

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

Minutes of the Five Hundredth Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Victoria Hall, Civic Way, Middlewich on Monday 17th September 2018, commencing at 6.30pm

Part One

Present

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

Council Officers:

JPA Williams, Town Clerk, DJ French, Assistant Town Clerk and N Antoney, Administrative Assistant

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors J Eaton (illness) and S Moss (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 a number of events including Poynton Mayor's fundraising event; Cheshire East Council Mayor's Afternoon Tea; Middlewich WI Strawberry Tea; Salt Town Rally; Middlewich Show; Holywell Civic Service; Good Neighbours meeting; the Mexon Market and Neighbourhood Plan consultation event.

He reported that this Sunday, 23rd September, was his Civic Service at the United Reformed Church. He had also organised a film night showing Mamma Mia in the Victoria Hall on Thursday 4th October and tickets were £5.

Resolved 8081

That the Mayor's report be noted.

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

Councillor R Pendleton declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 13 - application from Middlewich and District Food Bank for a Standing Grant - on the grounds that she was an employee of the Food Bank.

4. To consider any items raised during the Open Forum

Mr G Williams asked whether residents could be involved in the forthcoming budget setting process and be given an opportunity to feed in queries, concerns and priorities, at an early stage. Mr S Mayhew suggested using the website to provide information on draft budget proposals.

Mrs Roylance-White suggested the Town Council investigate undertaking participatory budgeting which could result in a shortlist of proposals upon which residents could vote.

A number of Members supported the proposal to enable local residents to be involved in the budget process. Members also asked that budget meetings be held in public and requested that this be considered at the next Town Council meeting.

5. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Four Hundred and Ninety Ninth Meeting of Middlewich Town Council held on Monday 16th July 2018

Resolved 8082

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16^h July 2018 be approved as a correct record.

6. To receive the Minutes of Meetings of Middlewich Town Council's Personnel Committee held on 26th July and 20th August 2018

Resolved 8083

That the Minutes of the Meetings held on 26th July and 20th August 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 McGrory, Pendleton, B Walmsley and W Walmsley
Against the resolution: Councillors Hunter and Parry
Abstention: Councillors Bulman, Farrell, Kingston and Latham)

7. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Finance, Policy and Governance Committee held on 30th July 2018

Resolved 8084

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 30th July 2018 be received.

8. To receive the Minutes of Meetings of Middlewich Town Council's Community, Environment and Assets Committee held on 30th July and 3rd September 2018

Resolved 8085

That the minutes of Meetings held on 30th July and 3rd September 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, McGrory, B Walmsley and W Walmsley
Against the resolution: Councillor Parry
Abstention: Councillors Hunter and Pendleton)

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

Resolved 8086

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 B Walmsley had submitted an item regarding compiling a list of locations of all defibrillators in Middlewich to send to the Ambulance Service and make available on the Council's website;
- Councillor W Walmsley had submitted an item regarding a possible data breach and asking that this be investigated;
- Councillor Parry had submitted an item about amending Town Council meeting start times from 6.30pm to 7.15pm;
- Councillor Pendleton had submitted an item about s106 funding from the residential development on Warmingham Lane;
- Councillor Bulman had submitted an item asking the Council to send thanks to Middlewich Vision and Ansa for the refurbishment and opening event at Fountain Fields park; and
- Councillor Hunter had submitted items relating to the Middlewich Eastern Bypass asking that Cheshire East Council be requested to provide an update on progress and asking for certain technical and traffic management issues to be supported.

Resolved 8087 That:

