

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

Minutes of the Four Hundred and Seventy First Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Town Hall Function Suite, Civic Way, Middlewich on Monday 18th January 2016, commencing at 6.30pm

Part One

Present

The Town Mayor, Councillor JK Kingston and Councillors CL Bulman, J Eaton, MA Hunter, DJ Latham, 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, PJ Farrell and DA Williams.

Feedback and Reports

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

The Mayor reported that he had not attended any Mayoral events since the last meeting.

Resolved 7725

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 14 (iii) Members Item regarding Application 15/2355W, for a Waste Transfer Station - Councillor D Latham declared a disclosable pecuniary interest on the grounds that he owned property opposite the site; and Councillor MA Hunter declared an interest as a near neighbour consultee.
- Councillor B Walmsley declared an interest as a Member of Cheshire East Council.

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

Resolved 7726

That Councillors A Brooks and J Eaton host the next Surgery on 30th January at the Town Council stall at the Makers Market.

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

Mr T Williams asked the following question:

Chair, as you and council may know residents are not allowed to put shredded paper into kerbside recycling bins, or take it to the tip. This puts residents in the position where they have to put paper into landfill, in direct contradiction to Cheshire East's recycling policy. Chair, would the council support this motion: to request that Cheshire East Council provide a metal container where Middlewich residents can put shredded paper to be collected and given to animal shelters or vets so they can use it as bedding for the animals.

Resolved 7727

That the Town Clerk write to Cheshire East Council to ask for clarification regarding the policy on whether shredded paper is allowed to be disposed of at Household Waste Recycling Centres.

6. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meetings of Middlewich Town Council held on Monday 21st December 2015 and the 11th January 2016

Resolved 7728

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st December 2015 be received and adopted and the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th January 2016 be received and adopted subject to one correction to the preamble to Minute 7724 to read "Office accommodation for Town Clerk – confirm reduction from £3,000 to £1,500" (not from £33,000...)

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

None received.

8. To receive the Minutes of a Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Planning Committee held on 21st December 2015

Resolved 7729

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 6th January 2016

Resolved 7730

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

10. To receive the Minutes of a Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Community, Environment and Assets Committee held on 6th January 2016

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 7731

That the Town Clerk's report be received and noted.

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

Resolved 7732

That the report from a Cheshire East Councillor be received and noted.

13. To receive a written report from Middlewich Vision

Resolved 7733

That the report from Middlewich Vision be received and noted.

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

Resolved 7734

That

(a) the update on the Town Bridge road junction be noted - ie that some patching has been done and further work will take place depending on the weather; but no major work will take place due to the future re-alignment of the junction;

(b) the update on the work that ANSA is carrying out regarding replacement bins be noted and they be thanked for their work in carrying out a study; ANSA be advised that the Town Council suggests the bins at Hannah's Walk, Hadrian Way, Sycamore Drive and Harbutt's Field need replacing as a matter of urgency; and the Council looks forward to receiving an update once the results of the study are known; and

(c) the proposals that the Town Clerk write to Cheshire East Council seeking information on air quality in certain areas of Middlewich; and the request that the Town Council arranges to have its own air quality tests carried out; are not actioned.

(Note: Councillor D Latham left the meeting during the discussion and decision on item (c) above)

Finance

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

Resolved 7735

That the Financial reports be received and approved.

Policy Consideration

16. To receive any update from the PCSO

Resolved 7736

That the update from the PCSO be noted.

17. CCTV

Resolved 7737

That:

- (a) the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the agreement for the CCTV contract for the six month period up to 31st March 2016;
- (b) the monitoring information for the recent quarter be received; and
- (c) the letter regarding entering into a three year partnership for CCTV is referred to Finance, Policy and Governance Committee.

18. Living Wage

Resolved 7738

That the Town Council register with the Living Wage Foundation in order to progress becoming a Living Wage Employer.

Highways and Transportation

None

Planning and the Environment

19. Application for a Development Consent Order for the Keuper Gas Storage Project at Holford Brinefield and surrounding area- to consider the letter dated 23rd December

Resolved 7739

That the letter dated 23rd December be noted.

Notice of Future Meetings

20. To note the dates of forthcoming Meetings

Resolved 7740

That the dates for future meetings be noted.

Part Two

None

The next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday 15th February.

The meeting concluded at 7.25 pm.

Councillor JK Kingston
Town Mayor

Signed.....2016

