



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held at the Town Hall on the 4th July 2023 @ 7pm

Prayers

Prayers were received By Rev Nancy Goodrich

Present: Town Mayor Cllr Helen Ellwood (HE)

Cllrs: Cllr G Appleton (GA), Cllr M Broadbent (MB), Cllr K Edwards (KE), Cllr D Kent (DK), Cllr J Maitland (JM), Cllr R Hardwick (RH), Cllr N Macartney (NM), Cllr J Snowball (JS), Cllr J Stewart (JCS), Cllr J Withers (JW).

Chair: Cllr H Ellwood

Town Clerk: Julie Mason

Declarations of Interest

Cllr H Ellwood – 23/2019M and Cllr J Snowball – as she was vice chair of Cheshire East Environment & Community Committee.

Apologies

Cllr A Williams due to annual holidays.

Public Forum

Five members of the public were present and Cllr John Place - CE Ward Cllr.

Two members of the public came for support with the planning application – 23/2373M Telecommunications monopole Lidgett's Lane, Rainow as the application had been revised and was now 5 meters high but still unacceptable. BTC was not a consultee, but they asked as the TC had objected last time if they would again, but the deadline was 19th July.

The Chair replied that it would be referred to the planning committee and the Clerk would request an extension.

One member of the public was speaking on behalf of the Bollington branch of the Macclesfield Conservative Association and asked for support from the Town Council with the threat of charges on Pool bank car park. He explained options which could be considered by the TC.

He felt Cheshire East Council have made it clear that they would like to introduce consistent charging across all car parks in the Borough to ensure that there is a fair and equitable distribution of costs. Cheshire East is looking for ways to increase revenues from parking charges and has budgeted for a large increase in parking charges in 2023/24. A petition had been signed and over 1,300 to had objected to charges which reflects the opposition. Another two members of the public had attended (one a local businessman) to support the objection of car park charges and the damage the charges would do to the local shops/businesses and the overnight parking of many residents due to Bollington having a lack of car parking space.

The Chair replied this would be referred to the Facilities Committee on 31st July.
Cllr J Place supported the fact that the charges would be a huge setback for the town if charges were introduced and he would oppose it.

82/23 To receive and resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting on 6th June 2023 (Minute Nos 73/23 - 81/23)

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

83/23 To receive updates from the Minutes

The Clerk noted from the last meeting the blocked gullies on Hurst Lane had been reported to CE Highways and the response was no issue at the site visit.

83/24 To receive the Town Mayor's announcements

Community & Environment Committee	11/07/23	7pm
Finance & Audit Committee	17/07/23	2pm
Planning & Town Development Committee	25/07/23	7pm
Facilities Committee	31/07/23	10am

84/23 To receive the minutes from the Council Committees and RESOLVE to accept their recommendations and decisions:

The Chair asked Cllrs to note if they are unable to attend meetings to please substitute with another Councillor Colleague

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE 12/06/23 (FA 17/23- 26/23)

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

Cllr NM reported that the Clerk and himself had attended a meeting on 30th June with CCLA and the feedback was very good after enquires – instant access, a return of circa 4.7% and it was AAA fitch rating. It was therefore recommended that £70,000 would be invested into the CCLA and the Santander account be closed.

FA 22/23 To accept the budget for 2023/24 for the first quarter.

RESOLVED the budget was accepted.

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 13/06/23 (CE 60/23- CE 75/23)

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

CE069/23 To agree a location for a Christmas event.

RESOLVED: That a Christmas event is held at the Bollington Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: That the event is referred to as a Christmas Fayre.

CE070/23 To resolve to agree a preferred supplier for the lighting of the sycamore tree at Bollington Cross.

Quote A - £1,000 (for one month's hire)

Quote B - £4,348 (semi permanent installation)

Quote C - £2,616 (semi-permanent installation)

RESOLVED: that Quote B was accepted.

