

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council held on Wednesday 14th December 2016 at 7.30 pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey

Present: Cllr Miscandlon, Curtis, Butcher, Mason, Boden, Whitwell, Mrs Laws, Wicks, Mrs Jolley, Mrs Mayor, Dorling, Bristow

Officer in attendance: Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk

Recording: DS2500. DS2

F205/16. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.

Cllr Mrs Windle (Work), Garratt (Unwell).

F206/16. 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 F/223/16

- Grosvenor House – AM/ED

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.

Cllr Mrs Mayor – FYR16/1059/F Cllr Mrs Mayor has known the applicant for many years and has been contacted by the agents to ascertain when the application will be heard.

Cllr Dorling – Independent Financial Advisor and member of the business forum.

F207/16 Police matters including CCTV Report

PCSO Shane Green has been dealing with an increase in town centre anti social behaviour. There has been an increase in crimes on Stonald Road, Windmill Street and Bassenhally, the majority being car crime. The incidents occurred at various times of the evening and through the night.

He has received many emails regarding the Children's Home on Plough Road, he is working with the homes and the schools. PCSO Green advised that any problem calls should be directed to the police to ensure all incidents are logged and Councillors should not take them.

Cllr Butcher has not received any complaints about the care home in Coates for over a year, however if residents contact the local councillor, and the Councillor reports the incident, it is classed as a third party incident. All incidents need to be recorded via the 101 service directly by the individual and not through the councillor.

Cllr Bristow asked for an update on the issues at Station Road Rec, PCSO Green confirmed that cannabis has been seized and patrols will continue in this area.

Vehicles in High Causeway will be ticketed as this is a no vehicle zone.

4th January an additional PCSO will be joining PCSO Green and will be up and running from day one.

Cllr Boden has been in contact with CCC regarding the home on Plough Road, he confirmed the homes will not be closed down on the grounds of neighbourhood disturbance, however investigations are being made into whether the care being given is the right type of care.

F208/16 Street Scene Officer Report

Cllr Mrs Mayor commented that the safer fenland partnership team have been working hard on Godwit Close.

Cllr Mrs Mayor and Butcher have been dealing with issues regarding the toilets behind the George, all problems should be rectified prior to the straw bear.

F209/16 To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Meeting of the Council held on the Wednesday 9th November 2016

Ratified: The Minutes were approved

F210/16 Public Forum

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

Three members of the public were present – No one wished to speak

F211/16 Information Only.

- Jottings from Jimmy's
- Rotary Club thank you letter for Life Education Quiz donation.

F212/16 Invitations.

There were no invitations

F213/16 Consultation

There were no consultations

F214/16 To report the draft minutes from the Planning Meeting on Wednesday 16th November, 23rd November and Wednesday 30th November 2016.

The Minutes were reported.

F215/16 To report the draft minutes from the Community Projects Meeting on Wednesday 23rd November 2016.

The Minutes were reported

F216/16 To report the draft minutes from the Finance & Policy Committee Meeting Monday 28th November 2016

The Minutes were reported. – one amendment in the paragraph HGV survey was to change the word change the word from incorrect to inadequate.

- To report the bank reconciliation – Members accepted the bank reconciliation
- To report the list of payments to be made and outstanding payments – members accepted the lists.
- To report the year to date figures – the Chairman of F & P advised we are at 68% of the year to date figures, it is predicted that we will be at 88% of the 100% budget figures at the end of the financial year.
- Submission of budget proposals for 2017/18 for consideration and comment – Members were requested to consider the proposals and comment back to the Chairman of Finance

& Policy with any further suggestions. Cllr Curtis requested that a figure is within the budget for the advertising of the Town and its villages.

F217/16 To receive verbal reports from members who have attended meetings with outside bodies.

- Cllr Mason & Dorling attended the Business Forum – 62 paid up members, their AGM will be held on 18th January and they will be present to discuss the forums futures plans.
- Whittlesey Emergency Food Aid – Cllr Mason advised the Annual Trolley Donation day is the 16th December 2016.
- Cllr Boden – advised members that at a meeting of CCC on 12th December the diming and turning off, of street lights will be suspended. Also the road gritting will be rescinded and go back to how it was in 2015.
- Cllr Butcher – Bus Stop – Ramsey Road – people stand on the hardstanding as it the ground is too soft under the bus stop, CCC to see if they can obtain some plainings to go on the surface.
- Cllr Whitwell – Christmas Lights Committee – the town looks very nice and the committee have done extremely well. The Town Council to write and thank them for their efforts, the lights will be coming down 8th/9th January.
- Cllr Mrs Laws had attended the official opening of Mandalay Caravan Park – the new owners have made amazing improvements and it's a totally different site.
- Cllr Dorling – attended the Active Fenland presentation this was aimed at getting more people involved in activity.
- Cllr Dorling – Football Tournament – Four local primary schools involved, it took place at SHS, the event was to assist Peterborough Referees, the donation was from WTC via the Tesco Fund. Craig Pawson an official FIFA referee was present and the event was very well supported.

F218/16. To discuss any planning applications received from Fenland District Council for comment including:-

F/YR16/1059/F – Erection of part 2 storey/single storey rear extension with balcony to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing kitchen within a Conservation Area – 30 Park Lane, Whittlesey.

The Town Council recommend refusal of this application on the grounds of impact on the conservation area and the inclusion of the balcony.

Members voted as follows – 6 in favour of refusal, 3 against and 1 abstention (Cllr Miscandlon and Mrs Laws took not part in the discussion or vote).

