



**DRAFT - MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR NESTON  
TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017**

In attendance: Thirteen electors and Mrs A Kunaj (Neston Town Council, Council Manager)

The Town Mayor opened the meeting and took the Chair.

**1. Record of the meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 was approved and signed by the Town Mayor Cllr Shipman, following two typo alterations.

*One of the thirteen electors arrived.*

**2. Annual Report from the Town Mayor**

Attendees received an oral report and overview of the Annual report from the Town Mayor.

The Mayor gave special thanks to the members of the Transport group, Neston Looking Better group, Website volunteers and the Neighbourhood Plan Community Monitoring group. He thanked his fellow Councillors for the contribution of their time and financial contributions by way of the use of their own equipment. And advised that he had felt a tremendous privilege and enjoyment to have been Mayor, he wished to thank his colleagues and the staff and especially Nicky, who has ensured that he has not missed any engagements and has arrived on time, and to his wife Sue for accompanying him at these events.

**3. Question Time**

Mr Edwards asked about the situation regarding the bollards on the Market Square.

In response he was advised that the bollards were necessary due to the car park situated below the Square and weight restrictions necessarily imposed. Plans had been submitted for approval more than once to Cheshire West and Chester Council, the owners of the Square, but their responses were slow. The current plans had now been approved and were thought to be in the region of just under £4,000.

Mr Edwards asked why in the current economic difficult position the Council was spending money on 'Welcome to Neston' signs and bunting, when the money could be spent on other things, or given back to the tax payers.

Cllr Marlow said these were the sorts of things that residents had requested when the Civic Society launched its petition for a Town Council.

Dr Ward asked what had happened about the 'Free Parking' signs and why had they not been advertised. The Mayor advised that meetings with officers of the s106 group had taken place some time ago and he requested that as a member of the s106 group, Dr Ward and other members of the group should take this issue up with them.

Dr Ward asked if the Town Council could facilitate Hustings and was advised that the Council had to remain politically impartial and so were not in a position to do this.

No further questions or comments were raised.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 7pm.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dated** \_\_\_\_\_