It was noted the Clerk had requested a grant from the Beer Festival for £1,500 and if successful it would assist with the shortfall in the allocated budget. It was reported the cost if on the recreational ground was £10,288 for the Christmas events, which was over £2,288 budget. When a reply had been received this would be brought back to Full Council.

PLANNING & TOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 20/06/23 (PT 54/23 – 64/23)

Cllr JM asked the committee about their decision on 23/2019M 22, Ingersley Vale and asked if the Committee had referred to the NP in their decision-making process. Cllr JM quoted NP policies which she felt should have been considered. Cllr MB and Cllr JS (Chair of Planning & Town Development) explained that the planning application had been given scrutiny and felt their decision was correct. There was no counter proposal.

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

RESOLVED the new bin would be installed by Adlington Road toilets subject to CCTV being undertaken by the Town Council.

The Chair asked as the pre application for Coope Road had been submitted to Cheshire East by Peaks & Plains that the Planning & Town Development Committee was given delegated authority to reply as there was no FC meeting in August.

RESOLVED the committee was given delegated authority to make enquiries to Cheshire East and Peaks & Plains in relation to the pre application at Coope Road.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE 26/06/23 (FC 26/23- 42/23 FC 26/23 42/43)

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

The Chair noted Cllr AW had asked to be a member of the THWG, members thought the Cllrs would not be changed at this time, but Cllr AW was welcome to join as an observer.

PERSONNEL, POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 28/06/23

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

85/23 To agree to add Cllr N Macartney to be an additional signature on the Natwest account as the Chair of Finance

RESOLVED Cllr NM would be added to the Natwest bank account as an extra signature.

86/23 To revisit the Resolution 15/23 from the P, P, G Committee on 15Th March 2023

Cllrs; JM, HE, DK, KE and NM had asked for a recessionary resolution on the minute reference PPG 15/23 to not re engage Work Nest our HR advisors.

The PPG Committee felt the decision had been taken under the impression the council could ask for ad hoc personnel information and it would be saving monies, but this was not the case, and the cost would be far greater. The committee felt the support was invaluable and this advice was not always planned and once the subscription had been ended in July 2023 the cost would increase.

The Clerk reported the cost to stay with Work Nest on a 3-year renewal was £2,100 per annum.

RESOLVED the Town Council would reengage the subscription with Work nest.

87/23 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillors

RESOLVED the report was accepted.

To make a decision on putting CE information on the BTC website

The general feeling was the report was political and the CE report was in the enclosure pack for the public to view.

RESOLVED the CE report would not be added to the BTC website.

88/23 To agree the Town Councils response to the library consultation

Cllr NH had drafted a response to the library consultation, and it had been circulated. The figures of footfall across all the Cheshire East libraires had also been included. It seemed the library would close on a Thursday afternoon (other areas were affected worse) This was the second consultation and Cllr NH encouraged all Cllrs to reply individually. It was agreed Cllrs would have another chance to reply to the draft consultation and then it would be submitted to CE.

RESOLVED the library's future would be included in our Corporate Plan.

Cllr NH was thanked for his efforts.

89/23 To consider Planning Applications which require comments before the next Planning and Development Meeting

23/2385M

13, IRWELL RISE, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5YE

A single-storey replacement rear extension, single-storey side porch and replacement external windows, and introduction of exterior insulation and render finish to the existing property.

RESOLVED No Objection

90/23 To note the balance of Accounts Co-op Current - £4,679.88 Co-op Savings - £20,165.65 Natwest - £159,022.83 Santander - £70,000.00 = £253,868.36

RESOLVED to approve the Accounts for Payment dated 04/07/23 £21,677.99 + VAT £1,628.21 = £23,306.20 Plus - Receipts = £6,151.51.

The information was inspected by the Town Mayor, Cllr Helen Ellwood and Chair of Finance, Cllr Nigel Macartney.

91/23 The next meeting will be held on 5th September at the Town Hall @ 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed:..... Date:.....