

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.05PM ON MONDAY  
13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs S Horsman

Cllrs: L A Clarke, Mrs S-J Gilmore, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, G King, H Murray, L Podmore, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart and Mrs N Wylie

14. Questions to the Mayor

None.

15. Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Beanland, L Berry, C Gorst, I Hollingworth, T Holbrook, M Sewart, G Smith and T Lorde.

16. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

17. Approve previous meeting minutes

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 are approved as an accurate record (9 for, 1 abstention)**

18. Receive and note the Mayor's engagements/announcements

As attached.

**RESOLVED: That the report is received (NC)**

19. Financial Statements/Annual Return for 2015/16

The Clerk explained that these had been reviewed at the F&GP meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and recommended for approval at this Town Council meeting.

**RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Return for 2015/16 (Section 1) is approved and signed by the Mayor (NC)**

**RESOLVED: That the Financial Statements for 2015/16 (as recommended by F&GP on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016) are approved and signed by the Mayor (NC)**

**RESOLVED: That the Accounting Statement in the Annual Return for 2015/16 (Section 2) is approved and signed by the Mayor (NC)**

Approve and sign the Asset Register

It was proposed that the Asset Register is approved and signed but that a review of the items listed under infrastructure assets is conducted by the Deputy Clerk to confirm that assets are shown and included correctly with the correct value. That a subsequent report is made to the F&GP committee meeting.

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20. Receive and approve the Town Council Calendar of Meetings for 2016/2017

**RESOLVED: That draft Town Council Calendar of Meetings for 2016/2017 is approved (NC)**

21. Receive and consider a verbal report from Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore about publicising the work of the Town Council

Cllr Gilmore recommended that there is a standing agenda item on each meeting agenda to capture the work of the Town Council to be publicised in the PUN. This is to ensure that the hard work of the Council is communicated effectively to the community.

**RESOLVED: That publicising the work of the Town Council is approved as a standing agenda item on each Town Council committee meeting agenda (NC)**

There was also a discussion on the benefits of Facebook to communicate the work of the Town Council. Members agreed that this would need to be a locked down page for posting information only.

**RESOLVED: That there is an agenda item at the next COPS committee meeting to receive and consider a report on a Town Council Facebook Page (NC)**

22. Receive and adopt the Minutes of Committees

The Clerk was requested to pursue information and feedback from CE on the former Vernon Infant School site. There are concerns due to recent break-ins of the site.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council. That the Clerk contact CE for feedback on the former Vernon Infant School site (NC)**

23. Urgent business SO19 (d)

Cllr Clarke proposed an emergency motion to consider the report on the unprecedented flooding experienced in Poynton on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and in particular the implications for the Local Plan.

**RESOLVED: That proposed emergency motion is approved as an agenda item (NC)**

Cllr Clarke presented his report on the recent flooding in Poynton. It was clarified that reference to green-fields in the proposal include greenbelt areas.

In discussions, issues and concerns were raised about the material factors such as the lack of litter removal, no regular cleaning of the gulleys, inadequate infrastructure and concreting in Poynton. The failures to carry out regular maintenance are exacerbated by future planning. It was proposed that a report on this incident and the issues raised and how these are being addressed are raised at the next FIED committee meeting. The Chair of FIED agreed to include a discussion on the recent events and the implications as an agenda item at the next FIED committee meeting.

The Town Council approved the following proposal as stated in Cllr Clarke's report with the addition of item 5:

**RESOLVED: That this Town Council resolves to:**

- 1. Write to the Leader of Cheshire East Council, (cc to the relevant Cabinet member, Mr Adrian Fisher the Head of Planning, David Rutley MP and Mr Stephen Pratt the Planning Inspector to request that in view of the recent unprecedented flooding, all strategic development sites in Poynton are withdrawn from the Local Plan.**
- 2. Poynton Town Council is concerned that failure to do so may result in Cheshire East facing legal challenges that may further delay approval of the Local Plan.**
- 3. The Environment Agency is requested to fully analyse and review recent events and redraw the detailed flood risk maps for Poynton and the surrounding area in light of recent events.**
- 4. Until this is done, a complete moratorium is imposed on all development of green-field sites within the watershed of Poynton Brook and Norbury Brook.**
- 5. That the importance of providing proper infrastructure before allowing any further development is reiterated to CE.**

The meeting concluded: 9.05pm