

MIDDLEWICH TOWN COUNCIL
Victoria Building
Lewin Street
Middlewich
CW10 9AS

Minutes of the Four Hundred and Fifteenth Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Council Chamber at the above address on Monday 21st March 2011, commencing at 7.15pm

Part One

Present

The Mayor, Councillor MJ Parsons, Councillors, J Eaton, TCJ Eaton, PJ Edwards, S Edwards, PJ Farrell, CH Harrison, PJ Hirst, and W White

- 1. The meeting was opened with a prayer read by the Assistant Town Clerk**
- 2. To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors KN Bagnall and SN McGrory.

FEEDBACK AND REPORTS

- 3. To receive any announcements to be made by the Mayor**

The Mayor reported that, since the last meeting, he had attended a number of Civic Balls and a coffee morning and table top sale at the Wych Centre. He reminded Members that numbers were now needed for the Middlewich Civic Ball to be held on 16th April 2011.

The Mayor also reminded Members that a Charity Golf Tournament would be held at Woodside Golf Club on 10th April and teams of 4 were invited.

Resolved 6726

That the Mayor's announcements be received.

- 4. To note any declarations of Members' Interests on any agenda item**

Councillors PJ Edwards and MJ Parsons as members of Cheshire East Council each declared a personal interest in any items which related to Cheshire East Council.

- 5. Reminder of the rota for the next surgery to be held on 2nd April 2011 – Councillors CH Harrison and PJ Hirst**

Resolved 6750: That the rota be received and noted.

6. To consider any written questions submitted to the Open Forum

No questions had been submitted.

7. To receive and approve the Minutes of the 414th Meeting of Middlewich Town Council held on Monday 21st February 2011

Resolved 6751

That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.

8. To consider any written Members' questions on the Minutes

No questions had been submitted.

9. To receive the Minutes of the Employment and Operations Committee held on 2nd March, 2011

Resolved 6752

That the Minutes be received.

10. To receive the Clerk's report and any correspondence received for information

The Town Clerk submitted a report on the meetings and events he had attended since the last Town Council meeting.

Resolved 6753

That the report be noted and that the Town Clerk or the Heritage Development Officer be requested to give Councillor PJ Hirst further information regarding the meeting regarding the Salt of the Earth Project.

11. To receive written reports from Cheshire East Councillors

A written report was submitted by Councillor MJ Parsons and an oral report was given by Councillor PJ Edwards.

Resolved 6754

That the reports be received with thanks and that Cheshire East Council be requested to provide information on the costs which have been involved in the transportation of recyclable waste to Milton Keynes.

12. To receive written reports from Outside Bodies

The following reports from Members or Officers attending Meetings of outside bodies were submitted:-

- Middlewich Vision Periodic Report for March 2011
- Middlewich Clean Team Newsletter Spring 2011

Resolved 6755

That the reports be received.

13. To consider any Members' Items previously submitted

No items had been submitted.

FINANCE

14. To receive and approve the monthly financial and budget monitoring reports

The Town Clerk presented the monthly financial and budget monitoring reports to the Council.

Resolved 6756

That the reports be received subject to the Town Clerk explaining the apparent anomalies in the document in relation to the percentage of budget spent on Community Pride and National Insurance.

15. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 7th March 2011

Resolved 6757

That the minutes be received.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

16. Proposed Development of Albion Chemical Works – Contribution to Middlewich Eastern Bypass

The Town Clerk submitted copies of correspondence sent to Cheshire East Council by Harris Lamb Property Consultancy and Pochins Developments Limited each of which were suggesting that any new development should contribute towards the completion of the Middlewich Eastern Bypass as it will significantly worsen the existing traffic problems in the town.

Resolved 6758

That the Town Clerk be requested to inform Cheshire East Council that the Town Council supports the request for a contribution from the developer towards the cost of the completion of the Middlewich Eastern Bypass should the planning application for the development of the Albion Chemical Works site be approved.

17. To consider a letter from Cheshire West and Cheshire Council concerning the Temporary Closure of King Street

Consideration was given to a letter from Cheshire West and Cheshire's Highways and Transportation Service asking for comments on the proposal to introduce a temporary traffic regulation order to close the B5309 King Street from Centurion Way to Croxton Lane for approximately 18 weeks from 4th April 2011 to facilitate gas mains replacement works.

Resolved 6759

That the proposal be noted but that the Town Clerk be requested to write to Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East Councils requesting that, wherever possible, more notice is given of the intention to close highways for planned maintenance or renewal of services.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION OR DELEGATION

18. To consider a request from the Police to combine Police and Council Surgeries

Consideration was given to a request from PCSO Woods to combine the Police and Council surgeries which were currently held on the same dates but at different locations.

Resolved 6760

That the proposal to combine the Police and Town Council surgeries be welcomed.

19. To consider the request from the Heritage Development Officer to agree the proposals for the World War 11 Heritage event in 2012

The Heritage Development Officer submitted details of the proposals for the World War 11 Heritage event in 2012 and asked the Council to confirm the arrangements to enable preparation to commence.

Resolved 6761

That approval be given to the proposals for the Heritage event in 2012.

20. To consider attendance at the Campaign to Protect Rural England Parish Council Seminar regarding the Localism Bill

Resolved 6762

That any Member wishing to attend this Seminar to be held on 4th June at the Wych Centre be requested to inform the Town Clerk..

The meeting concluded at 7.48 pm

Councillor MJ Parsons

Town Mayor

Signed.....2011