

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

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Town Clerk's office, Victoria Building, Middlewich on Wednesday 8th March 2017, commencing at 6.00pm

Part One

Present

The Town Mayor, Councillor PJ Farrell and Councillors CL Bulman, J Eaton, MA Hunter, JK Kingston, DJ Latham, S Moss, JD Parry, 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 SN McGrory due to a prior commitment and DA Williams due to work commitments.

Feedback and Reports

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

None

Planning and the Environment

3. HS2

Members considered the consultation on HS2 and discussed whether to comment on the 2 questions which related to Middlewich:

- Question 1 – Do you support the proposal to locate the western leg Rolling Stock Depot on the site north of Crewe?
- Question 2 – Do you support the proposal to change the alignment and raise the route through the Cheshire Salt plains?

Members discussed how HS2 would impact on Middlewich including the route alignment over A roads; diversions during construction work leading to increased traffic; detrimental impact on quality of life due to noise and air pollution; opportunities to seek mitigation and legacy through a by-pass and/or southern link road.

Resolved 7907

That the Town Clerk be authorised to respond to the HS2 consultation questions based on the discussion at the meeting and any comments which Members wish to send in to him before the deadline of 9 March.

Part Two

None

The next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday 20th March 2017.

The meeting concluded at 6.30 pm.

Councillor PJ Farrell
Town Mayor

Signed.....2017