

Cabinet Member for Prosperity

Agenda

Date: Monday, 19th September, 2011
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the meeting on any matter relevant to the work of the meeting. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman or person presiding will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

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4. **Re-naming of Land on the South Side of Moorfields, Willaston, Nantwich (Title No. CH5 71171) (Pages 1 - 6)**

To consider a request by Willaston Parish Council for the re-naming of a piece of public open space in the ownership of Cheshire East Council.

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(There are no Part 2 items)

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Prosperity

Date of Meeting:	19 th September 2011
Report of:	Head of Health and Wellbeing
Subject/Title:	Re-naming of Land on the South Side of Moorfields, Willaston, Nantwich (Title No. CH5 71171)
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Jamie Macrae

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines a request by Willaston Parish Council for the re-naming of a piece of public open space in the ownership of Cheshire East Borough Council.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member for Prosperity agree that
- (1) the piece of land currently titled “land on the south side of Moorfields, Willaston, Nantwich” be renamed as ‘Mike Heywood Green’; and
 - (2) the Land Registry be informed of the name change.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The Council was approached formally in May 2011 by Willaston Parish Council requesting that consideration be given to re-naming the land in question in memory of Mike Heywood, a former Chairman of Willaston Parish Council and local community leader. The reasons for the request are set out in the Parish Council’s letter of 11th May 2011 (attached).
- 3.2 The piece of land in question, being at a crossroad, is already a focal point for community involvement, including community ‘planters’ and celebratory signage. The plot of land is approximately 25m by 20m in size. A plan is attached.
- 3.3 The recommendation is supported by the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and the initial approach to the Council was made via the Ward Member, Councillor Brian Silvester.

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 Willaston.

5.0 Local Ward Member

5.1 Councillor Brian Silvester

6.0 Policy Implications, including Carbon reduction/Health

6.1 There are no policy implications. The recommendation coming from the Parish Council, however, fits in with the 'Localism' agenda.

7.0 Financial Implications (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

7.1 There are no financial implications.

8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

8.1 There are no legal implications .of this recommendation

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 There are no risks associated with this proposal.

10.0 Background and Options

10.1 The Council may choose not to re-name this land. It is considered, however, that there are no reasons why it would decide not to do so.

11.0 Access to Information

11.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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11th May 2011

Dear Mr Wheelton

Land at Moorfields Corner, Willaston Title No. CH571171

I understand that you have been in communication with Councillor Brian Silvester regarding the naming of the above plot of land at Moorfields corner in Willaston. This land is owned by Cheshire East Council, having originally been donated to the then Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council by a local resident some years ago.

Councillor Silvester has asked me to write to you to explain what the parish council is seeking to do.

The plot of land in question is situated adjacent to the home of our last Chairman, Mike Heywood, who sadly and very suddenly passed away in January this year. Mike had been the Chairman of Willaston Parish Council for 12 years prior to his death and was extremely active within the village - in fact, he was known to many simply as Mr Willaston. As well as being Parish Chairman, Mike was also the leader of the Willaston scout group and was instrumental in organising many other events within the village including the Summer Fete and the annual Remembrance Day Service which took place on the village green.

Amongst his other activities, Mike was also Chairman of the Willaston in Bloom Committee and was responsible for much of the planting and maintenance of flower beds each year particularly on the village green at Moorfields corner. Incidentally, although the plot of land in question is owned by Cheshire East Council, it has always been the parish council that has maintained the area and arranged the grass cutting.

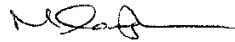
When Mike passed away earlier this year the parish council put its mind to an appropriate memorial to someone who had been such a stalwart of the community

in Willaston. After consultation with Mike's widow it was decided that the re-naming of the village green as Mike Heywood Green would be the most relevant and fitting tribute to his memory – assuming that this could be arranged and there were no legal issues to prevent it. As our local Borough Councillor, Brian Silvester took up the cause on our behalf.

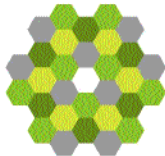
I should be grateful, therefore, if you would advise what steps need to be taken in order to achieve the re-naming of the said plot of land as described.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. S. A.', written in a cursive style.

Clerk



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