

**Middlewich Town Council
Victoria Building
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Minutes of the Four Hundred and Ninety Fourth Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Wych Centre, Civic Way, Middlewich on Monday 19th February 2018, commencing at 6.30pm

Part One

Present

The Town Mayor, Councillor SL Moss and Councillors CL Bulman, PJ Farrell, MA Hunter, JK Kingston, DJ Latham, SN McGrory (arrived at 6.45pm) JD Parry, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Council Officers:

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

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Councillors J Eaton (illness) and DA Williams (work commitments)

Feedback and Reports

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

The Town Mayor, Councillor SL Moss, advised that she had hosted a charity bingo event; participated in a bridal show at the Victoria Hall; attended and jointly opened, with Fiona Bruce MP, the offices of SP Energy on ERF Way, attended the Winsford Mayor's Civic Ball; and a Charity band night organised in aid of the Mayor of Cheshire East Council's charities. She had also been a member of the judging panel for the Middlewich Oscars.

Resolved 8025

That the Mayor's report be noted.

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

Councillor B Walmsley declared that she would be unable to give an opinion in relation to the 2 Planning applications on the agenda at items 13 and 14 as she was a Member of Cheshire East Council's Southern Planning Committee and therefore must keep an open mind until the applications were considered by Cheshire East Council.

4. To consider any items raised during the Open Forum

Ms J Eyre had submitted the following questions in advance:

“Are the council intending to proceed with increasing our council tax to pay for a second PCSO (or CCTV?)

There has been overwhelming public opposition to the second PCSO (via 2 polls run by a Middlewich social media site, and the Guardian)

And CCTV is already allocated in the budget.”

Ms Eyre updated that her question was now answered as the amount for a second PCSO was in the approved Council budget; however, she expressed her disappointment and dismay.

She also referred to the Events Committee minutes and the need for a photographer for some of the Town Council’s forthcoming events. She queried why a call for photographers had not been put out on social media. The Mayor explained that the Council’s usual photographer was not available so a last minute replacement had been suggested.

5. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council held on Monday 15th January 2018

Resolved 8026

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January 2018 be approved as a correct record.

6. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council’s Community, Environment and Assets Committee held on 30th January 2018

Resolved 8027

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th January 2018 be received.

(Note:

In accordance with Standing Order 3 (o) a request was made for a named vote on this resolution and the voting was as follows:

For the Resolution: Councillors Bulman, Farrell, Kingston, Latham, Moss, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Against the resolution: Councillors Hunter and Parry

Councillor McGrory did not vote as he arrived at the meeting during the debate)

7. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Events and Communications Committee held on 7th February 2018

Resolved 8028

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Events and Communications Committee held on 7th February be received.

(Note: In accordance with Standing Order 3 (o) a request was made for a named vote on this resolution and the voting was as follows:

For the Resolution: Councillors Bulman, Farrell, Kingston, Moss, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Against the resolution: Councillors Hunter and Parry

Abstention: Councillor Latham).

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

Resolved 8017

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

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

None received.

Finance

10. To receive and approve the Monthly Town Council Financial and Monitoring, Cashbook and Income & Expenditure reports for the month of January 2018

Resolved 8029

That the Financial reports for January be received and approved.

Policy Considerations

11. PCSO – to consider the update from the PCSO

Resolved 8030

That the update from the PCSO be noted.

Highways and Transportation

12. Vehicle Activated Devices

The Council considered the details of 2 x Vehicle Activated Devices; the devices were portable and could record data.

Resolved 8031

That

(a) the Council purchase 2 x Vehicle Activated Devices from TWM at a total cost of £5202.10, the cost to be spread between the current financial year and the next financial year; and

(b) the Community, Environment and Assets consider the location of the signs.

Planning and the Environment

13. Application 17/6233C - Full planning application for the demolition of existing buildings and the erection of 29 no dwellings, a retirement living facility containing 50 no apartments and 3 no retail units

Resolved 8032

That

(a) Cheshire East Council be advised that the Town Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

- The Public Open Space provision is inadequate;
- The design of the houses is not in keeping with the area, particularly bearing in mind the site's proximity to the conservation area;
- Concern regarding current infrastructure and capacity of current schools and medical services to cope;
- The retail units are small with lack of storage and services.

(b) should the application be approved then the Town Council requests the following:

- a contribution of £65,000 towards education provision;
- preference given to Middlewich businesses for the retail units;
- the provision of 2 x pedestrian crossings on St Anne's Road;
- a contribution towards additional CCTV to cover Southway;
- protection for residents parking.

(c) the developers be asked to provide information as to how they responded to comments made via the consultation event.

14. Application 18/0083C – proposed erection of 90 residential dwellings, access, landscaping and associated works, land east of Warmingham Lane, Moston, Middlewich

Resolved 8033

That

(a) Cheshire East Council be advised that the Town Council feels this area of Middlewich should be subject to a Masterplanning exercise;

(b) Cheshire East Council be advised that the Town Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

- inappropriate access onto the site;
- Concern regarding current infrastructure and capacity of current schools and medical services to cope; no measures to manage speed and volume of traffic;

(c) should the application be approved then the Town Council requests the following:

- A Section 106 contribution towards bus services to improve connectivity;
- Provision of routes for pedestrians and cyclists.

Part Two

There were no items to be considered in Part Two session.

The next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday 19th March 2018.

The meeting concluded at 7.20 pm.

Councillor SL Moss
Town Mayor

Signed.....2018