

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at Town Council Offices, 3 New Street, Daventry on Monday, 30th September 2024 at 6.30pm

Cllr Karen Tweedale – Chairman

Councillors:

Ian Adkins
Mike Arnold
Dawn Branigan
Stephen Dabbs
Lynn Jones
Alan Knappe
Janet Matthews
Malcolm Ogle
Phillip Silk-Neilsen
Glenda Simmonds
Lynne Taylor
Katie Thurston

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell - Chief Officer (CO)
0 Members of the Public
0 Members of the Press

OPEN FORUM.

None.

TC2310.1. APOLOGIES.

Councillor	Apologies	Resolved
Wendy Randall	None Received	Apologies Not Approved
Scott Cameron	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Ted Nicholl	Received and considered	Apologies Approved

TC2310.2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

TC2310.3. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	That the minutes (Appendix 1) of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 19th August 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.
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TC2310.4. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 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	DTC member (none received, no report)	
Alan Chantler	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received

Rosie Humphreys	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received
Malcolm Longley	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received

TC2310.5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

RESOLVED:	<p>That the reports of Be received and the following recommendations considered for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Planning & Development Committee – 21st August 2024 (ii) Community Services Committee – 2nd September 2024 (iii) Finance, Policy & Assets Committee – 9th September 2024 (iv) Planning & Development Committee – 11th September 2024 <p>Be received and the following recommendations considered for approval:</p> <p>Finance & Policy Committee – 9th September 2024</p> <p>FP2407.04 POLICIES.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Asset Management Plan as amended, be approved.
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TC2310.6. DAVENTRY VCSE FORUM.

Members noted the report from Cllr Simmonds on her attendance to the VSE Forum and the positive impact the charity REMAP has on the quality-of-life for people who experience short -or long-term disability through infirmity, illness, or ageing.

Members also noted the near completion of the community hub on the Micklewell development and their intention to employ a dedicated person to manage the facility and work with other community facilities in the town to avoid duplication/clash of events. Members supported the introduction of a new community hub but expressed disappointment that no engagement had been made with the Town Council to identify need or support for this new facility.

Members asked the CO to arrange a presentation from the developer, to learn of the progress of the development and their plans for the community hub.

TC2310.7. FUTURE HEALTH PROVISION.

Members of the Planning and Development Committee expressed concern that on reviewing planning applications for the most recent developments no support was being given, by the relevant healthcare authorities to provide medical practices/practitioners within those areas.

Cllr Taylor highlighted that data, available on the Government website, evidenced that the current medical practices were under capacity, hence there was no identified need. Cllr Arnold further advised that planning for future health provision sat with Public Health, the Integrated Health Network and the National Health Service, who are key consultees in the planning process and need to consider the phasing of larger developments within their wider strategy.

The Chief Officer advised members that should the Town Council have evidence that there was an identified need the process to highlight those concerns would be through the planning process, West Northamptonshire Local Area Partnership, West Northamptonshire Council Ward Members and the local MP.

TC2310.8. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (WNC) – LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY (LNRS).

Members referred to the letter from West Northamptonshire’s Nature Recovery Strategy Officer and noted the request for Parish and Town Council’s to refer to the LNRS and take responsibility for delivering its priorities in relation to creating and improving habitats for wildlife in their parishes. Members were asked to appoint a representative to refer and feedback to their consultation, which concludes mid-January 2025, and it was

RESOLVED:	An officer be appointed as the Town Council representative, to review the LNRS and submit a draft response, in consultation with Cllr Arnold, to the Town Council meeting, scheduled for 16 th December 2024.
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TC2310.9. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2024

Members were pleased the views of the Town Council to split the Daventry South Town Council Ward into east and west, had been included in the report to West Northamptonshire Council’s Democracy and Standards Committee and recommended for approval by WNC’s full council. It was noted the approval was subject to the agreement of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England but if agreed the change would take effect for the next election in May 2025.

TC2310.10. THE MAYORAL CHAIN AND PENDANT.

Members referred to the report and formally thanked Cllr Nicholl for his offer to personally provide funding to frame the existing chain and pendant upon its retirement from service.

Cllr Dabbs asked that information also be provided next to the chain detailing the names of the past Mayors.

RESOLVED:	That consent be given for Cllr Nicholl to personally fund the cleaning, stabilisation and mounting of the old chain and pendant and for it to be displayed in the front office with details of its origin and dates and names of the past Mayors.
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TC2310.11. SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.

(i) COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Members noted the report from the Community Ranger and the increase in fly-tipping in the town centre, notably areas adjacent to the rear of charity shops. Cllr Taylor asked for advice from the CO on how this could be resolved. The CO advised that as this wasn’t on land owned by the Town Council, the only option was to advise the landowner and if the landowner didn’t take action, then report to Environmental Health, who had the power to issue fines.

(ii) CCTV.

Statistics submitted by CCTV were noted.

TC2310.12. CONSULTATIONS.

Members reviewed the following consultations and made decisions thereon.

(i) West Northamptonshire Council Local Transport Plan. Deadline for comments 17th October 2024.

Members concurred with comments made within a draft submission from Cllr Arnold and asked that further comment be made in relation to its isolation from the principal town and national rail and road network. Accessibility to major towns and cities being further disadvantaged by the lack of accessible transport/buses to the local rail network, effectively isolating its residents from better employment opportunities, education, sports and leisure.

Members concluded by summarising the strategy as a talking document, providing no evidence on how the initiatives were going to be delivered.

RESOLVED:	The Chief Officer to submit the draft submission with additional comments relating to the town being isolated through insufficient and poorly routed public transport links and the need for information on how the initiatives within the strategy were to be delivered.
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(ii) Grand Union Canal Transfer. Deadline for comments 25th October 2024.

Members referred to the project, and agreed it was an excellent use of the nation's historic canal network to transfer water from the Midlands to the Southeast to secure drinking supplies, in this area for the future and noted the proposals did not affect any areas within the parish of Daventry.

RESOLVED:	The Chief Officer to submit the Town Council's support of the Grand Union Canal Transfer project and that the proposals to use the two reservoirs within the parish
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TC2310.13. CORRESPONDENCE.

- (i) **Community Poppy Project** – The Chief Officer read out a request from a local business to lead on a community project asking members of the public to knit poppies that could be displayed on the Sheaf Street Gazebo to commemorate Armistice on 11th November 1918.

Members unanimously agreed to support the project and permit the poppies to be displayed on the Sheaf Street Gazebo.

- (ii) **Daventry Wellness CIC** – The CO read out a thank you letter from Daventry Wellness CIC informing members that since being awarded the grant in May to launch Pickle Ball, engagement from the community has grown, empowering individuals to achieve their health and wellness goals. As a further thank you, they would like to invite members to a showcase event, to see the pickleball session in action.

Members were delighted to receive such positive feedback and asked the CO to email a Mayor's engagement form, and send invites to all, once a date and time had been confirmed.

- (iii) **Foundary Walk – Pigeon Guano, Litter and Water Damage** - The CO advised receipt of an email from a frustrated visitor to Daventry Town, advising that she had written to WNC Councillors and DTC Councillors in relation to the poor condition and although being advised this area was under private ownership, the Town Council should be doing more to resolve the issue.

Cllrs concurred with the comments and referred to Agenda item TC2310.11 (i) where members discussed the need for landowners to be more proactive in relation to removing fly tips. This should also be extended to the condition of public thoroughfares, and asked the Clerk to extend her enquiries to the condition of Foundary Walk and how these issues might be resolved.

TC2310.14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. To note the date of next Town Council meeting as Monday 28th October 2024.

SIGNED.....DATED.....

For approval