

MINUTES OF THE JULY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OF BIRCHWOOD TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT
PARKERS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE, DELENTY DRIVE, RISLEY
ON TUESDAY 24TH JULY 2018

Present: Councillor Atkin in the Chair
Councillors Bowden, Breslin, D. Ellis, J. Ellis, Evans, Fitzsimmons,
M. Hearldon, T. Hearldon and Nelson

Clerk – Mrs. F. McDonald
Deputy Clerk – Mrs. C Caddock
Business and Finance Officer - Mr. G. Crowe

Apologies: Councillors Allman and Reeves
PCSO Jones

126/18-19 **JUNE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Councillor D. Ellis proposed, Councillor Fitzsimmons seconded and it was resolved that: The Minutes of the June Town Council Meeting held on 26th June 2018 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interests

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, no later than when the item is reached.

Councillors Evans, M. Hearldon and T. Hearldon – the Friends of Birchwood Forest Park

Councillor Evans – Oakwood Community Association

Councillors Bowden, Breslin, D. Ellis, J. Ellis and Nelson – Birchwood Youth & Community Centre Committee

Councillors Atkin, Bowden, Breslin, D. Ellis, T. Hearldon and M. Hearldon – Birchwood Carnival Committee

Councillors D. Ellis and J. Ellis – Repair Café

127/18-19 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(a) **Police Monthly Update**

There was no Police presence at tonight's meeting. However, PCSO Jones had emailed a brief report to the Council earlier in the day, relating to occurrences reported to Cheshire Police during July (to date) 2018, as follows:

Birchwood Report to 24/07/2018

Burglary, theft from motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicle

- There have been no instances of burglary.
- There have been no instances of burglary other than in a dwelling this month whereby a shed was broken into on Nightingale Close and golf clubs and tools were taken. There were no witnesses and no CCTV covering the area.
- There have been no instances of theft from a motor vehicle this month.
- There have been no instances of theft of motor vehicle

Anti-social behaviour

- There have been a number of low level anti-social behaviour incidents reported from Birchwood High School where youths are gaining access to the site and climbing on the roofs. Gina has attended and liaised with staff but unfortunately, we have no identification.
- There have also very recently been a few incidents reported to us from Birchwood Golf Club whereby older youths are accessing the Golf Course and taking articles from the course and causing minor damage. Gina and Gareth have liaised with the Golf Pro on site and regular patrols of the area will be carried out by Gina when on duty.
- We have had reports of youths climbing on Foxwood School roof. Gina has attended and spoken with site security who state that there is CCTV on site but it works on a movement sensor which unfortunately hasn't picked up the youths.

Traffic management

- Gina Jones has been out with the Tru Cam this month but in company with a colleague as she is currently training others on the use of the camera.
- We are still awaiting confirmation for site codes as requested for Admirals Road and Warrington Road.

Other incidents of note

- Attempt theft of pushbike at Birchwood Train Station, males were deterred by Security at Shopping Centre. Still images of offenders have been retrieved for intel purposes.
- Reports of off road bike on footpath that runs along the brook. We expect to see an increase in reports during the summer months, please do encourage to ring through on 101 with as much description as possible.
- Bus shelter smashed near to High School, Brock Road, enquiries ongoing by Police Officer and School Liaison Officer.
- Gina has attended at Birchwood Primary School and presented a Road Safety talk during assembly for the whole school.
- Gina also attended the Birchwood Memorial re-dedication event held at Birchwood Shopping Centre.

Councillors raised their concerns that the Police have not attended the last four meetings; March 2018 was the last time they attended.

The Deputy Clerk said that we had been sent apologies for tonight's non-attendance as both PCSO Jones and PC Gareth Frith were on day shift.

Members noted that PCSO Jones does attend several local groups during the month; but believe that the Town Council meeting should also have a Police presence and wondered if their shift patterns could be organised so that someone is on an evening shift on the day of the Town Council meetings.

Resolved: To contact the Police/PCSO to request that someone is available to attend the September 2018 meeting and to enquire regarding their shift patterns.

