

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2018 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore

Cllrs: M Beanland, L Berry, L A Clarke, C Gorst, Mrs S Horsman, L Podmore and Mrs N Wylie

Officers in attendance: L Osborn (Town Clerk), H Barlow (Deputy Town Clerk) and T Juss (Minute Taker)

Opening Prayer

138. Anyone attending or present at the meeting declares that they are making, or intend to make, an audio recording or film the meeting

The shorthand assistant confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking and the recording is deleted within a week when the draft minutes are produced. There were no other declarations of a recording of the meeting.

139. Questions from members of the public

A resident addressed the meeting with regard to a question raised at the previous Town Council meeting held on 3rd December 2018; the resident repeated the question as follows:

In view of the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan, could I ask each councillor to indicate if they have read the plan in sufficient detail to reach an informed decision and are not just acting on blanket advice that the plan should be accepted.

The Mayor confirmed that the question was addressed at the previous Town Council meeting and will not be addressed again.

The resident continued as follows:

The Town Council have always advocated a brownfield sites first approach to development in Poynton and this is made clear by policy statements in the November 2018 version of the Neighbourhood Plan that is being submitted to CEC. The Armcon site is a brownfield site and the site has been put forward for development by the owners. The site was included by Cheshire East Council (CEC) in the sifting process for the residual 200 homes in Poynton. This site was excluded by CEC primarily because there was another site in Poynton that was subject to less flooding (this alternative site was not identified by CEC).

If the Neighbourhood Plan has to comply with the Local Plan, as stated several times in the Neighbourhood Plan, then why, for the purposes of the Neighbourhood Plan is the Armcon site considered to be in Adlington when the Local Plan considers this site to be in Poynton?

A member explained to the resident that this question was addressed as raised by the resident during the Town Council meeting held on 3rd December 2018. The member explained that the Local Plan area boundary of Poynton includes areas of Adlington, the Neighbourhood Plan area boundary of Poynton is only allowed to include Poynton; this is as determined by CEC.

The resident asked why no detail been presented in the Basic Conditions regarding the changes that have been made to sections of the Neighbourhood Plan that relate to the town centre. These are to the definition of the town centre, the proposal for a new boundary, changes to some policies, the addition of a new policy and the development sites which would become part of a new town centre under these changes.

A member requested clarification on the statement to which the resident referred. Essentially, within the Neighbourhood Plan there has been no change. It was agreed that the resident would submit the query with further succinct detail noting the relevant section and Cllr Podmore will consider and respond to the query by email at the start of January 2019.

The resident asked, will the Town Council facilitate further consultation on the November 2018 version of the plan before it is submitted to CEC and if not, then why not?

A member confirmed that the statutory six week consultation was carried out and the Town Council held the consultation for a 10 week period. The information was included in the Neighbourhood Plan which has been submitted to CEC.

140. Apologies for absence

Cllrs I Hollingworth, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, T Lorde, Mrs J Saunders, G Smith, Mrs J Sewart and M Sewart.

141. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

142. Approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3rd December 2018.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3rd December 2018 are approved as an accurate record (NC)

143. Receive and note the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's engagements/ announcements.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor's engagements/ announcements were received. That the Deputy Mayor's engagements/ announcements were

not available at this meeting and will be received at the next Town Council meeting (NC)

144. Receive and consider the Town Council's budget for 2019/20 and the precept for 2019/20, as recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 10th December 2018.

The Chair of the Finance and General Purposes committee spoke on the Town Council's budget for 2019/20 and the precept for 2019/20, as recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 10th December 2018 as follows:

Following a detailed review of each committee, an overall increase of £33,425 in the budget over the previous year was agreed. This includes £10,000 in the Police budget, salaries and pensions contributions in line with national recommendations, additional hours for the Operations Manager and Supervisor salaries and increased funding for the locking of Glastonbury Park. To help offset the increased costs, an additional £10,000 of income from Civic Hall hire has been included in the budget. The Finance and General Purposes Committee recommend a precept for 2019/20 of £469,913 equating to an increase of 7.66% for the current year, in particular for a Band D household this equates to an additional £5.39 per year, 7.21%.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council's budget for 2019/20 and the precept for 2019/20, as recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 10th December 2018 is received and approved (NC)

145. Receive and approve the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement and an amendment to policy HOU 23 and 24 of the Neighbourhood Plan for submission to Cheshire East Council for Regulation 15.

Members received the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement and an amendment to policy HOU 23 and 24 of the Neighbourhood Plan for submission to Cheshire East Council for Regulation 15.

RESOLVED: That the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement and an amendment to policy HOU 23 and 24 of the Neighbourhood Plan for submission to Cheshire East Council for Regulation 15 is approved (NC)

146. Receive and adopt the minutes of Standing Committees:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development committee meeting held on 16th July 2018 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 10th September 2018 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 22nd October 2018 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

147. Consider and agree any communication messages arising from this meeting

RESOLVED: That the communication message to communicate the precept for 2019/20 and stating that there is no sum received by councillors for payment or allowances is agreed (NC)

Meeting end time: 7.50pm

Chair.....

Dated.....