

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.05PM ON MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2016 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs S Horsman

Cllrs: M Beanland, L Berry, L A Clarke, C Gorst, I Hollingworth, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, G King, H Murray, L Podmore and G Smith

Opening Prayer

Part A

24. Questions to the Mayor

There were no questions to the Mayor.

25. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs S J Gilmore, T Holbrooke, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart, M Sewart, Mrs T Lorde and Mrs N Wylie.

26. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

27. Approve previous meeting minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th June 2016 are approved as an accurate record (NC)

28. Urgent business SO 19 (d)

Cllr Hollingworth proposed an emergency motion that an urgent item of business is included in Part B under SO 19 (d).

RESOLVED: That an urgent item of business is included in Part B under SO19 (NC)

29. Mayor's Engagements/Announcements

As attached.

RESOLVED: That the report is received (NC)

30. Annual Return for 2015/16

RESOLVED: That the amended version of the approved and signed Accounting Statement in the Annual Return for 2015/16 sent to the external auditors on 14th July 2016 is approved and the Full Town Council endorse the actions of the Clerk (NC)

31. Poynton Neighbourhood Plan

Members received and considered the Pre-Submission version of the Poynton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Podmore thanked the 50 Poynton residents and the Steering Group for their hard work in preparing the Pre-Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan. Also the continued work and effort of Mr John Knight. Cllr Podmore spoke on the Pre-Submission version including each of the five policies namely, Housing and Development, Environment and Green Belt, Town Centre and Business, Health and Well Being, and Transport and Connectivity. Managing and preserving the character of Poynton was an important factor for residents. Cllr Podmore clarified that for the purposes of the Local Plan, Cheshire East have included some areas of northern Adlington as part of the wider settlement of Poynton.

Mr John Knight outlined the stages of the Neighbourhood Plan which are set out in Government guidance and the Localism Act. This is the first legally acknowledged stage known as Regulation 14 owned by the Town Council. This is the first stage at which a composite plan is the subject of public consultation. The next step for the Town Council, subject to approval, is for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to publicise the draft plan and invite representation and consultation from a number of persons and bodies including residents, businesses, landowners, developers and other parties as set out by CE who have a consultation list including statutory bodies. However, the consultation is, except for statutory bodies, for the Town Council to determine. CE may suggest that the Town Council consult with other local Town and Parish Councils. The draft Neighbourhood Plan must be submitted formally to the local authority. A six week consultation period is required and Mr Knight recommended that this period coincides with the opening of the Local Plan examination.

At the end of the six week period the responses are considered and amendments can be made. Mr Knight outlined the timeline to ensure the submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan to be with CE before Christmas 2016. Once the Neighbourhood Plan is submitted to the Borough

Council the remaining stages of the Neighbourhood Plan are a joint effort between the Town Council and the Borough Council.

Mr John Knight clarified that the focus of the Neighbourhood Plan is to strike a balance between the amount and scale of proposed development together with the provision of new infrastructure including roads, drainage, medical, schools and leisure facilities amongst others, which need to be provided before development commences.

Members thanked Cllr Podmore for his efforts as the Town Council's lead on the Neighbourhood Plan.

The following questions were raised:

This is an excellent document but it is not emphasising the Brownfield sites?
The document will be tweaked and this will be emphasised. The maps are currently with Cheshire East who are producing them for us.

The proposed policies within the document, what happens with these policies, is it strategic planning at CE?

At this stage they are proposed policies, CE can only comment on this plan as a consultee, this is the Town Council's plan. At the point that this document is handed over to the Borough Council, including two additional documents namely, The Basic Conditions and The Statement of Consultation, then this becomes a working document between the Town Council and the Borough Council.

The Chair of Planning explained that in terms of process the next step is to receive the document and members resume at the next full Town Council meeting to make a decision on commencing the document for public consultation.

It was proposed that members should send their comments on the document to the Clerk who will forward comments to Cllr Podmore, Cllr Clarke and John Knight. Comments are to be sent to the Clerk no later than 14th September 2016 in order that any comments raised can be addressed by the steering group ready for the next planning meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Pre-Submission version of the Poynton Neighbourhood Plan is received. That any comments from members on the document are forwarded to the Clerk.

The following amendment to the Town Council meeting schedule was proposed:

On 19th September 2016 Finance and General Purpose Committee at 7pm with Planning and Environment Committee at 8pm. On 26th September 2016 full Town Council meeting at 8.05pm.

RESOLVED: That the amendment to the meeting schedule as stated is approved (NC)

32. Leasing of land

Members considered the leasing of land off Anson Road. A member spoke to explain that the transfer of land off Anson Road was requested many years ago. The purpose was to support the Anson Museum and the land for the people of Poynton. However, CE will not support the transfer of land but only to a lease. The land would provide storage and relief parking to help with the Nelson Pit parking issues where charges have recently been introduced by CE. This is a repairing lease and provides overspill parking during certain times of the year.

This is a 30 year lease - will the Town Council incur any additional costs?

The land is fenced to two sides, the Town Council have right of access and do not need to do anything to the land apart from minor upkeep such as weeding.

RESOLVED: That the leasing of land off Anson Road is approved (NC)

Members considered the leasing of land off Glastonbury Drive. It was noted that the full Town Council supports the efforts of Mr Jacks, the residents and the initiative of a small play park. The Town Council are delighted that CE are supporting the park.

RESOLVED: That there is no action on leasing land off Glastonbury Drive (NC)

33. Letter concerning Poynton churchyard

RESOLVED: That the letter from Canon Rob McLaren, Vicar of Poynton and Rural Dean of Cheadle, concerning Poynton churchyard, dated 18th August 2016 is received (NC)

34. Receive and adopt the Minutes of Committees

The following minutes of committees were received and adopted:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development committee meeting held on 11th April 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 25th April 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 9th May 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the extraordinary Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 16th May 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 6th June 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 13th June 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development committee meeting held on 20th June 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 27th June 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 4th July 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 18th July 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

PART B – Removed from the public record

The meeting concluded: 9.45pm