

## DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at Town Council Offices, 3 New Street, Daventry on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6.30pm

Cllr Ted Nicholl – Chairman

**Councillors:**

Mike Arnold  
Stephen Dabbs  
Lynn Jones  
Alan Knape  
Janet Matthews  
Phillip Silk-Neilsen  
Glenda Simmonds  
Holly Steenson  
Lynne Taylor  
Katie Thurston  
Karen Tweedale

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Deborah Jewell, Chief Officer (CO)  
Sarah Fox, Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)  
0 West Northamptonshire Council Councillor  
3 Members of the public  
0 Member of the press

#### OPEN FORUM.

Representatives of Discover Daventry advised that they were in attendance to provide feedback on the Heritage Trail following the recent workshop held with members of the Town Council. They advised that the design of the trail plaques and information board had been based on the heritage trail in Brixworth and highlighted that the project would be funded by Viridian but for sustainability they were asking Daventry Town Council to endorse the project and consider accepting ownership and liability by including the assets on their asset register and insurance.

They presented to members a template of the information boards and advised that a planning application had been submitted for the installation of the plaques on 60 listed buildings in the Town.

The Chair advised that Daventry Town Council was a statutory consultee, in relation to planning applications within the parish of Daventry and confirmed that the planning application for the installation of the plaques was to be considered by the Planning & Development Committee on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

#### TC2401.1. APOLOGIES.

Councillor	Apologies	Resolved
Dawn Branigan	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Scott Cameron	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Malcolm Ogle	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Wendy Randall	Received and considered	Apologies Approved



**TC2401.2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Councillor	Declaration Of Interest	Minute Number
Ted Nicholl	Trustee of Nene Hall – non-pecuniary	TC2401.7

**TC2401.3. MINUTES.**

Cllr Dabbs highlighted that the resolution for TC2313.9(iv) for the update of the ground maintenance contract was a duplication of TC2313.9(v) draft budget and precept for 24/25.

The CO advised this was a typographical error and, it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the approval of the minutes (Appendix 1) of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023, be deferred to the next meeting, Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.
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**TC2401.4. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (WNC) COUNCILLOR REPORT.**

Councillor	Ward	Apologies	Report
David James	Daventry East	None Received	None Received
Peter Matten	Daventry East	None Received	None Received
Colin Morgan	Daventry East	None Received	None Received
Terry Gilford	Daventry West	None Received	None Received
Lauryn Harrington-Carter	Daventry West	None Received	None Received
Wendy Randall	Daventry West	Received	None Received
Alan Chantler	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received
Rosie Humphreys	Braunston & Crick	Received	None Received
Malcolm Longley	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received

**TC2401.5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the reports of  (i) Planning & Development Committee – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024 (ii) Finance & Policy Committee – 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (iii) Planning & Development Committee – 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2024  Be received (Appendix 2).
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**TC2401.6. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2023/24.**

Members referred to the report from Cllr Dabbs, Randall and Taylor on the proposed electoral arrangements by the Local Government Boundary Commission, and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Town Council respond to the Community Governance Review 2023/24 consultation requesting the parish of Daventry Town continue with 16 ward representatives; 3 Ward Representatives for Northwest, 3 Ward Representatives for Northeast, 5 Ward Representatives for Southwest, 5 Ward Representatives for Southeast.
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**TC2401.7. LAND REGISTRY – RECTIFICATION OF LAND TRANSFER.**

Members considered the report from the Chief Officer on the transfer of small parcels of land located within the boundary of the Grange School to rectify error made when erroneously transferred from Daventry District Council to Daventry Town Council in 2021, and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Town Council approves the application by West Northamptonshire Council to the Land Registry to transfer the land from Daventry Town Council to West Northamptonshire Council to enable the execution of the Academy Lease for The Grange School.
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**TC2401.8. OPERATION FRAGMENT.**

Members referred to the report and noted the identified areas for improvement and actions.

Cllr Matthews asked if the proposed works to clear the land to open the area by the pathway adjacent to the field known as Fishponds would remove any wildlife habitats. The Chief Officer advised there was no sign of any significant wildlife in this area, and it would only be cutting back or removing the shrub being cut back to make this area more visible and deter antisocial behaviour.

The Chief Officer drew members attention to the problem of cars parking on the corner of Hood Road and the request for Daventry Town Council to formally apply to Highways for double yellow lines on this part of Hood Road.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Town Council submit a request to West Northamptonshire Highways for the introduction of waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) at the corner of Hood Road.
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**TC2401.9. ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY.**

Members agreed this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Town Council being held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**TC2401.10. TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE.**

Members noted the provision of the Town Council website was to be transferred from 2Commune to Cuttlefish at the end of March 2024.

**TC2401.11. SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.**

**(i) COMMUNITY POLICING.**

Members noted the report from the Sponsored PCSO.

**(ii) COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

Members noted the report from the Community Ranger, concurring that it was an informative report, highlighting issues and incidents in the community.

**(iii) CCTV.**

The Chief Officer advised members of a temporary loss of CCTV coverage in part of the Town, due to rats accessing a duct that housed the fibre optic cable. The CO confirmed the recording functionality was still operational and work was being done urgently to rectify the issue to swiftly reinstate active monitoring.



**TC2401.12. CONSULTATIONS.**

**(i) Draft Daventry Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.**

Members considered the consultation on the West Northamptonshire Council draft Daventry Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the consultation be included on the agenda of the next Planning & Development Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2024, with the committee submitting comments to the consultation on behalf of the council.
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**(ii) West Northamptonshire Council Draft Northampton Town Centre Environmental Policy.**

Members considered the report from the Responsible Finance Officer on the West Northamptonshire Council Draft Northampton Town Centre Environmental Policy, and it was


<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<p>That the Town Council submit the following statement:</p> <p>Daventry Town Council supports West Northamptonshire Council's plans to develop and introduce a Northampton Town Centre Environmental Policy which aims improve environmental standards and set out the way that businesses handle their commercial waste.</p> <p>As this policy is to be approved for central Northampton before West Northamptonshire Council consider a roll-out across the wider West Northamptonshire area, it is important that West Northamptonshire Council consider that the principles that will be set out in the policy which are intended to encourage and help businesses to manage their commercial waste and improve the overall cleanliness and amenity within Northampton Town, might not be appropriate for other areas in combating the unique challenges they face in the management of commercial waste generated within their town centres.</p> <p>Daventry Town Council notes that West Northamptonshire Council are seeking to engage with local businesses, residents, and stakeholders, to prepare and shape the environmental policy for Northampton Town Centre. Should West Northamptonshire Council make the decision to roll-out the policy to the wider West Northamptonshire area, then a consultation is needed for each local parish and town to ensure that specific issues arising from the management of commercial waste are appropriately addressed for each central area.</p>
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**(iii) West Northamptonshire Parks Visitors Feedback Survey**

Members noted the West Northamptonshire Parks Visitor Feedback Survey and agreed to respond on an individual basis.

**TC2401.13. CORRESPONDENCE.** None received.

**TC2401.14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The meeting closed at 19:27 hrs.

SIGNED  DATED 26.2.24