(b) Public Participation

As there were no members of the public present, the Chair declared the Public Participation part of the meeting closed.

128/18-19 **SPEEDING ON ADMIRALS ROAD AND WARRINGTON ROAD**

- (a) The Clerk stated that in the Police Report, circulated to Members, it is noted that the Police are awaiting confirmation for site codes for Admirals Road and Warrington Road, prior to being able to undertake speed enforcement operations
- (b) The Clerk reported that she has received a reply from Warrington Borough Council in relation to a request for speed strips to be put down to monitor Warrington Road on the approach to Risley Village from Culcheth; to enable data to be collected.

The Borough Council has noted that as the local schools have closed for the school summer holidays, it might give an inaccurate picture of what the true situation is for the majority of the year as the speed and traffic volume data will be dramatically affected. The Borough Council will put speed strips in place and monitor the area once schools have opened again in September. The statistics should be available by mid-October.

129/18-19 **MEETING WITH BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICERS**

The Clerk said that a meeting took place on 11th July 2018 during which various operational matters were discussed. It is hoped that these partnership meetings will continue to be held every 6 weeks, whenever possible.

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council has informed us that due to the extreme weather conditions they have suspended their mowing temporarily as the grass has not been growing. Following a bit of rain, the grass has started to green up in some areas and the Borough is continuing to monitor the situation. Once the Borough Council has undertaken their next cut, the Town Council will follow on, three weeks later (depending on weather conditions).

The Clerk informed Members that our team has done a bit of mowing; just around the planters. They felt that as the planters were installed to make the area attractive, it makes sense to keep the grass around them looking neat, so it does not detract from the lovely flower displays.

130/18-19 **LEAKING WALL ADJACENT TO FIRE STATION**

At the June meeting the Clerk stated that The Woodland Trust is waiting for a quote for the work from contractors regarding remedial work to the ditch and wall near the fire station

We have since received information that they met with a couple of different contractors on site and after discussions it appears that it will involve more work than previously envisaged. The contractors suggested that the best solution would be to deepen the ditch and 'pond' with a digger, so they will hold more water as well as adding some sort of waterproofing to the wall to try to stop water leaking through although it may still get under the wall. This will be more expensive than originally thought.

When the cost for the work is known, The Woodland Trust can then see if they can afford to have the work carried out straight away or if it may have to be delayed to next year due to the current year's budget constraints; because as a charity they have limited financial resources.

The Clerk wondered whether making the area deeper where water collects might create a hazard as children play in that area and queried whether additional safety measures might need to be put in place. She added that we have asked if a general clean up of fallen tree branches, etc. can be undertaken at the same time as any work on the ditch/pond.

Councillor Atkin commented that in freezing weather the water coming through the wall can be a serious hazard when it becomes icy across the path and hopes that the work can be expedited.

The Clerk said that the office will update Members if we receive any further information.

131/18-19 **YOUR HOUSING GROUP (YHG)**

The Clerk said that a walkabout took place on 4th July. A considerable number of staff from YHG also attended the walkabout.

The Clerk added that YHG has taken a list of actions for them to undertake from the walkabout; there are details of feedback in Members' papers. One action is to make some of their tenants aware that the maintenance of their gardens is not included in service charges; this is the responsibility of the tenants themselves.

The Clerk reported that YHG has agreed, as a 'one-off' to pay for a skip to be available as part of a clean-up week on one of their estates, details yet to be confirmed.

132/18-19 **MEETING WITH THE NEW SHOPPING CENTRE MANAGER**

The Clerk advised that a meeting with Mr. Gribben will take place on 30th July 2018.

The Clerk added that there might be an issue, with the upcoming 'hose-pipe ban', regarding the watering of the hanging baskets at the shopping centre. The Town Council has applied to United Utilities for an exemption from the ban and is waiting to hear back.

If the Town Council cannot continue to use a hosepipe attached to our bowser to water the baskets, several other options are being considered.

