

MIDDLEWICH TOWN COUNCIL  
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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the External Committee on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.15pm**. The Meeting will be held using Zoom Video Conferencing. Councillors will receive an email invitation to join the meeting.

The public can join the meeting at <http://bit.ly/3pu3Sdi> password: MTC031220 or watch live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/middlewich.towncouncil.3](http://www.facebook.com/middlewich.towncouncil.3)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Benskin".

**Lisa Benskin**

Town Clerk

## **AGENDA**

### **PART 1**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Public Participation

*A period not exceeding 5 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments*

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 (**attached**)
5. To Consider the report of the Events Manager for FAB 2021 (**attached**)

## **PLANNING**

6. To consider the current Planning Applications and Decisions

### **Registered Applications**

- A) 21/0332C** – 4 Tewksbury Close, Middlewich, Cheshire CW10 9HT

Proposal – Installation of fence. Concrete posts and timber fence panels between two properties to the boundary lane.

Comments deadline: 24/02/21

<http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=21/0332C&query=2be9e428-9d71-4bdc-afd0-c78c91c68037>

**B) 21/0228D** – Glebe Farm, Booth Lane, Middlewich, Cheshire

Proposal – Discharge of Conditions 7, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23, 25 and 26 on 13/3449C  
– Outline application for residential development (approximately 450 dwellings), retail unit (A1, A2, A3, A4 and/or A5) and supporting infrastructure.

Comments Deadline – 12/02/2021

<http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=21/0228D&query=75c9920f49db41e29e107a37182a7b14&from=p>

## **Decided**

A) **20/5183** – SRL Brooks Lane, Middlewich, Cheshire CW10 0JG

Demolition of an existing single storey building followed by the erection of a two storey office building

**Decision** – Approved with Conditions 20/01/2021

B) 20/4509S – British Salt Ltd, Cledford Lane, Middlewich, Cheshire CW10 0JP

EIA Screening Opinion for the development of a new Pharmaceutical grade salt manufacturing facility and demolition of a garage building

Decision – 19/01/21

## **Parks and Play Areas**

7. To Consider the locking times of Fountain Fields
8. To consider Booth Lane Skate Park update.
9. To consider current Covid non compliance in the town parks and play areas
  
10. To consider a verbal update on Air Quality
11. To consider a verbal update on the Youth Group
12. To consider the parking and dropping off and picking up at school times
13. To consider the report of the SIDS (Speed Indicator Device) (**attached**)
14. Resolution Log
15. Questions to the Clerk

## **PART 2**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.15pm Via Zoom

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## **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council's External Committee held via Zoom video conferencing on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020, commencing at 7.15pm**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor C Jones (in the Chair), C Bulman, M Hunter D Latham, G Orme, and G Williams

In attendance: N Antoney, Deputy Town Clerk, D Thompson Events Manager and L Benskin Town Clerk

### **EX2 – 206 Apologies for Absence**

#### **RESOLVED:**

Cllr V Perez (Health) J Parry ( Personal)

### **EX2 – 207 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **RESOLVED:**

Cllr D Latham declared an interest in all matters relating to F&B Business Support, member of F&B Working Group, local builder, local property owner and anything relating to Ansa.

Cllr G Orme declared an interest in all matters relating to Ansa

### **EX2 – 208 Public Participation**

To consider any public questions raised on the night or submitted in advance.

#### **RESOLVED:**

No public questions were raised on the night or submitted in advance.

### **EX2 – 209 MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the External Committee held on the 5<sup>TH</sup> November 2020 be approved.

## **EX2 – 210 To consider current Planning Applications**

The committee considered and discussed the current planning applications for Middlewich.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit the Committee's planning decisions.

