



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held at the Town Hall on the 7th February 2023 @ 7pm

Prayers

Rev Nancy Goodrich sent her apologies.

Present: Town Mayor Cllr John Stewart (JCS)

Cllrs: Ken Edwards (KE), Helen Ellwood (HE), David Kent (DK), Ken Larby (KL), Jo Maitland (JM), Miriat Naiga (MN), James Nicholas (JN), Judy Snowball (JS), Amanda Stott (AS), Angela Williams (AW).

Town Clerk: Julie Mason

Declarations of Interest

Cllr JN due to being Chair of the CEC Northern Planning Committee, Cllr JM – 23/0175M, Cllr HE – 23/0140M, Cllr JCS – 23/0214.

Apologies

Cllr Sarah Butterworth no reason submitted.

Public Forum

Two members of the public were present to observe the meeting.

16/23 To receive and resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting on 3rd January 2023 (Minute Nos 01/23- 15/23)

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate.

17/23 To receive updates from the minutes

To receive feedback on the Cllr 'Drop in' sessions.

The general feedback was it was a success, and it made the Town Council accessible to speak to both on May 2023 Elections and other topics.

Town Assembly on 01.03.23

It was noted Jackie Weaver had accepted the invite to speak at the Town Assembly. The newsletter was discussed by members, this would be delivered to all households to invite them to the Town Assembly, the delivery of the accounts was debated and the manner the Assembly were presented.

It was agreed that the Mayor would speak and have an open microphone and then Councillors would take questions individually.

Cllr JN wished there to be an informative session on queries which might be raised by the audience.

Ward Walks

Cllrs were still not completing Ward Walks and the Mayor suggested they were cancelled. Cllr DK said they were of great benefit and struggled to know the reasons they were not being done. He offered to complete the next one with Cllr MN.

18/23 To receive the Town Mayor’s announcements

The following announcements were noted:

Community & Environment	14/02/23	7pm
Planning & Town Committee	21/02/23	7pm
Facilities Committee	27/02/23	10am

19/23 To receive report from Cheshire East Councillors

There was a special council meeting held on 1st February with one item on the agenda, which is the Public Interest Report produced by Grant Thornton. The report has been written in response to the events at Cheshire East during the political leadership of Michael Jones around 2014/15. Police investigations were launched at the time, but the CPS turned down the request for prosecution as they felt there was not enough evidence to secure a conviction. The report is very critical of both senior officers and the Cabinet during that period, but there is praise for the work of the internal audit team. The report can be viewed through the Council’s website. Cheshire East is on target to meet its promise to be carbon neutral by 2025 and part of the process is to decarbonise council buildings. The comments submitted as part of the budget consultation are being collated, along with comments and feedback from committees, member engagement sessions, meetings with Town and Parish councils and feedback from all other interested stakeholders. This report will initially be presented at the Corporate Policy meeting in February before recommendations are made to full council.

Northern Planning is to be held on 15 February - the agenda will be published five working days beforehand. A request for the application concerning The Viceroy to be called-in to the Northern Planning Committee has been submitted.

20/23 To Resolve to adopt a Dignity at Work Policy and confirm the Training records for Cllrs & Staff as in the enclosure pack.

The template produced by NALC and SLCC of the ‘Dignity at Work Policy’ had been circulated to members. To adopt the Civility & Respect Pledge the Council required this policy.

Cllr JS disputed the effectiveness of the policy and where would the appeal process be heard and there were concerns for the person receiving the accusations. Cllr KE felt it needed more work. The Clerk advised it had been written by NLAC and SLCC after a great deal of research when launching the Civility & Respect pledge.

RESOLVED the policy for the staff would be adopted subject the Personnel, Policy & Governance Committee revisiting the Grievance Policy and the Disciplinary Policy.

21/23 To Receive the minutes from the Council Committees and RESOLVE to accept their recommendations and decisions:

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 10/01/23 (CE01/23 - CE15/23)

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

- **CE005/23 To agree the report on the coordination of care and medical services as presented at the Bollington/Disley/Poynton (BDP) Care Community on 13/12/22.**

RESOLVED the Council will support subject to removing the words;

3. Make any structural changes required as a result of First Steps analysis in our Committee Structure and staffing job descriptions.