133/18-19 **REQUEST FOR PLANTER – COPPERFIELD CLOSE**

The Clerk reported that a site plan of where the Town Council would like a planter to be installed has been sent to the Borough Council. This was allocated to a Highways Inspector and has now been passed onto their manager; to look further into the feasibility of having a planter in this location and to arrange for necessary permits, etc. to be considered

Resolved: Clerk's office to continue to liaise with the Borough Council regarding this matter

134/18-19 **STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

Councillor D. Ellis stated that there is not much to report at present, except that the Repair Café opened on Saturday 21st July 2018 and was very successful. A number of items were repaired for people and the tea, coffee and cakes available to purchase also went down very well. He added that the café more than covered the costs for the hire of the premises and that there is a growing interest. It is hoped that there might be a point when the Repair Café could be viable to run twice a month, not just monthly.

Councillor D. Ellis said that he will prepare a further update for September to look at how the Action Plan might progress during the next few months.

135/18-19 **PLANNING UPDATE**

- (a) Application No. 2018/32840 24 Rangemoor Close, Birchwood, WA3 6UB Change of use of rear shed to be used as a dog grooming business.

The Clerk reported that this application has been approved with conditions.

- (b) Application No. 2018/32799 Unit A4 Birchwood Shopping Centre, Benson Road, Birchwood WA3 7PG Change of Use – Proposed change of use from its current state of an A1 hairdressers to an A5-Hot Food Takeaway.

The Clerk stated that, as requested a letter was sent to the Planning Department regarding this application. The application was refused by the Borough Council at the Development Management Meeting on 18th July 2018.

136/18-19 **SHRUBBERY MAINTENANCE ON LAND TRUST LAND**

The Clerk reported that The Land Trust has cut the shrubbery, weeds, etc. along the stretch of Gorse Covert Road leading from the Forest Park roundabout up towards the local shop. In addition, they have cut a patch of land on the corner of Delenty Drive and Powell Avenue.

We have received a plan of areas of land they own in Birchwood – its is not very detailed but gives a basic outline of land that is their responsibility to maintain.

137/18-19 **PLANTERS**

The company that supplied the Town Council's planters sent someone out to repair the sections of the planters that had become rotten. This work is covered under their 10-year guarantee.

138/18-19 **PROPOSED EXTENSION OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON CHATFIELD DRIVE**

At the June meeting, Councillor Atkin informed Members that there are still ongoing issues re: parking causing dangerous conditions for both drivers and pedestrians along Chatfield Drive.

An initial response from the Borough Council indicated that if the Town Council is supportive and can confirm support from local residents, then Chatfield Drive can be added to the list of locations that will be included in the next batch order for additional double yellow lines.

The Clerk's office, as requested, wrote to the Borough Council requesting an extension to the double yellow lines on Chatfield Drive, and for the repainting of the old lines; explaining the number of complaints that we receive from residents regarding this matter.

At tonight's meeting, the Clerk reported that we have received a further response from the Borough Council asking that we confirm the exactly where the Town Council would like the double yellow lines extending to and how far we would want these extending for. The Borough Council has also asked for proof of support via a petition.

The Clerk circulated some photographs that she had taken of Chatfield Drive and Brock Road to indicate where the current traffic restrictions are in place and Members discussed the Borough Council's response.

This area of Birchwood has been a cause for concern, in relation to highway safety, since at least 2005. Although Councillors appreciate that the double yellow lines have been partly extended to try to resolve the problems they believe, based on their knowledge of the area and public opinion, the lines need to be further extended along the entire length of Chatfield Drive.

Councillor Bowden said that there is no need for a petition when making a request for double yellow lines. The requirement should only be that it is in the interest of highway safety; which continues to be compromised along this road. This is a busy bus route (buses have sometimes had to divert as it was impossible for them to get through Chatfield Drive) and on occasions emergency vehicles would find it very difficult to get through.

The Town Council has never been expected to provide a petition before when double yellow lines have been requested for Birchwood and Members questioned whether this should be the Town Council's remit anyway.

Councillor Bowden said that in addition to extended double yellow lines, it makes no sense for the speed limit to become 30mph from 20mph (as it does currently) just before the road starts to run past the high school and library.

Members agreed that the Town Council wishes to request for an extension of the 20mph speed limit onto Brock Road.

