

**Middlewich Town Council  
Victoria Building  
Lewin Street  
Middlewich  
CW10 9AT**

**Minutes of the Four Hundred and Sixty Eighth Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Town Hall Function Suite, Civic Way, Middlewich on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015, commencing at 6.30pm**

## **Part One**

### **Present**

The Town Mayor, Councillor JK Kingston and Councillors A Brooks, CL Bulman, PJ Farrell, MA Hunter, DJ Latham, SN McGrory, SL Moss, B Walmsley, W Walmsley and DA Williams

Council Officers:

JPA Williams, Town Clerk, DJ French, Assistant Town Clerk and NL Antoney, Administrative Assistant

#### **1. To receive and approve apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor J Eaton due to illness.

## **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: on 25<sup>th</sup> September he had welcomed the competitors in the British Town Crier Championships and on 26<sup>th</sup> September he had attended the championships and the celebratory meal. He had attended the Boys Brigade North West AGM hosted by 1<sup>st</sup> Middlewich Boys Brigade on 3<sup>rd</sup> October; on 4<sup>th</sup> October he had hosted his own Civic Parade and Service; on 12<sup>th</sup> October he had opened the SCRIBE Middlewich Literary Festival and had also attended the Short Story Awards Evening on 15<sup>th</sup> October and a workshop and Mad Hatters' Tea Party on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Resolved 7672**

That the Mayor's announcements be received.

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

The following declarations were made:

- In relation to item 14, Members' Items, Councillor D Latham declared a disclosable pecuniary interest on the grounds that he owned property opposite the site;
- Councillor B Walmsley declared an interest in any items relating to her role as a Cheshire East Councillor; and
- Councillor MA Hunter declared an interest in any items relating to ANSA on the grounds that he was a near neighbour consultee to the planning application.

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

**Resolved 7673**

That Councillors CL Bulman and SN McGrory host the next Surgery on 31<sup>st</sup> October at the Town Council stall at the Makers Market.

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

J Parry asked the following question:

"The Middlewich speedwatch group has been up and running for a number of weeks now. I personally have been coordinating this group and have been in attendance at every single speedwatch. A number of roads are on the speedwatch but Booth Lane has proved to be a particular area of concern, so I would like to ask the council to support the residents of Middlewich in helping reduce the number of speeders by purchasing signage to inform drivers that the speed limit on Booth Lane is 30mph. This should be a large visible sign"

**Resolved 7674**

That the Town Clerk request Cheshire East Council that in view of the speeding issues on Booth Lane identified by the Speedwatch team, the 30 mph signage on the road be repainted to highlight the speed limit; the existing signage and repeater signage be reviewed to make sure it is adequate; and through the Town Council's budget process consideration be given to a pump priming contribution towards Speed Indicator Devices on Booth Road.

**6. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meetings of Middlewich Town Council held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

**Resolved 7675**

That

- (a) the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September be received and adopted; and
- (b) the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 be received and adopted.

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

Councillor DA Williams had submitted questions on the minutes of the previous meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October and a written response had been circulated to all Members.

**Resolved 7676**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015**

**Resolved 7677**

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 Events and Communications Committee held on 7th October 2015**

**Resolved 7678**

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

**10. To receive the Minutes of Middlewich Town Council's Community, Environment and Assets Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**Resolved 7679**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community, Environment and Assets Committee be received as a correct record.

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

**Resolved 7680**

That the correspondence from Fiona Bruce MP be received and noted.

**12. To receive written reports from Members of Cheshire East Council**

**Resolved 7681**

That the report from Councillor Walmsley be recirculated by email.

**13. To receive a written report from Middlewich Vision**

**Resolved 7682**

That the written report from Middlewich Vision be received and thanks be placed on record to the Vision Action Plan Manager for all her hard work that lead to the success of SCRIBE the literary festival.

**14. To consider any Members' Items previously submitted in writing**

**Resolved 7683**

**That**

(a) the Town Clerk contact Cheshire East Highways regarding:

(i) footpath issues and traffic calming measures on Lewin Street to request a copy of the Engineer's report produced following the formal assessment of the traffic situation on Lewin Street; seeking clarification about the deadline by which the footpath outside the White Horse Pub will be repaired and information about what traffic calming measures will be introduced and when the work will be started;

(ii) urging them to bring forward work to fit bollards at the end of Lawrence Avenue East as soon as possible to stop traffic accessing St Michael's Way from Lawrence Avenue East particularly as winter is approaching and visibility will be less. The Clerk also raise this issue with the Police and seek their support;

(iii) seeking a report on options for addressing the issues around the Nantwich Road area highlighting the problems around parking, a safe crossing/safe routes to school and the lack of suitable signage for road speed and HGVS in order that a comprehensive solution can be found. Information also be sought on Section 106 monies including how to reallocate funds. The report to outline timescales for work to be identified and carried out; and

(b) that a letter be sent to the Cheshire East Council Chief Executive regarding the planning application 15/2355W for a Waste Transfer Station for ANSA urging a response to the Town Clerk's letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> October; and emphasising the Town Council's concern about the manner in which the meeting was conducted which has lead to Town Councillors feeling let down by the democratic process;

(c) the Community, Environment and Assets Committee further review its terms of reference taking into account the transport and infrastructure issues raised at the meeting; and report back to the next meeting of the Town Council with a recommendation as to how these issues can be addressed through the Committee structure and the Neighbourhood Plan process.

## **Finance**

**15. To receive and approve the Monthly Town Council Financial and Monitoring, Cashbook and Income & Expenditure reports for the month of September 2015**

**Resolved 7684**

That the Financial reports be received and approved.

**16. Annual Return**

**Resolved 7685**

That

(a) the Annual Return be approved and accepted; and

(b) the Town Clerk be thanked for his hard work in achieving a clean audit.

## **Policy Consideration**

### **17. To receive any update from the PCSO**

#### **Resolved 7686**

That the update from the PCSO be noted.

### **18. Public Open Forum**

#### **Resolved 7687**

That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Town Council outlining a suggested procedure to amend the public open forum session to enable members of the public to raise items on the day; the procedure to also include a facility whereby items can also be raised in advance so as to enable a decision to be made.

### **19. Clean Team Annual Report**

#### **Resolved 7688**

That the Clean Team Annual Report be received and the Town Clerk be authorised to make the annual grant payment to the Clean Team.

## **Highways and Transportation**

None

## **Planning and the Environment**

None

## **Notice of Future Meetings**

### **20. To note the dates of forthcoming Meetings**

#### **Resolved 7689**

That the dates for future meetings be noted.

## **Part Two**

**None**

The next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 pm.

Councillor JK Kingston  
Town Mayor

Signed.....2015

