

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council held on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7.30 pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey

Present: Miscandlon, Butcher, Boden, Mason, Whitwell, Mrs Laws, Wicks, Mrs Windle, Dorling, Mrs Jolley, Mrs Mayor, Bristow.

Officer in attendance: Mrs S Piergianni – Town Clerk and RFO

Recording: DS250096.DS2

F01/17. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.

Cllr Curtis (work – but will endeavour to join the meeting later)

F02/17 Declaration of Members Pecuniary Interests, on items to be discussed later in the agenda and the Council to decide which items are to be discussed as confidential under agenda item number F19/17.

- Approval of confidential minute from 14th December 2016
- Grosvenor House – AM/ED/DM

Councillors Mrs Laws and Miscandlon as members of FDC Planning Committee advised that should any planning applications be discussed they may comment, but reserve the right to change their minds should more information become available later.

F03/17 Police matters including CCTV Report

PCSO Shane Green & PCSO Michael Froment are now both covering Whittlesey. Parking tickets have already been issued on High Causeway, the CCTV control room will be asked to monitor the area so more enforcement action can then be taken.

Cllr Whitwell advised there are parking issues on Morris Close – the Police to keep an eye on this.

Cllr Boden asked if there was any further information available regarding the two RTA' that had occurred on Cemetery Road, Cllr Boden was advised as the police had been in attendance there may be more information available on Cambridgeshire Constabulary website.

Cllr Mrs Jolley advised there are ongoing parking issues at the junction of Crescent Road, if effects the vehicles coming out of Crescent Close giving them limited visibility.

The issues with ASB in Whittlesey have decreased as interaction with the youth has increased, additionally work has been undertaken with some known offenders at Sir Harry Smith.

There have been three shed burglaries in December however no pattern or trend was evident.

Speeding – Coates School pupils will be working with the Police using speed enforcement gun, anyone caught will be given a speech from children.

PCSO Green advised members that will attend one school per day, not just monitoring parking issues, but going in and speaking to pupils and spending time in the school.

F04/17 Street Scene Officer Report

The reports will be sent to members when they have been received from FDC.

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F05/17 To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Meeting of the Council held on the Wednesday 14TH December 2016

Ratified: The Minutes were approved.

The Clerk to amend the comment about care home on page 1 to 'won't be closed down on the grounds of neighbourhood disturbance'.

F06/17 Public Forum

To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time allowed 15 minutes in total.

2 members of the public present.

F07/17 Information Only.

- Calendar from Jimmy's

F08/17 Invitations.

There are no invitations

F09/17 Consultation

- Peterborough Local Plan – Cllr Bristow has a copy of this, he proposed that we acknowledge receipt of the plan and advised members that Peterborough City Council are to build 27000 homes between 2011 and 2036, 4700 have been built so far. There will be an additional 22000 jobs created within the area.
- Public Spaces Protection Order (Dogs) Consultation – Cllr Mrs Mayor advised the Whittlesey in bloom team had a meeting last night and will be responding to it themselves. The garden of rest exclusion was no dog as a member of the public used to go in everyone morning and shut the gates and then let his dog run around. They are quite happy for it to be dogs not excluded, but dogs on leads to enable people to sit in the garden of rest with their dogs. St Andrews Church yard will now be a restricted area with dogs on leads. The Manor will still be dogs off leads. Cllr Dorling felt that dogs should not be off leads at the Manor and it should be reintroduced to this site. Cllr Dorling to put the response together on behalf of the Town Council. Cllr Dorling's proposal was supported by unanimous support from the Council. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised members that the hardest part of this was the enforcement.

F10/17 To report the draft minutes from the Planning Meeting on Wednesday 7th and 21st December 2016 and Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Cllr Butcher - 4th January Minutes item, F/YR16/1160F – Change the word 'member' to 'trustee'

Ratified: All Minutes were received.

F11/17 To report the draft minutes from the Community Projects Meeting on Wednesday 23rd November 2016 and 4th January 2017

Ratified: All Minutes were received.

Cllr Mrs Mayor presented members with the certificate from the Royal Horticultural Society awarding outstanding for the allotments.

F12/17 To approve the financial documents, there has not been an F & P meeting due to the change in meeting dates.

The Chairman advised members that the F & P meetings in 2017 will start at 6pm and not 6.30pm.

- To report the bank reconciliation – reconciled to the 9th January 2017. Cllr Boden observed that WTC would have an underspend at the year end. Cllr Dorling advised members the town council are currently 77% through the year with a 58% spend, hence we would have approximately a 20 /25K underspent.
- The Bank reconciliation was proposed by Cllr Dorling, seconded by Cllr Boden with a unanimous vote in favour.
- To report the list of payments & To report the list of un cashed payments - Cllr Dorling proposed, seconded Cllr Boden unanimous vote in favour.
- To report the year to date figures - Cllr Dorling proposed, seconded Cllr Boden unanimous vote in favour.
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- The Chairman presented the final budget proposals and precept submission to members for 2017/18. Members approved the budget and agreed the precept request of £171,015.00, the council support grant of £5613.00 will be in addition to this. This was proposed by Cllr Dorling, seconded Cllr Boden with a unanimous vote in favour. The Clerk to submit the precept request to Fenland District Council in a timely manner.

F13/17 To receive verbal reports from members who have attended meetings with outside bodies.

- Cllr Bristow had attended a Community Rail Partnership on site meeting but will report back all information to Full Council at the February meeting.

