

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

Minutes of the Four Hundred and Seventy Seventh Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Wych Centre, Civic Way, Middlewich on Monday 18th July 2016, commencing at 6.30pm

Part One

Present

The Town Mayor, Councillor PJ Farrell, and Councillors CL Bulman, J Eaton, JK Kingston, SN McGrory, B Walmsley, W Walmsley and D Williams

Council Officer:
N Antoney, Administrator

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and approved from the Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr S Moss (due to holidays) and D Latham (due to holidays) M Hunter (family commitments) JPA Williams, Town Clerk (due to illness) and D J French, Assistant Town Clerk (family commitments)

Feedback and Reports

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

The Town Mayor, Councillor PJ Farrell reported that she had attended 22 events and numerous meetings.

Resolved 7812

That the Mayor's report be noted.

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

The following declarations were made:

- Councillor B Walmsley and SN McGrory declared interests as Members of Cheshire East Council.

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

Resolved 7813

That Councillors CL Bulman and SN McGrory host the next Surgery on 30th July at the Town Council stall at the Makers Market.

5. To consider any items raised during the Open Forum

(a) Mr Gareth Williams asked the following question;

Question regarding the "Tesco land" between Southway and Darlington Street:

- 1) What is the current status of this land? Is it for sale, under offer, sold?
- 2) Is the Council aware of any plans for this land?
- 3) Is this land mentioned in the Neighbourhood Plan, or could it be, or is there some other way, to enable the Council to take a lead role in ensuring that any future use is beneficial to the residents of Darlington Street and to the town as a whole?

(B) Mr Jonathan Parry asked the following question:

“I have stood in front of this council on several occasions now and brought to your attention the serious problems we have on numerous roads in Middlewich. Booth Lane, Warmingham Lane, Cross Lane, Lewin Street, Nantwich Road, Croxton Lane, and Chester Road, being the ones I have asked questions about. So far all we have seen happen is the roads get busier, this has been highlighted further by the accidents on the M6 causing huge volumes of traffic diverting through our already heavily congested town. Only a couple of weeks ago, yet another person was hit by a vehicle whilst on the pavement. I feel that it is only a matter of time when one of these near misses proves fatal which is why I ask the council to take a harder line with Cheshire East. We need action sooner rather than later. So far, all I have seen is the electronic road survey on Warmingham Lane. What will Middlewich Town Council do to address the wider problems which are making our roads extremely dangerous?”

(C) Ms Sophie Lloyd-Owen asked the following question:

“As a regular user of the public bus I have found it increasingly more difficult to travel to the surrounding towns around Middlewich. The contradiction between time tables online and time tables at bus stops and when buses actually arrive, giving some room for error due to traffic, can make it difficult to travel. And between the lack of late services in the evenings and the removal of Sunday services as well as bus frequency being low traveling for work or personal is very difficult. So my question is, will the council do anything to help provide a better public service for its town users?”

Resolved 7814

- (a) That Mr Gareth Williams to receive a copy of the information about land in Middlewich Tesco notes.
- (b) Mr J Parry advised that his highway matters have been raised with Cheshire East highways department, been advised that there will be a consultation taking place in late summer arranged by Cheshire East Council looking at highways and transportation matters in Middlewich including the impact of future development, on dates to be advised; and.
- (c) The issue regarding bus services in Middlewich be raised with Cheshire East Borough Council in terms of finding a way forward including evening bus services.

6. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council held on Tuesday 27th June 2016

Resolved 7815

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th June 2016 be received and adopted.

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

Resolved 7816

None

8. To receive the Minutes of a Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Community, Environment and Assets Committee held on 22nd June 2016.

Resolved 7817

That as the minutes were not ready they would be submitted to the next meeting of the Town Council.

9. To receive the Minutes of a Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Events and Communications Committee held on 6th July 2016

Resolved 7818

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

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

Resolved 7819

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

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

Members' items had been received as follows:

- (i) Lewin Street incidents;
- (ii) CCTV; and
- (iii) Grass cutting in Middlewich.

Resolved 7820

That the items be noted but in the absence of Councillor Latham, the Town Clerk be asked to follow these matters up with him.

Finance

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

Resolved 7821

That the Financial reports be received and approved.

Policy Considerations

14. To receive any update from the PCSO

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Resolved 7822

That the report of the PCSO be noted.

Highways and Transportation

None

Planning and the Environment

15. Application 16/3334S Screening opinion for mixed use development.

Resolved 7823

Councillor B Walmsley advised that this had been put on the agenda in error and that Middlewich Town Council were not being called as a consultee at this stage.

Notice of Future Meetings

16. To note the dates of forthcoming Meetings

Resolved 7824

That the dates for future meetings be noted.

Part Two

None

The next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday 19th September 2016.

The meeting concluded at 7.00 pm.

Councillor PJ Farrell
Town Mayor

Signed.....2016