- (a) The Town Clerk investigates the locations of all defibrillators in the town and draws up a list to send to the Ambulance Service and to include this information on the Town Council website and promote it widely;
- (b) The Town Clerk undertakes an investigation into a possible data breach and reports back to the full Council meeting on 15th October;
- (c) Meeting start times for full Council meetings be reviewed in May 2019;
- (d) The Town Clerk makes representations to Cheshire East Council to encourage them to use the S106 money wisely and reiterates the Council's support for a safe crossing point and traffic calming in the Warmingham Lane area. The Clerk to also write to Mr C Hindle, Head of Strategic Infrastructure, Cheshire East Council, to advise him of these views and seek his support in finding a satisfactory solution;
- (e) The Town Clerk writes formally to the Vision Action Plan Manager and the Parks and Recreation Manager, Ansa, to thank them and colleagues for all their hard work on the imaginative and successful refurbishment of Fountain Fields Park and the superb reopening celebrations on 31st August;
- (f) The Town Clerk requests that Cheshire East Council provides a full update on the progress made in relation to the Middlewich Bypass on the following areas:
 - 1. Have Cheshire East Council/Highways carried out a full survey of the preferred route ready for a planning application?
 - 2. What progress has been made on a planning application for the new route?
 - 3. A number of surveys will have to be carried out such as ecological, Topographical, Geotechnical etc, there will also be a need for intrusive investigations - which have been started and which have not?
 - 4. A full breakdown be provided of how much funding there is currently for the bypass from Central Government, Section 106 agreements and Cheshire East Council; along with a timeline and construction plan.
- (g) The Town Clerk requests that, in relation to the Middlewich Eastern Bypass, the following matters are ensured:
 - (1) construction starts from Booth Lane and the crossing of the railway first to ensure there is not another cul de sac;
 - (2) no development must take place along the bypass route until the bypass and the Cledford Lane link road are finished;
 - (3) once the bypass is finished that HGVs are stopped from using Booth Lane/Lewin Street/Leadsmithy Street except for access;
 - (4) once the bypass and Cledford Lane link road are finished a full traffic calming scheme be installed along Booth Lane, Lewin Street and Leadsmithy Street including upgrading the pavements outside the White Horse for pedestrian safety.

(Note: In accordance with Standing Order 3 (o) a request was made for a named vote on resolutions 8087 (b); (c); (d); (f) and (g) above and the voting was as follows:

8087 (b)

For the Resolution: Councillors Bulman, Farrell, Hunter, Kingston, Latham, Parry and B Walmsley

Against the resolution: Councillors McGrory and W Walmsley

Abstention: Councillor Pendleton)

8087 (c)

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

Against the resolution: Councillors Bulman, Hunter, Parry and Pendleton

Abstention: Councillor Latham)

8087 (d)

For the Resolution: Councillors Bulman, Farrell, Hunter, Kingston, Latham, McGrory, Parry, Pendleton, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Against the resolution: none

Abstention: none)

8087 (f)

For the Resolution: Councillors Bulman, Farrell, Hunter, Kingston, Latham, McGrory, Parry, Pendleton, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Against the resolution: none

Abstention: none)

8087 (g)

For the Resolution: Councillors Bulman, Farrell, Hunter, Kingston, Latham, Parry and Pendleton

Against the resolution: none

Abstention: Councillors McGrory, B Walmsley and W Walmsley)

11. To consider the report of the Vision Action Plan Manager

Resolved 8088

That the report of the Vision Action Plan Manager be received with thanks.

Finance

12. To receive and approve the Monthly Town Council Financial and Monitoring reports, Cashbook and Income & Expenditure reports for the months of July and August 2018

Resolved 8089

That the Financial reports for July and August be received and approved.

13. To consider the application from Middlewich and District Food Bank for a Standing Grant

Resolved 8090

That the application be referred to the Finance, Policy and Governance Committee for consideration and recommendation to the Town Council.

(Note: in accordance with the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest previously notified, Councillor R Pendleton left the meeting room during the discussion and did not participate or vote on this item)

Policy Considerations

14. PCSO Update

There was no update from the PCSO but it was noted that one of the PCSOs had circulated information on a Friday Night Project being organised at Middlewich Leisure Centre which the Council had agreed to help publicise.

15. CCTV – to consider the monitoring reports from Cheshire East Council

Resolved 8091

That the monitoring reports be received.

16. New Homes Bonus

Resolved 8092

That the update on the New Homes Bonus be received.

Highways and Transportation

None

Planning and the Environment

17. Ansa Environmental Services Ltd Waste Hub Liaison Board

Resolved 8093

That the Town Clerk and Councillors MA Hunter and DJ Latham be appointed as the Town Council representatives on the Liaison Group.

Part Two

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

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Tuesday 25th September – Planning Committee at 5.30pm;
- Monday 1st October – Finance, Policy and Governance Committee at 6.00pm;
- Wednesday 3rd October– Events and Communications Committee at 6.00pm
- Wednesday 10th October – Personnel Committee at 6.00pm;
- Monday 15th October - ordinary meeting of the Town Council at 6.30pm

The meeting concluded at 8.08pm.

Councillor W Walmsley

Town Mayor

Signed.....2018