Councillor Nelson commented that if housing is built on the Fox Wood site in the future, there will definitely be a need for additional double yellow lines.

Councillor Bowden informed Members that it is Warrington Borough Council's intention for the site to be utilised for housing in the future. He said that only partially extending the double yellow lines would simply move the problem further along the road and he believes it would be proportionate to ask for double yellow lines to be installed the full length of Chatfield Drive.

Resolved: The Clerk's office to contact the Borough Council regarding the above comments and to request the extension of double yellow lines for the full length of Chatfield Drive and for the 20mph speed limit to be extended past the high school.

139/18-19 **QUERY RE: POTENTIAL FOR A DESIGNATED DOG AREA IN BIRCHWOOD**

At the June meeting, Councillor D. Ellis reported that he had been contacted by a local resident suggesting it would be a good idea for there to be an enclosed space in Birchwood where dogs can be let off their lead to run freely. This had been discussed on local social media, attracting a lot of comments, some absolutely in favour and some expressing an entirely opposite view.

Members had discussed the suggestion in detail and the Clerk contacted the Borough Council to ask what its experience is of the areas, such as Orford Park, where enclosed dog areas have been installed.

At tonight's meeting the Clerk reported that she had received a response from the Borough Council regarding a series of questions they had been asked:

- Would it be possible to have a designated dog area somewhere in Birchwood?

Yes, it is possible subject to the availability of a suitable area, finance, etc.

- What has been Warrington Borough Council's experience to date of these areas e.g. the one at Orford Park?

Orford Park was done in conjunction with a Dog Control Order, however this proved to be unenforceable due to a lack of resources.

The 'dog area' was fenced off with the intention that dogs would be on a lead anywhere else on the park.

- Other than Orford Park, are there any other such areas in Warrington?

There is a designated area in Brickfields Park, however, the experience there has not been positive. For example, if there were a vicious dog with an irresponsible owner, other people feel intimidated and would be reluctant to use it.

- What is the Borough Council's experience to date of 'dog areas' and what are the pros and cons e.g. are there any knock-on effects for dogs or their owners?

In addition to the potential for people to feel intimidated, the amount of dog fouling increases; some people think they don't have to clear up after their pet because the area isn't going to be used for any other purpose.

- Would the Borough be supportive of a designated dog area in Birchwood, if so, where?

There may be an area suitable, though this would have to be looked into further.

- Is there anything else that needs to be considered?

Overall it hasn't been a very positive experience.

If the intention is to create an area for dogs to run off the lead with the intention that the lead is used once the dog is off the designated area, it doesn't work.

Cost of fencing which would have to be installed over a tarmac pad could be prohibitive.

They are usually in a location which may be considered inconvenient by dog owners.

Members considered the response from the Borough Council and agreed that there appears to be more reason not to have a designated dog area than to have one.

Councillor Breslin said that he has spoken to many people who live near and/or have sometimes used the dog area at Orford Park and the majority are not positive about it; mainly because there has been no enforcement as resources are not available for it to work. Councillor Breslin added that there is the possibility that it may be removed in the future as it is also taking up an area that used to be enjoyed by everybody.

Councillor J. Ellis commented that the dog areas already in place must have been installed in the first place in recognition of there being a problem and a need for them. She wondered whether there might be other ways to address what is perceived to be an issue for some people.

Councillor J. Ellis suggested that perhaps signage or lighting column stickers informing dog owners that it is a legal responsibility to keep a dog under full control at all times (whether on or off a lead) could be provided and installed – something to raise public awareness.

Councillor D. Ellis said that one of the issues with dogs running free on the Forest Park is that dogs run on the play areas and football pitches and sometimes, because they can be quite a distance from their owners when they defecate, the owner either cannot be bothered to walk over to clean it up, can't find it when they get to the general area or haven't actually seen them do it; leaving dog waste where people play.

Councillor Evans said that he walks round the football pitches and has not seen any dog dirt.

Councillor T. Hearldon noted that the Ranger and volunteers spend a considerable amount of time cleaning dog dirt (and sometimes human faeces) off the pitches and play areas, so that may be why Councillor Evans had not seen any when he was there.

