

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Full Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2017 at 7.30pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey.

Present: Cllr Butcher, Curtis, Miscandlon, Mason, Boden, Mrs Laws, Wicks, Dorling, Mrs Windle, Mrs Jolley, Mrs Mayor.

Officer in Attendance: Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk

Recording: DS250126.DS2

F128/17. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.

Cllr Whitwell (holiday), Cllr Bristow (prior engagement), Cllr Garratt (work)

F129/17. 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 F147/17.

Cllr Miscandlon and Laws.

F130/17. Police matters including CCTV Report

PCSO Michael Froment and PCSO Shane Green were in attendance.

Members were advised of some Antisocial behaviour in the Pinewood Avenue and Morton's Leam area. 10 youths have been named and given unacceptable behaviour order, meaning they will be under curfew and must be in by 9pm, not allowed to hang around in large groups, or associate with others that are under order. These orders will stay in place for six months and will cover a mixture of ages.

The PCSO's advised they were working with the staff from the manor Leisure Centre regarding ASB on the site.

Cllr Mrs Mayor – Station Road Recreation Ground – obscene writing on some of the play equipment. The Police are increasing patrols around this area, along with Pinewood Avenue and the Manor Leisure Centre.

Members flagged up that parking on Yellow lines is increasing – The Police advised this is on their radar.

Councillors were advised of 5 Burglaries at the recycling centre, the company responsible for the area are trying to get CCTV fitted.

Cllr Boden asked about the vehicle break in on East Delph where tools were stolen, he was advised the investigation was ongoing, Cllr Boden advised that the victim had not been informed that the crime was being followed up.

The Police continue to work with the care homes.

School engagements continue to be success, parking at the schools is still an issue.

Speed watch has been confirmed with Coates School if Cllrs wished to find out the dates, they would need to contact Coates School.

F131/17. Street Scene Officer Report

Cllr Curtis highlighted a trend in fly tipping, is there much evident being found to enable prosecutions

Cllr Mrs Mayor very disappointed that the trees at the Station Road Recreation Ground had already been reported by her many months ago, also why doesn't the contractor pick up the branches, if they had, the branches would not have been used to damage the play area.

Cllr Boden asked about the figures on the report, does the 64 include our villages, or are our figures included within the Whittlesey total. The Clerk to chase Street Scene for a response.

F132/17. To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Full Council Meeting of the Council held on the Wednesday 14th June 2017

Ratified: The Minutes were approved.

F133/17 Public Forum

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

5 members of the people present.

Mr Steve Robertson

Not against music in the town centre, he is in favour, however when you have a band that only should reach the other side of the Buttercross, why can it be heard three quarters of a mile away, please can it be lowered.

Mr Roy Gerstner

Been in 101 call centre, they have peaks and troughs, there is another way to contact the police via the website but members of the public do not use it.

The Anaerobic Digester has been refused, however further plans may be submitted. Mr Gerstner wished to thank Cllr David Connor and the Peterborough City ward councillor their efforts on preventing this project move forward

Closed toilet on the Buttercross, why after four months is it still closed?

Subsidence on Ramsey Road – he now understands there are moves in place to rectify this situation, it is very dangerous and the signage is poor.

F134/17 Information Only.

There is no information

F135/17 Invitations.

There are no invitations

F136/17 Consultation

There are no consultations

F137/17 To report the draft minutes from Finance & Policy on Monday 19 June 2017.

The draft minutes were received.

F138/17 To report the financial documents

- To report the bank reconciliation.
- To report the list of payments & To report the list of uncashed payments
- To report the year to date figures (2017/2018).

Members approved the bank reconciliation and all associated documents.

- To adopt the 'Broadcasting and use of social media at council meetings policy', this has been approved by F & P. This was proposed by Cllr Dorling, seconded Cllr Curtis, unanimous vote in favour.

F139/17 To receive the minutes from the Planning Meeting on Monday 19th June 2017 and to report the draft minutes from Planning on 5th July 2017.

Ratified: The Minutes from the Planning Meeting on Monday 19th June were approved and the draft minutes from Planning on the 5th July were received.

F140/17 To report the draft minutes from Community Projects on the 5th July 2017.

Ratified: The Minutes were approved.

Cllr Mrs Mayor advised the remarking of the slabs needing repair/replacement is 22, a suitable contractor still needs to be found to carry out the work.

F141/17 To receive verbal reports from members who have attended meetings with outside bodies.

Cllr Dorling

The charity walk organised by Whittlesey Business Forum was successful charity walk and may become an annual event.

The Business Forum are organising a trade Fair – 8th October at Sir Harry Smith Community College, more details will be available near the time.

Alderman Jacobs School – Members were advised that the school has been given a good rating by Ofsted, Cllr Dorling also advised members that year one is full.

Cllr Mrs Mayor

North Level Partnership approach to catchment management – (PACM), not very well attended, Cllr Mrs Mayor is representing WTC and FDC, the next meeting will be the end of October.

F142/17. To discuss any planning applications received from Fenland District Council for comment including: -

There were no planning applications for discussion, members received the list of planning application decisions.