- A) **20/4874C** Location: 45, SUTTON LANE, MIDDLEWICH, CW10 0AD

Proposed new outbuilding of 27sqm with a maximum height of 2.5m in rear garden of property

**Comments Deadline: 01.12.2020**

**Committee Decision:**

No Objection subject to no impact on neighbour amenity

- B) **20/5183C** Location: S R L, Brooks Lane, Middlewich Cheshire CW10 0JG

Proposed demolition of an existing single storey building followed by the erection of a two storey office building

**Comments Deadline: 23.12.2020**

**Committee Decision:**

No Objection

## **EX2 – 211 To Consider the Committee Income and Expenditure to date**

The Committee noted the Income and Expenditure to date

## **EX2 – 212 To Consider the report of the Warmingham Speed Group**

The Committee discussed and considered the report

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the report and to suspend standing orders to allow the representative from the Speed Group to give an overview of the Groups report. To arrange a meeting with Cheshire East Highways to discuss the issues with speeding on Warmingham Lane, Belway roundabout, possibility of traffic calming measures including a possible island crossing on the junction of Cross Lane/Warmingham Lane, and chicances. Community Safety signs to be costed and sourced including a running signs coming into Middlewich. Motion to go

to full council to source and cost new upgraded solar powered SIDs. The cost of the speed gun to the Speed Group to be refunded to the group.

It was **RESOLVED** to restore standing orders

#### **EX2 – 213 Parks and Play Area**

The Committee discussed the verbal update of the Deputy Clerk

It was **RESOLVED** that the following

- Fountain Fields to be continued to be locked on Friday and Saturday nights at 4pm
- To start locking every night at 4pm from 18<sup>th</sup> December until 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020, whereby they revert to 4pm closing on a Friday and Saturday night.
- Security firm to be advised of the new locking times.

#### **EX2 – 214 Members Motion – Webbs Lane Park**

The Committee discussed Cllr Latham Motion

It was **RESOLVED** that the following

- To investigate further solutions to the issues raised at Webbs Lane Park including possible regular visits by the local anti social team, Support Workers and Middlewich Beat/Pcso Team.
- To ask Ansa to make regular trips to clean the area.
- To investigate whether cctv is possible.
- To look into whether a site visit or a zoom meeting with all involved.

#### **EX2 – 215 Air Quality Update**

The Committee discussed the verbal update of the Cllr G Orme

It was **RESOLVED** that the following

- The Cllr Orme gave an update on his progress to date
- To arrange the first Air Quality Meeting before Christmas.

#### **EX2 – 216 To consider the Committee's Resolutions Log**

The resolution log to be updated and circulated to Committee

**EX2 – 217 Questions to the Deputy Clerk**

Cllr Latham regarding the parking on Chester Road. Deputy Clerk advised that 3 attempts to report to 101, advised that she was going to take pictures and report it with evidence.

**PART TWO**

There was no part Two

**Date of next meeting** – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.15pm Via Zoom.

The Meeting concluded at 8.55pm.

**Councillor C Jones, Chairman**

**Signed** .....

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**Report to:** External Committee

**Report Ref:** EXT2019  
**Meeting Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021  
**Agenda Item:** 5  
**Prepared By:** Events Manager



**Subject: FAB Festival Report 2021**

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## Update

I have remained in contact with agents-artists-community groups-contractors-traders-other festivals to have knowledge of their plans for 2021.

Latest news via festival websites and ticketmaster shows the following festivals **to date** taking place this year;

June; Delamere Forest-Knutsford-Lytham-Isle of White-Lets Rock Scotland-Hampton Court Palace-York.

July onwards; Hyde Park-Latitude-Leeds-Lets Rock Festivals-Reading-Bestival-Cambridge-Creamfields-Cropredy-Donington-Shrewsbury-Sidmouth-Towersey and many more.

Organisers I have spoken to have advised all contracts for the festival carry a `Covid Clause` ie if the festival cannot take place due to Covid-Government Restrictions, no fees will be paid.

Any deposit already paid will be returned in full. This applies to box office sales also.

## Boat Rally & Floating Market

The canals have also been hit hard by the virus especially with many `live-aboard` boaters who are retired with health conditions. Cruising clubs, marinas and canal societies have stopped all activities. Floating Market traders are obviously keen to get back to trading but with no boating events planned before June they have no choice but to wait until restrictions are lifted. Although we attract many canal traders to the festival from around the country there are significant numbers who are moored within a days cruise of Middlewich.

The event manager is confident that enough traders would attend smaller scale Floating Market weekends to make it worthwhile, and if linked to a Town Centre Market this would help to drive footfall into the Town Centre.