Councillor J. Ellis said that she had spoken to a Guide Leader who used to take a group of Brownies to the park sometimes but had stopped due to the issue with dog dirt.

Councillor Fitzsimmons said that Cheshire Police have a Dog Unit. He suggested asking them for advice regarding this issue.

Councillor Nelson **proposed** and Councillor D. Ellis **seconded** that the Town Council seek the advice of the Cheshire Police. This was **unanimously agreed** by those Members present.

Resolved: Clerk's office to contact the Cheshire Police Dog Unit regarding the above.

NEW ITEMS RAISED UNDER THE CLERK'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

140/18-19 **WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

- (a) Sent – email re: an uneven surface of a footpath in Stonecrop Close.
- (b) Received – Warrington East Phase 2 – Project News and Update – Issue 1 June 2018.
- (c) The Clerk reported on some information received and sent and conversations that took place between Town Council meetings with the Borough Council regarding waste disposal of litter and flytipped items collected by the Town Council. This related to the Borough Council's licence for disposing of waste.
- (d) Received – Details of 'Summer Fun' activities for 2018; being delivered by Neighbourhoods in Warrington and a request for volunteers for the sessions, to support the events.

- (e) Received - poster for WECA Warrington MELA 2018 – taking place on 29th July in Palmyra Square.
- (f) Sent - emails re: flooded underpass near the fire station (now cleared).
- (g) To note that mowing was suspended by the Borough Council due to the weather – this has had a ‘knock-on’ effect on our mowing schedule.
- (h) Received - email requesting that we publish a link to the ‘mylifewarrington.co.uk’ website; a directory of services and helpful information for residents of Warrington. This has been published on our Facebook page.
- (i) Received - Some information from Jacqui Johnson CPRE Warrington Volunteer, regarding some ways in which HS2 will affect Birchwood residents and businesses, in addition the Strategic Economic Plan Draft Transport Strategy makes reference to Birchwood in a few places.

The Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Economic Plan Draft Transport Strategy can be found at:

<http://www.871candwep.co.uk/content/uploads/2018/05/FINAL-Draft-Transport-Strategy-14.05.2018.pdf>

“Works to upgrade the eastern gateway into Warrington and Birchwood Enterprise Zone. Phase 2 relates to a package of improvements on the A574 to reduce congestion and improve road safety and provide for cyclists and pedestrians. Phase 3 is a NPIF scheme to provide new traffic signals on Junction 11 of the M62 and the partial widening of the A574 Birchwood Way.” (On page 31 of the draft strategy document.)

“CLC Rail Line Electrification & Warrington East (6) Second stage of a study looking at the potential for electrification of the CLC line between Liverpool and Manchester. The study will seek solutions to address constraints associated with current timetabling and journey times and capacity constraints on the line. The CLC Rail Line also has the potential to support key growth corridors including development sites to the east of Warrington at Birchwood.” (On page 39 of the draft strategy document.)

Also see page 42 of the strategy document for a summary of proposed interventions and indicative timeframes. The final date by which comments can be made regarding the consultation on this document is 6th August 2018.

Members did not wish to make any formal comments at this time.

- (j) Query received from a resident re: trees/shrubs from the Brook Footpath overhanging into the back gardens of some properties on Halliday Close. A WBC representative has visited the site and believes that the issue is with trees (rather than shrubs) and will therefore have to pass the query onto the tree cutting team.

141/18-19 **BIRCHWOOD FORUM**

- (a) Received – Article re: a Government Minister’s announcement that Local enterprise partnerships (LEPs) across the Northern Powerhouse are set to join forces in a new ‘Council for the North’ with the aim of boosting growth across the region.
- (b) Received – Email re: the start of the next phase of the Birchwood Road improvements; due to be completed in December 2019.

142/18-19 YOUR HOUSING GROUP (YHG)

To note that discussions have been held re: waste disposal (relating to Minute 140/18-19 (c)) above. YHG is looking into the possibility of obtaining a large, lockable 'roll-on, roll-off' type container for waste from YHG land to be taken to for disposal; which YHG could store on Kingfisher Drive. There is a delay in that they must obtain items through preferred suppliers.

