

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

Minutes of the Four Hundred and Ninety Eighth Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Wych, Civic Way, Middlewich on Monday 11th June 2018, commencing at 6.30pm

Part One

Present

The Town Mayor, Councillor W Walmsley and Councillors CL Bulman, J Eaton, PJ Farrell, MA Hunter, JK Kingston, DJ Latham, SN McGrory, JD Parry and B Walmsley.

Council Officers:

JPA Williams, Town Clerk and N Antoney, Administrative Assistant

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

An apologies for absence was received and approved from Councillor SL Moss (medical) and RJ Pendleton (Family Commitments)

Feedback and Reports

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

The Town Mayor, Councillor W Walmsley reported that, as Mayor he had attended several events including Middlewich Good Neighbours Royal Wedding Afternoon Tea, Royal British Legion Thanksgiving Parade, Mid Cheshire Scouts AGM, MHS Community Choir concert.

Resolved 8063

That the Mayor's report be noted.

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

Cllr J Eaton declared an interest in any matter relating to the Wych Centre.

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4. To consider any items raised during the Open Forum

No question had been submitted in advance and none were raised at the meeting.

5. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Four Hundred and Ninety Seventh Meeting of Middlewich Town Council held on Tuesday 22nd May 2018

Resolved 8064

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd May 2018 be approved as a correct record.

6. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Planning Committee held on Tuesday 22nd May 2018

Resolved 8065

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd May 2018 be received.

7. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Community, Environment and Assets Committee held on Tuesday 29th May 2018

Resolved 8066

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 29th May 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 Eaton, Farrell, Kingston, Latham, McGrory, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Abstain from resolution: Councillors Bulman, Hunter and Parry

Against resolution: None

8. To receive the Minutes of the Middlewich Town Council's Finance, Policy and Governance Committee held on Monday 4th June 2018.

Resolved 8067

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 4th June 2018 be received.

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

Resolved 8068

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

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

Members' items had been received as follows:

- Councillor Latham had submitted two questions concerning air quality and M6 diversion routes
- Councillor Pendleton had submitted a question on Cheshire East to complete a full safety audit of the towns' parks.
- Councillor Parry had submitted a question on Cheshire East to complete a full audit of safe routes to school.
- Councillor Hunter submitted three questions
 - (a) That Cheshire East Council commits to the shortfall required for Middlewich Eastern Bypass
 - (b) That Section 106 monies be changed from putting two bus stops on Cross Lane which are not wanted to a pedestrian crossing on Warmingham Lane
 - (c) For Cheshire East to start designing the calming measures on Warmingham Lane.

Resolved 8069

- (a) To write to Cheshire East Council and ask why a formal invitation to a forthcoming air quality workshop had not been sent. It was also agreed to set up a meeting of the Town Council's own Air Quality Group.
- (b) That the Town Council takes up the offer of a meeting with Highways Officers to discuss M6 relief traffic routes, bearing in mind that the ultimate authority lies with the Highways Agency, who would be contact in writing.
- (c) Councillor Pendleton's motion was withdrawn in her absence.
- (d) To request a full audit of safe routes to Middlewich schools. All schools will be contacted to seek their views on the matter. In particular there were concerns about access to Cledford Primary. Members also noted the on-going discussions concerning traffic management in the St Ann's Road/Long Lane/Queen Street/King Edward Street which will impact on the High School and two primaries.
- (e) Councillor Hunter's motion was withdrawn.
- (f) That a request be made to consider reallocating Section 106 funds be diverted from bus stops on cross lane to pedestrian crossing on Warmingham Lane. Members were also concerned that the Town Council had not been formally consulted over this issue.
- (g) To request that Cheshire East Council commences with the design of traffic calming measures on Warmingham Lane and the new layout to Town Bridge Junction. A request for a suggested time frame will also be made.

(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, Hunter, Kingston, Latham, and Parry

Abstain from resolution: Councillors McGrory, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Finance

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

Resolved 8070

This item was deferred to next Full Council Meeting as the report had not been sent out with the agenda.

Policy Considerations

12. PCSO Update

Resolved 8071

No report had been received. It was resolved to set up a meeting with the Town Council's PCSO Liaison Group. Members were concerned over the lack of PCSO reports recently.

Highways and Transportation

None

Planning and the Environment

None

Part Two

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

Tuesday 26th June – Planning Committee at 5.30pm;
Wednesday 4th July – Events and Communications Committee at 6.00pm
Wednesday 11th July – Personnel Committee at 6.00pm
Monday 16th July - Ordinary meeting of the Town Council at 6.30pm
Tuesday 31 July – Planning Committee at 5.30pm

The meeting concluded at 19.38pm.

Councillor W Walmsley

Town Mayor

Signed.....2018