

**Middlewich Town Council  
Victoria Building  
Lewin Street  
Middlewich  
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**Minutes of the Four Hundred and Ninety Sixth Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Wych Centre, Civic Way, Middlewich on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018, commencing at 6.30pm**

## **Part One**

### **Present**

The Town Mayor, Councillor S Moss and Councillors CL Bulman, J Eaton, PJ Farrell, JK Kingston, DJ Latham, SN McGrory, J Parry, R Pendleton, 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**

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor MA Hunter (work commitments)

## **Feedback and Reports**

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

The Town Mayor, Councillor SL Moss, welcomed Councillor Rachel Pendleton back onto the Town Council.

Councillor Moss advised that she had attended Knutsford Town Council Mayoral Ball; participated in the judging at Middlewich High School for World Book Day; and hosted her own Charity Ball at which over £3,000 had been raised for local charities.

She noted that this was her last meeting in the chair as Town Mayor and thanked Members for an eventful year.

### **Resolved 8048**

That the Mayor's report be noted.

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

Councillor J Eaton declared an interest in any matters relating to the Wych Centre.

**4. To consider any items raised during the Open Forum**

None

**5. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Resolved 8049**

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be approved as a correct record.

(Note: in relation to the Town Council minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Councillor McGrory queried resolution 8043, vote of No Confidence in the Chair Deputy Mayor Councillor W Walmsley. This item was not on the agenda and he queried why a vote was allowed to take place. The Town Clerk advised that the minutes reflected what happened at the meeting; it was now important to learn and move forward and to facilitate this he had circulated to all Members a list of motions that could be voted on without written notice)

**6. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Planning Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Resolved 8050**

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be received.

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

**Resolved 8051**

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

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

Members' items had been received as follows:

- Councillor Parry requested that the Town Council make a donation to the Canal and River Trust towards repairing the recent canal breach; and
- Councillor Parry proposed undertaking a consultation to find out residents' views on what the Town Council should bid for from Cheshire East Council's New Homes Bonus.

## **Resolved 8052**

That:

- (a) The Town Clerk discuss with the Canal and River Trust ways in which the Town Council can give support including at the Middlewich FAB Festival, with fund raising and practical support to boaters attending FAB and also with the offer of collection points at the council offices; and
- (b) The item regarding New Homes Bonus be deferred to the June meeting of the Town Council when it is likely that further information will be available; in the meantime the Clerk liaise with the Vision Action Plan Manager regarding possible options around future consultation on this matter.

## **Finance**

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

## **Resolved 8053**

That the Financial reports for March be received and approved.

(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, Eaton, Farrell, Kingston, Latham, McGrory, Moss, B Walmsley and W Walmsley  
Against the resolution: Councillor Parry  
Abstention: Councillor Pendleton )

## **Policy Considerations**

### **10. PCSO Update**

There was no report from the PCSO to be considered.

## **Highways and Transportation**

None

## **Planning and the Environment**

None

**Part Two**

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

The next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.

The meeting concluded at 6.56 pm.

Councillor S Moss  
Town Mayor

Signed.....2018

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