Once the container is in place, the Town Council will be able to dispose of any litter and flytipping from YHG land in this container. This will mean less journeys to Warrington to 'tip-off' for our teams, which will save time, fuel, etc. In addition, it will benefit YHG's estates teams, as they will have a place to more easily dispose of items that are dumped in and around their bin areas, etc.

143/18-19 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Received – from Councillor Atkin; photograph from a resident relating to parking on double yellow lines, grass verges and across footpaths during the time an event was taking place over the weekend 14/15 July.

An email has been sent to the high school, Tennis and Leisure Centre, the Police/PCSOs, WBC Parking Enforcement and a WBC Highway Technical Support Officer regarding this ongoing issue; with a request that the Police/PCSOs, Parking Enforcement and the Town Council be made aware each time an event is planned, to try to arrange for the parking to be monitored during the event.

- (b) Sent/received – emails with the Land Trust regarding the areas of land they own in Birchwood. We have received a copy of a map with areas of their land highlighted.
- (c) Received – Email from Poulton with Fearnhead Parish Council requesting information about other Parishes workforces, what they do (that should normally be carried out by WBC) and associated costs. Poulton with Fearnhead Parish Council is becoming concerned "*about the inability of Warrington Borough Council to carry out normal maintenance work in the area.*"

Whilst they recognise the financial constraints placed upon local authorities, it means that roads are not de-littered nor hedges trimmed in their area. Poulton with Fearnhead Parish Council has employed a part-time litter warden, working 3 days a week. They are currently considering making the post full time as it is having a beneficial impact on their area.

The Clerk said that she had started to put together a reply, listing the types of work that our team carries out. She asked Members if they would approve a reply being sent.

Members discussed the issue and commented that they think quite a few local Council's will have to start taking on staff to undertake work that the Borough is no longer doing in their areas; this may influence their future precepts.

Resolved: Clerk's office to send a reply to Poulton with Fearnhead Parish Council.

144/18-19 CHESHIRE POLICE

- (a) Received – copies of various Police Alerts; including the July Neighbourhood Watch E-Newsletter.
- (b) Sent – emails re: plants stolen from the planter in Gorse Covert – asking if there is any CCTV coverage that the PCSOs might be aware of and re: a red car parking regularly on the grass verge on Glover Road.

145/18-19 **CHESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (CHALC), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (NALC), SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS (SLCC)**

- (a) ChALC weekly roundups.
- (b) NALC Newsletters and Chief Executive Bulletins
- (c) SLCC – details of July branch meeting in Macclesfield

146/18-19 **PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Various LGC magazines & e-mail Briefings
Clerks & Councils Direct
The Clerk

147/18-19 **MEMBERS' REFERRALS MADE VIA THE CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS COUNCIL MEETING**

Councillor D. Ellis – Birchwood Forum

Councillor D. Ellis reported that he has been asked to join Birchwood Forum Enterprises as a Director (this is a voluntary position) and as a representative who has community links.

Councillor D. Ellis stated that he thinks this would be a good opportunity (particularly with the BID getting closer) for the Town Council and other local community groups to have some input and make sure that benefits are delivered, not just for business, but also for the community and residents. He said that his concern is, that as he is a representative on Birchwood Forum from the Town Council, along with Councillor Reeves, whether it would be appropriate for him to undertake this role as a representative of the Town Council, or should he do it in a personal capacity? He also asked whether Members would prefer to put a different Councillor forward to be a representative of the Town Council on Birchwood Forum.

Members discussed the matter and Councillor Atkin stated that he could not see that there would be any code of conduct issues or conflict of interest and that he could also remain as a representative on Birchwood Forum.

The BAFO asked if there would be any liability that Councillor D. Ellis might have to consider.

Councillor D. Ellis said that there would be no liability to him or the Town Council and that he would report any community matters back to Town Council meetings.

The Clerk commented that Cllr D. Ellis should revisit his Register of Members Interests to ensure that this is accurately reflected.