`FAB Market Weekends` could be staged several times once restrictions are lifted enough for them to take place eg Easter-June-September or October. Costs would be minimal.

Recovery Grants can be applied for. The markets can also be linked to the `Make It Middlewich` project.

Olive & Stitch Markets have indicated they would be interested to run markets in the Town Centre at no cost to the council. Main requirements would be to contact/coordinate the Floating Market traders, arrange marketing, and to work with CRT to secure suitable moorings.

## Mini FAB Festival in June 2021

This would focus on the canals and fringe venues only, taking away any commitment/costs/risk of staging concerts on Market Field. As described above a Town Centre Market will drive footfall into the Town Centre and retailers could be encouraged to take part in a schools FAB themed Treasure Hunt. The event manager has spoken to the local dance clubs/groups who have supported the festival previously, and is confident many of them will be happy to provide free entertainment to showcase their classes and dance teams. Large employers and supermarkets can be canvassed to provide sponsorship to cover any costs.

With minimal costs and no risk this could be staged in June followed by the full festival in August or September.

Of course all of the above is subject to Covid Restrictions but if this proposal is accepted, planning needs to start now.

Members to consider

- 1) staging the festival in its current format on the original dates in June 2021
- 2) staging a Mini FAB Festival in June focusing on the boat rally/floating market, fringe venues and Town Centre
- 3) moving the festival to eg August or September 2021
- 4) cancelling the festival entirely and plan for 2022

Dave Thompson

Events Manager 27-01-2021



**Report to: External Committee**

**Report Ref:** EXT2020  
**Meeting Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
**Agenda Item:** 13  
**Prepared By:** Deputy Town Clerk



**Subject: SIDS ( Speed Indicator Devices)**

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## 1. CURRENT POSISTION

The Town Council currently own two SIDS (Speed Indicator Devices) one located on Warmingham Lane and one on King Street. We have owned these for several years and have proved to have some impact on speeding at these locations. These devices are battery operated which require charging and changing a minimum once a week. These devices are also movable and can be placed anywhere around the town.

To enable to change these batteries it does require two people to change them which was being done by a staff member and a volunteer. To free up staff time and valuable volunteer time, research was carried out as to whether we should invest in solar panel devices.

## 2. Quotes

### Company A

[www.twmtraffic.com/signs/speed-display-signs/](http://www.twmtraffic.com/signs/speed-display-signs/)

**Mini 300 SDU Speed Sign** £2,220.00 + VAT / unit

- Includes a yellow non-reflective border and "YOUR SPEED" text
- Displays a 200mm real-time illustration of the approaching speed of an oncoming vehicle
- The sign will display a "SLOW DOWN" or a Sad/Smiley face in amber LED's
- 24 months warranty

**DSD Digital Speed Display** £3,228.48 + VAT / unit

- Displays when activated by an integral Microwave Vehicle Detector the real-time speed of an approaching vehicle
- The sign will display a "SLOW DOWN" or a Sad/Smiley face in amber LED's, changeable via a hidden switch.
- 24 months warranty

Data Collection Option £275.00 / unit

Data retrieve via USB to USB Cable	£16.50 / unit
Data retrieve via Bluetooth device	£235.00 / unit
Data retrieve via GSM modem	£345.00 / unit
(includes £50 credit on PAYG multi-network SIM card)	
Data retrieve GPS	£100.00 / unit
Install Option	£100 site visit + £50 / sign
(Onto pre-erected structure)	
Delivery	£90.00 (2 signs)

Can collect traffic data of approaching vehicles, showing vehicle speed classes, average speed highest speed and percentile speed counts on a pdf report.

Clips for 89mm post mounting (customer to confirm post size with order).