- **CE006/23 To receive an update on funding to expand CCTV coverage in response to anti-social behaviour.**

Currently the Bollington Recreational Ground CCTV is not formally managed by Cheshire East Council or Bollington Town Council. The skate park is not currently monitored by CCTV.

RESOLVED the Council would support the acquisition of the CCTV in the Cricket Pavilion covering the recreational area subject to costs and scrutiny by the Facilities Committee.

It was noted a grant application had been submitted to the Police Crime Commissioner for £1,827.40 for an extra camera to cover the Skate Park.

PERSONNEL POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 11/01/23 (01/23 - 07/23)

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Subject Access Request Policy

RESOLVED this policy was adopted.

It was noted this was approved by JDH Services Ltd

- Personal Data Complaints Policy

RESOLVED this policy was adopted.

It was noted this was advised by JDH Services Ltd as a new policy.

- Data Retention Policy

RESOLVED this policy was adopted

- Equality and Diversity Policy

Cllr JS requested this was referred back to the P, P, G Committee to add the support of Menopause awareness from the Town Council. It was agreed this could not be addressed tonight as it had not been agreed through the Committee system and was not on the agenda. Ideally the P, P, G Committee.

RESOLVED this policy was adopted subject to the replacement of the words in reference to Dignity at Work Policy, the proof of monitoring the discrimination through recruitment and the change of name to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy.

It was noted this had been approved by Work Nest

- Allotments Policy

RESOLVED this policy was adopted

- CCTV Code of Practice and Policy

The Clerk advised that the CCTV camera outside the Town Hall was covering people's property, and this did not follow the purpose of the CCTV

RESOLVED the camera range would be shortened not to cover private residences.

RESOLVED the Policy was adopted.

PLANNING & TOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 17/01/23 (PT 01/23 - 16/23)

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

23/0140M

22, INGERSLEY ROAD, BOLLINGTON SK10 5RF

Double Storey five-bedroom house to include a swimming pool following demolition of existing property.

RESOLVED the application was called in.

RESOLVED OBJECTION

07/23 To approve extra road signs for Civic Sunday on 5th March 2023 as the road closure is longer than usual.

RESOLVED the following signs were approved.

- *Cost £128.40 for four signs.*
- *Plus £20.00 for clips*

Amendment of cost to £151.72 for four signs + £28.60 = £180.32.

EXTRAORDINARY FACILITIES COMMITTEE 23/01/23

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Turner Rise

RESOLVED the Council would return the land at Turner Rise to Peaks & Plains Housing Association but with a condition from our solicitor the land should not be sold for development and left as open space.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE 30/01/23 (FA01/23 – 07/23)

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

22/23 To consider the option from Cheshire East Council on the transfer of garage sites at Kingsway and Pool Bank Car Park

The Clerk had retrieved the information the Council had enquired about and it was in the enclosure pack.

RESOLVED the Town Council were not in a position to adopt the garages at this time when considering the information from Cheshire East Council.

23/23 To consider Planning Applications which require comments before the next Planning and Development Meeting

- [23/0175M](#)
4A HAWTHORN ROAD, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5JN
Single storey side extension and loft conversion with alterations.
RESOLVED NO OBJECTION
- [23/0214M](#)
51A WELLINGTON ROAD, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5JH
Proposed garage conversion and alterations.
RESOLVED NO OBJECTION
- [23/0341M](#)
80 CEDARWAY, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5NS
Front dormer window
RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

24/23 To note the balance of Accounts Co-op Current - £6,872.37 Co-op Savings - £20,075.40 Natwest - £110,058.02 Santander - £70,000.00 = £207,005.79

RESOLVED to pay the Accounts for Payment dated 07/02/23 £22,203.14 + VAT £1,294.19 = £23,497.33.

To note Receipts = £12,125.14

25/23 To note the meeting dates for Full Council and Committees in 2023 following recommendations.

The amendments were agreed by Full Council.

PART B

Under Standing Orders 3d - Exclusion of the Public.

Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons.

The public's exclusion from part or all a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public's exclusion.

It was **Resolved** to move to Part B

Land transfer to Bollington, Health & Leisure

RESOLVED £2,000 would be allocated from general reserves to cover Cheshire East Legal fees to redraft the 2017 lease.

Appointment of new Town Warden

RESOLVED the new appointment was accepted.

26/23 To note the next Full Council meeting to be held on 7th March 2023 at the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....