Councillor Fitzsimmons **proposed** the Town Council supports Councillor D. Ellis becoming a representative for Birchwood Forum Enterprises and remaining as a representative for Birchwood Forum. This was **seconded** by Councillor Evans and **unanimously resolved** by those Members present.

148/18-19 **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT AND OBSERVATION AND OTHER RELATED PLANNING ISSUES**

- (a) **Warrington Borough Council**
 - (i) Received – Documents for the Development Management Committee meeting on 18th July 2018.

- (ii) To note that the Town Council has submitted a planning application to the Borough Council, for listed building consent in relation to necessary roof repairs and internal work to repair damage caused by water leak/damp.

149/18-19 **ENFORCEMENT CASES**

Lists of enforcement cases recently opened/closed have been received. One case specifically relates to Birchwood. This was raised with WBC, following a complaint received about rats allegedly coming off the abandoned building site behind the Police Station (named by WBC as 'Holt Site') into local gardens.

ENF/18/06892 29/06/2018 **Location** Holt Site, Delenty Drive, Birchwood; **Officer** Brendan Greenfield **Alleged problem** Potential untidy site, rats spotted coming from abandoned construction site

We are awaiting an update regarding this matter.

150/18-19 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

- (a) Application No. 2018/32679 Land on the corner of Dewhurst Road and Benson Road, WA3 7PU Propose relocation of exiting monolith sign and the erection of a free standing single sided digital advertisement display unit (6m wide x 3m high x 0.4m deep) and associated digital logo box (1.5m wide x 0.5m high). **Approved with conditions**
- (b) Application No. 2018/32800 Unit 4 Birchwood Shopping Centre, WA3 7PG Proposed 1 x fascia advertising sign. **Approved with conditions**
- (c) Application No. 2018/32564 6 Daniel Close, Birchwood, WA3 6QL Proposed single storey side extension to form a new garage. **Approved with conditions**
- (d) Application No. 2018/32719 30 Falstone Close, Birchwood, WA3 6SU Proposed two storey side and single storey rear extension. **Approved with conditions**
- (e) Application No. 2018/32840 24 Rangemoor Close, Birchwood, WA3 6UB Proposed change of use of rear shed to be used as a dog grooming business. **Approved with conditions**

151/18-19 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

All plans can be viewed via:

http://www.warrington.gov.uk/home/transport_planning_and_environment/Planning/Search_planning_applications/

Certain applications are not Planning Applications; therefore there is no statutory opportunity to allow 21 days for comments, e.g: Non Material Amendment applications, Lawful Development Certificates (S192) and 28 day Prior Approval/Determination applications. These types of applications are received on an information basis only.

- (a) Application No. 2018/33082 25 Montcliffe Close, Birchwood, WA3 7LX Proposed single storey side extension to provide kitchen and bathroom.
- (b) Application No. 2018/33077 Unit E1, Trident Business Park, Daten Avenue, Birchwood. Proposed change of use from a precision sports car engineering business (B1) to a gymnastics club (D2).
- (c) Application No. 2018/32943 430 Birchwood Boulevard, Birchwood, WA3 7WD. Proposed grills for ventilation to rear of the building on second floor.

- (d) Application No. 2018/33021 55 Keyes Close, Birchwood, WA3 6RX. Proposed two storey side and single storey rear extension.
- (e) Application No. 2018/33162 43 Inglewood Close, Birchwood, WA3 6UJ. Lawful Development Certificate – proposed single storey rear extension with new conservatory.

Members did not currently have any objections or comments to make regarding the above applications.

152/18-19 **AUGUST RECESS**

To ask Members to consider whether they wish a recess to be taken in August and, if so, that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Leader of the Council, the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and the Business and Finance Officer be authorised, under delegated powers, to take any emergency action that may arise in regard to planning matters, or payment of accounts.

Councillor Bowden **proposed**, Councillor Nelson **seconded** and it was **unanimously resolved** that the Town Council has an August recess and that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Leader of the Council, and the Officers be authorised, under delegated powers, to take any emergency action that may arise in regard to planning matters, or payment of accounts.

This part of the meeting concluded at 6.40 pm.