## **Company B**

[www.elancity.co.uk/evolus-radar-speed-sign](http://www.elancity.co.uk/evolus-radar-speed-sign)

### ***Evolus Radar Speed Sign*** **£1,745.03 + VAT / unit**

- Green, amber & red display with warning triangle
- Text message display
- USB & Bluetooth connectivity
- Road traffic data recorded in BOTH directions. The outgoing vehicle speed is never displayed but IS recorded for analysis.
- Installation kit (does NOT include fixing straps / jubilee clips)
- 2 x 12V Batteries supplied
- Telephone Assistance
- Detection range up to 300 yards
- 2 year warranty

Transport & Packaging	£174.60 / 2 units
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The speed sign displays the speed at the same time as 5 (programmable) messages.

You can personalise the message display.

The Evolis uses a 3 LED configuration allowing it to maximize the distance from which it can be read.

Internal battery in lockable housing.

OSRAM SMC high brightness low consumption LED's (lifetime > 100,000 hours)

Set up and managed through the 'EVOCOM' set-up software. (Includes free access to all future updates and improvements). Evocom is Windows compatible.

Can communicate with the Evolis by a USB cable connection (the USB port is inside the casing); Bluetooth or Web G.P.R.S. (upon request)

The Evocom software allows you to modify the Evolis parameters (add or modify text messages, alter speed thresholds, add amber speed display).

Data is collected and analysed using the Evocom software

Evolis sign is designed so installation can be done 'in-house', or by a reliable local tradesman.

Not included – 12 x Jubilee clip / hose clamp at a diameter to that of the support pole and a bandwidth of 16mm.

The radar and solar panel are compatible with a standard 76mm pole, but it is RECOMMENDED that a support pole diameter of between 90mm – 120mm is used.

The pole fixing will typically be attached at a height of around 300-360cms. Recommended that a minimum ground clearance of 370cms for the support pole.

Recommended – 2 padlocks (at 6mm clasp)

## **Company C**

[www.unipartdorman.co.uk/speed-indicator-devices.html](http://www.unipartdorman.co.uk/speed-indicator-devices.html)

**DF11S (Solar Powered DF11 Unit) £2,645.00 + VAT / unit**

- Mounting bracket
- Battery charger
- 12 month warranty

**DF11SCB (Solar Powered DF11 Unit with Bluetooth Connectivity & Data Logging)**

**£2,995.00 + VAT / unit**

- Mounting bracket
- Battery charger
- 12 month warranty

Additional Mounting Plate & Fixing Kit £57.00

Installation & Commission £395.00

\*\*\* Mounting post for DF11 signs:

Post Diameter – 89mm minimum

Length – 5.5m with 4.5m above ground level minimum

The DF11 collects speed, time and date information for every vehicle that passes and these can be downloaded into a variety of popular spreadsheet/graphical analysis programmes via Bluetooth.

High intensity amber LED's, clearly visible in all daylight conditions at up to 450 feet.

Auto Luminosity adjusts the display brightness to suit ambient light conditions and conserve power.

Amber LED display with 280,, (11") high, seven segment characters.

Vehicle detector with a factory preset ranger of 90 metres/ 300 feet, and a detection speed range of 5-150 mph.

Initial set up is via data cable or Bluetooth from netbook/PC running DF11 configuration software.

Microsoft Windows based speed data logging and report package available as an optional extra.

Diamond grade reflective front plate available with YOUR SPEED legend in black text. Customer can also specify additional logos or messages to be applied to the fascia plate.

Because of the fixed nature of the sign, the parish councillors will have to take their laptop to the device and connect to it with their laptop at the roadside.

## **Company D**

[www.truelouk.com/products/trusign-30cr-speed-indication-device-sid/](http://www.truelouk.com/products/trusign-30cr-speed-indication-device-sid/)

### ***TruSign 30CR***

**£3,495.00 + VAT / unit**

- Red, yellow, green LED display
- Solar power kit, including 2 batteries
- Data collection for more than 200,000 records
- Can update using a Bluetooth connection
- Free Adroid app and windows software allows you to download data at the side of the road and email direct to your inbox.
- Features 30cm digits and built in radar.
- 12 month warranty

Pole / Bracket £250.00

Site Installation £500.00

### **3. DECISIONS REQUIRED**

- a) Members should consider the report and decided as to whether invest in solar panel devices or remain with chargeable devices.
- b) Members should consider all quotes and appoint a contractor.
- c) Members should delegate to the Clerk the authority to proceed