F14/17. To discuss any planning applications received from Fenland District Council for comment including: -

Cllr Curtis joined the meeting 8.30

Members received the list of planning application decisions.

F/YR16/1102/F – Erection of a single storey front extension to existing dwelling – 34 Yarwells Headland, Whittlesey.

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Cllr Whitwell advised this application had been discussed at the Planning Meeting and refusal was recommended as it was retrospective and the building line was further out than number 32. The applicant attended the last Planning Meeting, and advised the current build did protrude further than number 32, however he has been in consultation with FDC as he had built it further out than the plans, FDC enforcement have worked with the application and he will be rebuilding the front wall to be in line with number 32 Yarwells and does not protrude.

Whittlesey Town Council approve the plans for the extension that were granted from Fenland District Council, providing it does not exceed the build line of number 32 and wish to ensure that the built adheres to the plans.

F/YR16/1145/TRCA – Fell 1no Yew and 4No Sycamore trees within a Conservation Area – 36 Whitmore Street, Whittlesey.

Recommend refusal as we have not heard from the trees officer that no substantive information that the trees need to be felled.

F/YR16/1172TRCA – Works to Lime trees, Sycamore tree and Oak tree within a conservation area – The Elms Nursing Home, 2 Arnolds Lane, Whittlesey

The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F/YR16/1182/F – Alterations to structure and infrastructure ancillary to existing pump (to enable the replacement of existing pump) at Pump at Land North of Poplar Tree Farm, Wisbech Road, Coates.

The Town Council support this application.

F15/17. Agenda items for Discussion.

- Community Road Watch – The Clerk advised members that three days had been suggested by the organisers and that she would need availability of the relevant councillors, locations and times. Members preferred the 24th January. Cllr Whitwell and Laws requested the monitoring time be 3 – 30 the actual location on Stonald Road would be emailed to the Clerk. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Bristow to obtain a suitable time as the monitoring service did not think they could get to Whittlesey for 7.00am/. Cllr Miscandlon to advise the location for Turves.
- Neighbourhood Plan – The weekly meetings are progressing. All questions are in place for the questionnaire. Urbed are now looking at the layout. ‘Halls’ have been approached with regards to the leaflet drop. Katie McCandrew is attending the NHP meeting tomorrow to discuss the Conservation report as the most recent one for Whittlesey is 2008, this needs updating to assist with the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Kings Dyke Crossing – Cllr Butcher advised members as follows: - ‘Following a meeting last week with the landowners and their representatives, CCC have just been informed that they will allow access to the site for the ground investigation on 9th January, using the conditions that had previously been agreed. This means that CCC will be able to include the information in the package for the contractor, which in turn should mean that a more reliable construction estimate will be provided at the tender stage’
- Crossing by the Co – Op – Cllr Boden advised members that FDC Officers are consulting with CCC Officers to see if anything modifications can be made.
- Route 63 Cycle Way – Cllr Whitwell advised the new gate was installed on 17th December and was damaged on the 22nd December. The contractor was contacted and supplied a new pin, the damaged pin has been repaired. The original pin has been replaced and the new one kept as a spare. A thank you letter to go to Boon brothers for supporting us in the repair of the pin.
- Whittlesey Conservation Area - Cllr Whitwell advised Katie McCandrew will be coming to the NHP meeting. Letter to go to FDC from the Mayor asking when the strategy document for Whittlesey is going to be updated. Cllr Miscandlon advised he is still chasing Will Sutton for a formal response.
- Fenland Transport Strategy – Cllr Boden advised this will come through in the Autumn 2017 and he has asked CCC to ensure that WTC are fully involved at the earliest stage. Cllr Boden advised he is grateful to the WTC thanked the council for agreeing 4K towards the HGV survey of traffic through Whittlesey, as this has gone through council he will mention this to the County if they are interested in this being carried out in a collaborative fashion, alternatively Cllr Mrs Laws has found three other companies that could undertake this work, which then could be input into the Statutory independent report. Cllr Boden will update members further at the next meeting.
- Commonwealth Day - defer until February meeting 10.00 on 13th March 2017.

F16/17 Ward Matters

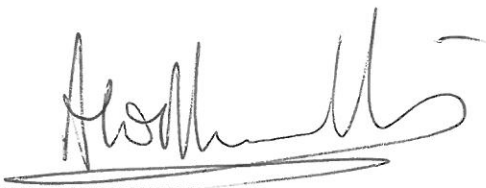
- Cllr Curtis drain at Feldale – Cllr Boden to chase.

- Cllr Mrs Laws – still chasing for flood gates.
- Cllr Mrs Laws – North Level IDB – Road Closure from Dog in a Doublet to Thorney – signage was very poor. Road Closures 9.30 and 3.30, Monday – Friday. Additional signage to be added at both Whittlesey and Thorney.
- Cllr Windle – been approached by Street Pride, they want to put another seat along the Bower on a vacant plinth. Bob Ollier is happy for this to be located here, he would just to inspect it when installed and advised that Street Pride should maintain it.
- Cllr Mrs Mayor enormous hedge – Crescent Road / Drybread Road Junction – contact Roddons as ascertain if this belongs to them as its needs cutting back.

F17/17. Date of next full Council meeting – Wednesday 8th February 2017 at 7.30 at Grosvenor House.

F18/17. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.

Meeting closed 9.51.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Miscandlon', written over a horizontal line.

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Cllr Alex Miscandlon
Mayor of Whittlesey