

**Middlewich Town Council
Victoria Building
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Minutes of the Four Hundred and Seventy Second Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Town Hall Function Suite, Civic Way, Middlewich on Monday 15th February 2016, commencing at 6.30pm

Part One

Present

The Town Mayor, Councillor JK Kingston and Councillors CL Bulman, PJ Farrell, MA Hunter, SN McGrory, SL Moss, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Council Officers:

JPA Williams, Town Clerk and DJ French, Assistant Town Clerk

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for Absence were received and approved from Councillors A Brooks, J Eaton, DJ Latham and DA Williams.

Feedback and Reports

2. To receive any announcements to be made by the Mayor

The Mayor updated on a number of events he had attended since the last meeting including:

- January 21st - Claymore Business Machines New Premises Open Day, Winsford Industrial Estate; Middlewich Music Cluster Workshop Showcase Concert, Town Hall Function Suite
- January 27th - Holocaust Memorial Day Service, Sandbach Town Hall; Crewe Civic Award to Broad Street Academy of Integrated of Sports & Arts, Crewe
- January 29th - Launch of Middlewich High School New Sports Kit, High School Drama Studio
- January 30th - Middlewich & District Concert Society Concert, High School Drama Studio

Resolved 7741

That the Mayor's report be noted.

3. To note any declarations of Members' Interests on any agenda item

The following declarations were made:

- In relation to item 5 Open Forum – question regarding Application 15/2355W, for a Waste Transfer Station - Councillor MA Hunter declared an interest as a near neighbour consultee.
- Councillors SN McGrory and B Walmsley declared interests as Members of Cheshire East Council.

4. Rota for the Town Council Surgery to be held at the Makers Market

Resolved 7742

That Councillors B Walmsley and W Walmsley host the next Surgery on 27th February at the Town Council stall at the Makers Market.

5. To consider any written questions submitted to the Open Forum

The Action Against Ansa Action Group had submitted the following question:

We formally write to Middlewich Town Council with regard to the formation of the 'Action Against Ansa' Action Group.

We contact the Town Council today with regard to the legal fight against Cheshire East Council, with respect of planning application no 15/2355W for the construction and operation of a waste transfer station and refuse derived fuel processing facility at the former Ideal Standard site on Cledford Lane, Middlewich, Cheshire.

The Action Group has been formed to take the fight forward against Cheshire East Council, with respect of the planning permission stated above, and we are actively now looking for public and business financial support to help with legal fight and costs incurred in carrying out a application for a Judicial Review on this planning action.

We now would like to formally ask Middlewich Town Council, to whom have already voted against this planning application in full, if it would consider making a monetary donation to the fighting fund, as a show of support to the members of the public and local residents to whom are affected by this planning application.

Any funding donation would be most gratefully received.”

Resolved 7743

That the application be referred to the next meeting of the Finance, Policy and Governance Committee and the Action Group be sent a copy of the grant application form to complete prior to the meeting.

6. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council held on Monday 18th January 2016

Resolved 7744

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th January be received and adopted.

7. To consider any written Members' questions on the Minutes

Councillor DA Williams had submitted a list of questions on the minutes of the previous meeting. The Town Clerk had circulated his written responses to these issues at the meeting.

Resolved 7745

That the list of answers to the questions raised on the minutes be received and noted.

8. To receive the Minutes of a Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Planning Committee held on 26th January 2016

Resolved 7746

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee be received as a correct record.

9. To receive the Minutes of a Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Finance, Policy and Governance Committee held on 1st February 2016

Resolved 7747

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance, Policy and Governance Committee be received as a correct record.

10. To receive the Minutes of a Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Events and Communications Committee held on 3rd February 2016

Resolved 7748

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Events and Communications Committee be received as a correct record.

11. To receive the Minutes of a Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Personnel Committee held on 3rd February 2016

Resolved 7749

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee be received as a correct record.

12. To receive the report of the Town Clerk and any correspondence for information

Councillor DA Williams had asked some questions in relation to the Town Clerk's report and the Town Clerk had circulated his written responses to these matters.

Resolved 7750

That the Town Clerk's report, and the additional information circulated at the meeting, be received and noted.

13. To receive written reports from Members of Cheshire East Council

Resolved 7751

That the reports from Cheshire East Councillors be received and noted.

14. To receive a written report from Middlewich Vision

Resolved 7752

That the report from Middlewich Vision be received and noted.

15. To consider any Members' Items previously submitted in writing

Councillor M Hunter had submitted a Member's Item on the subject of Brooks Lane Bridge.

A report by the Canal and River Trust, who were responsible for the bridge, was circulated; this report outlined a number of recommended actions to avoid and prevent future damage to the bridge.

Resolved 7753

That the Town Clerk writes to Cheshire East Council urging action to be taken to address the issues which are causing damage to the bridge, the letter to include the points raised by the Canal and River Trust.

Finance

16. To receive and approve the Monthly Town Council Financial and Monitoring, Cashbook and Income & Expenditure reports for the month of January 2016

Resolved 7754

That the Financial reports be received and approved.

Policy Consideration

17. To receive any update from the PCSO

The Town Clerk reported that there was no update from the PCSO for this meeting. However, he had had a meeting with the PCSO who had provided some useful information regarding Fountains Field Park which had been shared with Middlewich Vision as part of the project to improve the Park.

Resolved 7755

That the update on the PCSO be noted.

Highways and Transportation

None

Planning and the Environment

18. Application 15/5840C – outline planning permission for 235 residential dwellings (including up to 30% affordable housing), introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children’s play area, 0.22ha for a community facility (use class D1 or D2), surface water flood mitigation and attenuation, vehicular access point from Warming Lane and associated ancillary works. All matters to be reserved with the exception of the main site access. Land off Warmingham Lane, Middlewich, Cheshire

Resolved 7756

That the following views be forwarded to Cheshire East Council on Planning application 15/5840C:

Middlewich Town Council recommends that application 15/5840C be refused on the following grounds:

- The additional traffic generated by the development will be excessive in an area where the existing road infrastructure is inadequate; there should be no additional development in this area until the completion of the Eastern by-pass;
- There is concern about the proximity of the site to the Sandbach Flashes and the Council supports Natural England in wanting assurances that there will be no damage to the Flashes from this development;
- The additional traffic generated by the development will be detrimental to air quality as Nitrous Oxide levels will be exceeded at two receptor points;
- There is insufficient information regarding contaminated land following previous industrial uses at the site;
- The development will have a detrimental impact on noise levels;
- There is insufficient public transport to support the additional development;
- There is inadequate amenity and safe routes to schools incorporated into the development.

(Note: Councillors SN McGrory and B Walmsley declared interests in this matter and took no part in the discussion or vote)

Notice of Future Meetings

19. To note the dates of forthcoming Meetings

Resolved 7757

That the dates for future meetings be noted.

Part Two

None

The next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday 21st March.

The meeting concluded at 7.05 pm.

Councillor JK Kingston
Town Mayor

Signed.....2016

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