F143/17. Agenda items for Discussion.

- Community Road Watch / SIDD / Traffic Calming – Cllr Miscandlon advised there was no further update, however he had received an email from the new Sgt advising they would not be taking any action as the company used were not a registered company
- Greater Cambridge Road Safety – Could details of other areas be submitted for monitoring.
- Kings Dyke Crossing – Cllr Butcher has been advised by Cllr Connor that the delay is due to the contractors requesting a little more time to ensure they are totally correct with their quotations, this may save possibly six to eight weeks at the end of the project. The Economy and Environment committee at CCC will meet in August to allocate the contract
- Must Farm – Cllr Miscandlon advised things are moving forward on project B, they have been allotted an officer from PCC and CCC to work with them on progressing. Gillian Beasley and the officer want to visit the nature reserve.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mrs Laws – confirmed the workshop will be Friday 13th October at the Christian Church – 9.30 invites to go out to all business and community



groups, there will be planned times for attendance. People will be asked for their opinions which will be included in the submission of the NHP. Through the funding submission, WTC have been offered FOC a housing assessment, this involves a company appointed by the government and doesn't come out of our funding, it does not include greenbelt, sites of significant interest etc. but gives a basic report to the NHP group.

- Community Rail Partnership – Cllr Mrs Mayor reported as follows on behalf of Cllr Bristow.

Network rail continue to remove their debris from the station, a considerable quantity remains both on land leased by Greater Anglia and the land they retain. There is also rubbish that has been deposited in the wooded area by Network Rail or their contractors which is a potential hazard to wild life.

The Gates have been removed to allow access to the car park, without restriction.

The issues with the wooden cabinet with live electricity supply or the damaged tree have not been resolved due to lack of clarification of the land boundaries, FDC are seeking clarification from the Land Registry.

Manea rail adoption group have been approached to adopt the station, and a meeting will be arranged with the group and members of the CRP Group.

Cllr Bristow continues to liaise with Wendy Otter, Whittlesey has a service not fit to meet the needs of the public living in the town. A further meeting with Mr Peter Risebrow who displayed plans for a footpath and lighting he is going to propose for the station.

There is to be an open forum September 11th at 6PM at FDC with some members of the CRP present. The next CRP group meeting is on 13th July.

- **Property working group update and proposals**

The Working party have had two meetings, following the wish list from Cllrs. Bollards at the front of the Police station have been requested to prevent unauthorised parking.

The cost of 8 collapsible bollards is £170, this was proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded by Cllr Boden, Cllr Curtis abstained, all our councillors voted in favour.

Members also agreed unanimously the following press article be placed in The Cambs Times, Peterborough Today, WTC Website and Notice Boards. The article to read:

"Whittlesey Town Council seek expressions of interest from suitably qualified contractors and other property professionals to advise on the refurbishment of a newly acquired building for future community use."

Please send your expression of interest to the Town Clerk
Mrs Susan Piergianni
Whittlesey Town Council, Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey, PE7 1UL

Or email: whittleseytowncouncil@btconnect.com

Closing Date is Friday 18th August 2017

Cllr Miscandlon advised we need a full plan of the site. He has copies of the original drawings which may be able to go on a CAD system, he will speak to Brand Associates to see if this is possible.

Members confirmed that working party decisions must go to Full council for ratification.

The Property Working Group heading to remain on all FC agendas to ensure members of the public can understand the progress, the only time it will go into the confidential section will be if items are commercially sensitive.

- Read to Succeed campaign – £250.00 proposed by Cllr Dorling, seconded Cllr Miscandlon with a unanimous vote in favour

F144/17 Ward Matters

Cllr Curtis

A comment has been made by a member of the public on Facebook about having a toddler splash pool. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised that there also needs to be toddler equipment at the Manor. Cllr Mrs Laws advised that FDC have been made aware of £2500.00 that was given by the Lions. FDC will not allow the funds to be used for a sand pit.

There are discussions taking place, Cllr Butcher asked for all the information and he will follow it up at FDC. Members requested this item be placed on the Community Projects agenda for further discussion.

Cllr Boden.

Corporate Governance has been reviewed by Anna Goodall who was reluctant to take this forward due to comments from the Boundary Commission, however Cllr Boden has discussed this with Anna and this will be taken forward and go before the FDC September meeting.,

Cllr Mrs Windle.

The Payback team have completed some work on the Bower, Cllr Mrs Windle advised there will be a meeting in September The Town Clerk has set up a Doodle Poll and will be collating all the responses before arranging the meeting.

Cllr Mrs Jolley

The Showfield is very overgrown and dry and. Cllr Mrs mayor will be speaking to the enforcement team as there is planning granted, but nothing is happening. Residents are very concerned about the condition and fire hazard.

F145/17. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 13th September 2017

F146/17. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.

F147/17. To discuss those items previously agreed at agenda item F129/17.

There were no items for discussion.

Meeting closed 21.01



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Cllr Ralph Butcher
Mayor of Whittlesey