

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

**Minutes of the Five Hundred and Fifth Meeting of Middlewich Town Council,
held in the Wych Centre, Civic Way, Middlewich on Monday 18th February 2019,
commencing at 6.30pm**

Part One

Present

The Town Mayor, Councillor W Walmsley and Councillors CL Bulman, J Eaton, P J Farrell, JK Kingston, SN McGrory (from 6.33pm), S Moss, JD Parry and B Walmsley.

Council Officers:
DJ French, Assistant Town Clerk

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and approved from M Hunter (family reasons), DJ Latham (family reasons) and R Pendleton (family reasons); and the Town Clerk, Mr JPA Williams (illness)

Feedback and Reports

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

The Town Mayor, Councillor W Walmsley, reported that he had attended a number of events including Winsford Town Mayor's Civic Dinner, Holocaust Memorial Service, Connected Communities launch at Cledford Methodist Church, Mid Cheshire Scouts event, Northwich Mayor's Cheese and Wine Evening, and the Lord Mayor of Chester's Banquet.

Resolved 8150

That the Mayor's report be noted.

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

None.

4. To consider any items raised during the Open Forum

Two questions had been received in advance of the meeting:

(a) Would the Council provide an update on the Eastern Bypass please?"

Reference was made to item 14 on the agenda containing notes of a meeting held with Richard Hibbert, Lead Engineer for the Bypass project. This was accepted as sufficient information to provide an update.

During the discussion, Members raised queries around funding for the project and the possibility of a weight restriction on Lewin Street and Leadsmithy Street. Members were advised that the issue of a weight restriction was not a planning matter and could not therefore be pursued as part of the planning application for the Bypass, but would need to be dealt with as a separate matter. The funding for the Bypass was from HM Government and underwritten by Cheshire East Council; this had been confirmed at a Cheshire East Cabinet meeting on 15th January 2019.

(b) "I would like to ask if the council has any feedback on the speed device on Warmingham Lane?"

Members had been circulated with the latest data from the speed devices on both King Street and Warmingham Lane. Members asked if the data had been shared with the Police and the Assistant Clerk advised that the data had not been shared but was at the stage of evidence gathering. She confirmed that both speed devices belonged to the Town Council. It was noted from the data that a significant number of vehicles were travelling above the 30mph speed limit at both locations. Members asked that the data now be shared with the Police and Cheshire East Council Highways to ascertain any further steps.

Another member of the public requested to speak. Members of the Council raised concern and the Mayor asked the member of the public to be seated and that he not speak. This request was refused and the member of the public remained on his feet and continued to speak. The Mayor tried to move the meeting onto the next item of business. Due to the disruption to the meeting and in accordance with Standing Order 2, the meeting was closed at this point.

The meeting concluded at 6.50 pm.

Councillor W Walmsley

Town Mayor

Signed.....2019