where they live cutting down on travel to Leighton Hospital.

Due to the increase in patients that will be seen, car parking has become an issue at the site with patients struggling to park and some reporting missing appointments due to no spaces available.

Additional spaces have now been made available as the contractors move of site but the issue still remains with cars parked in local residential streets, pub car park and double yellow lines obstructing access for pedestrians in some places.

Following on from this we were approached by Mid Cheshire Hospitals to look at the possibility of a small piece of land being used as additional parking in Verdin Park. This was briefly discussed at Council and a small working group set up to informally discuss the proposals. Initial plans were dismissed by Northwich Town Council as this involved removal of mature trees and a partial of land that was not suitable.

Members asked Mid Cheshire Hospitals to look at alternatives and only consider Verdin Park has a last resort if no other solution could be found. This was carried out and no other site was deemed suitable either through cost or location to the hospital.

Discussion have taken place on site between officers and the hospital to come up with the best possible solution not only for the hospital but also for users of Verdin Park. Our solicitors were instructed to look at the title for this land and any leases and covenants that are in place, after an in-depth search there does not appear to be any material issues which would prevent the construction and subsequent letting of the car park.

Proposal

During all discussions with the hospital, it has always been emphasised that the least amount of green space will be taken and we need to utilise existing hard standing where possible. From the plans below there will be an additional 42 spaces and these will be used by staff which will free up additional space close to the hospital for patients.

Staff use will be Monday to Friday and on weekends it will be free to use for the community to enjoy Verdin Park making the park fully accessible to all at the weekend.

Ariel View of Proposed Car Park



Benefits

- Additional carparking for staff freeing up more spaces for patients.
- Car park will be free to use for all at the weekend making the park accessible to all.
- Limited green space being taken by utilising current hardstanding.
- Improved entrance to Verdin Park with new pillars
- No cost to Northwich Town Council
- The area will be leased to Mid Cheshire Hospitals for a specified period.

- Mid Cheshire Hospitals will pay a leasing cost every 12 months (to be agreed) this will be used for further improvements to Verdin Park.
- Full access will still be available for events and festivals.
- Additional planting will be installed to during construction.
- New footpath installed for safe access to the hospital.
- Lighting and CCTV will be installed making a safe environment user of the carpark.

These are very early plans giving an idea of how the area will look with the installation of the carpark. A full consultation will take place with additional detailed drawings giving members of the public a chance to discuss the proposal with officers, NTC members and representatives from the hospital. A date for this will be advertised in due course.

Following the consultation and taking everyone's views into consideration full plans will be drawn up and if members agree these will be submitted to CW&C Council for approval. People will then have another chance to consider the plans and make comments on the plans.

Decision

Members are requested to approve further plans been produced and a consultation taking place at a suitable location and dependent of the outcome of the consultation approve a planning application being submitted.

Decision of the Council is requested.

Chris Shaw

Chief Officer

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 7th July 2025

Agenda Item : 11

Prepared By : Chris Shaw

Subject : Town Centre Enhancements



Background

Northwich Town Council work with multiple partners for the benefit of the town, these are Northwich BID, Barons Quay, Colliers and Cheshire West & Chester Council. We undertake additional enhancement works throughout the town including mechanical sweeping, weed control, hedge cutting, floral displays and carpark cleansing. Some additional enhancements are chargeable and some are in partnership where costs are split.

Even though we do a considerable number of additional enhancements around the town the one thing we have identified as requiring additional services is the general day to day street cleansing. We have already raised this with officers and members at CW&C Council who also wish to explore the possibility of Northwich Town Council taking on additional responsibility.

Proposal

Northwich Town Council to explore providing additional street cleaning services within Northwich Town Centre, car parks and surround area (area to be confirmed)

Chief Officer to meet with CW&C Head of Street Care Services and discuss proposal for Northwich Town Council to carry out additional cleansing in Northwich Town Centre.

Chief Officer to produce a report and costs and bring back to Council for consideration.

Decision

Members to resolve to accept the above proposal.

Decision of the Council is Requested.

Chris Shaw

Chief Officer

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 7th July 2025

Agenda Item : 12

Prepared By : Chris Shaw

Subject : Town Centre Business Signage



Background

Northwich is traditionally a black and white market Town which sits within a Conservation Area and received funding from the Heritage Lottery to enhance a repair shop frontage throughout the town with a contribution from the business.

Some businesses did this and they have made a tremendous improvement to the look of the town, other businesses do this with their own funding and again these buildings look amazing and in keeping with Northwich Town Centre.

Members have noticed recently that some business premises do not follow this and erect shop signage not really in keeping with Northwich.

Proposal

Chief Officer to write to CW&C Planning to enquire what planning applications/permissions are required to erect shop signage within a Conservation Area.

Decision of the Council is requested.

Chris Shaw

Chief Officer

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 7th July 2025

Agenda Item : 13

Prepared By : Chris Shaw

Subject : Rose Meadow Play Area Update



Background

Approximately two years ago Northwich Town Council approached Bellway Homes and enquired if instead of them installing a play area on site this could be done by Northwich Town Council. We felt that we could install a play area that was of high quality, robust and what the community wanted.

After numerous meetings it was agreed that we could install the play area, the land would be asset transferred to us and we would be responsible for the maintenance and management of the site going forward.

Bellway would contribute £100k to the play area and it would be project managed and delivered by Northwich Town Council. A full consultation was carried out with residents on the estate and a plan was created with the equipment that the residents wished to see. Following the consultation a Contractor was appointed to carry out the work on site.

There were some hold ups from Bellway & CW&C Council but these were worked through and the build started on the 16th June, the works are progressing well with all the play equipment now installed. Fencing and two gates will be installed and then we will install the safety surfacing with a projected finishing date of 13th July just in time for the summer holidays.

In November hedging will be planted around the perimeter fence which will enhance the appearance of the site.

We were initially installing a new type of safety surface carpet which was manufactured from coconut shell but following recent inspection and change in the production process this will not now be suitable to install. We will now be installing standard play carpet which comes with an eight year guarantee and is extremely hard wearing.



The Mayor, Andrew Cooper MP and members will officially open the site on Friday 13th July, time to be confirmed.

Chris Shaw
Chief Officer