F/YR16/1065/F – Erection of a single storey front extension and first floor rear extension (supported by a pillar) to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing car port – 25 Orchard Street, Whittlesey.

The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F/YR16/1069/F – Erection of a 2 storey extension to rear of dwelling involving demolition of existing conservatory and conversion of part garage to utility room including insertion of window and door - 1 Willowbrook Drive, Coates.

The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F/YR16/0951/F – Erection Of 2 storey 2 bed dwellings – Land West of 180 Coates Road

The Application has been withdrawn

F/YR16/1073/F – Erection Of a first floor side extension and single storey rear extension to existing dwelling – 45 Yarwells Headland, Whittlesey

The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval



F/YR16/1071/PNC03 – Change of use of an agricultural building to commercial use at Barn East of 45 Quakers Drove, Turves – This notification is to advise that the Local Planning Authority has received an application for prior approval of the above, under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2016. **Note: This is not a consultation but should any observations be made, they need to be forwarded to FDC by 26th December.**

The Town Council support the application.

F/YR16/0375/F/APP/D0515/W/16/3161528 45/45A Bassenhally Road – Erection of 2 x 3 bed and 2 x 2 bed single storey dwellings with associated access road and garages (including garage to serve existing dwelling); alterations to 45 Bassenhally Road, including demolition of carport and 2 storey side extension and total demolition of 45A Bassenhally Road. – This application has gone to appeal – Any further comments must be submitted by 5th January 2017.

F/YR15/0307/F – APP/DO515/2/15/3137775 – Land to the West of Lazy Acre Farm Crease Bank, Briggate West – Proposal was to change of use from agricultural land to three pitch traveller site. – This appeal has been dismissed.

To receive the list of planning application decisions.

F219/16. Agenda items for Discussion.

- Community Road Watch – update AM – Cllr Bristow Tuesday 24th , 26th , 27th – Station Road 7.am to 9.am. – Inhams Road / Station Road Junction.
- Neighbourhood Plan – DL – meeting regularly on a Thursday – on 3rd draft of consultation document. Cllr Mrs Laws was disappointed with the response to the October meeting, however good comments were received. The NHP will be delivered to all households in February, it will contain a tracking device to demonstrate that all households receive a consultation. Additional dates have been set aside where the public can come and ask questions about the NHP. The schools will put the NHP as a community issue within their curriculum.
- Kings Dyke Crossing – TRB – Officers have been instructed to move forward with a magistrate's court order to obtain access to the land, early in the new year the contractors will be able to tender correctly. CPO'S if necessary will be undertaken, if this is the case it could add an additional 10 months to the project.
- Must Farm – AM/DM – Cllr Miscandlon advised that the date and time of the next meeting has not been confirmed.
- Crossing by the Co – Op – Cllr Boden advised that Simon King will be meeting with Gary Garford to discuss this issue.
- Route 63 Cycle Way – Cllr Whitwell advised the new gate is in the process of being installed. The gate is an Elephant gate with a gap between the gates of approximately 5ft. The roadway to this is the continuation of Stonald Road to the Field of Dreams where vehicles are driving very fast down this stretch, CCC have suggested speed cushions at a cost of £1450.00 this could be undertaken with finance from the current year's cycle budget. This was proposed Cllr Whitwell, seconded Cllr Dorling with a unanimous vote of approval.
- Whittlesey Conservation Area – Cllr Whitwell advised members the existing strategy is totally out of date, WTC were advised verbally in April 2016 that they would be next, Cllr Whitwell requested a formal letter to FDC asking when it will be done. Cllr Miscandlon advised he had spoken to the conservation officer who did confirm we are next but may

not be in the next financial year. Letter to FDC stressing the urgency of this as this is effecting development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

- Cycle Race - The cycle dates for 2017 are June 3rd and 4th. Unfortunately, the tour will not be coming through Whittlesey, it will however be the largest event in the UK. The time trial will take place on the 3rd June. The Gran Fondo is on the 4th and does touch the southern end of Whittlesey, there will be approximately 9000 people taking part, signage on the twelve separate sections will be more accurate than in previous years. The Tour of Cambridgeshire website will be fully populated from February 2017.
- Fenland Transport Plan - Cllr Boden had requested the information from CCC and is still waiting for the amendments. He is hoping he will receive the information before Christmas.
- Civic Day – Cllr Whitwell – June 17th National Civic Day to celebrate 50 years of conservation areas, this allows any civic groups to organise and participate round the town, Whittlesey Society will be active as will the Mud Walls Group. Website called Civic Voice Cllr Whitwell asked the council to support any groups that are going to take part in this.
- 2017 Meeting Dates – The Chairman of the relevant committee reserves the right to cancel the meeting, if there is not sufficient business to be transacted/ meeting.

F220/16. Ward Matters

- Cllr Mrs Laws advised the flood gates are still not repaired, Cllr Mrs Laws has been informed if the road needs to be closed for flooding, concrete barriers will be used.
- Crescent Road parking – Cllr Mrs Jolley has passed the issues to the Police.
- Cllr Mrs Mayor – tree felled in Cemetery Road, works had been approved. The tree officer had been informed that the tree was diseased and it should be felled, but a new tree should be planted.
- Cllr Bristow – Parking issues in the town, residents are going out of the town as they can't park, this is an ongoing problem.
- Cllr Bristow – Bellmans Grove – Potholes really bad – this has been reported.

F221/16. Date of next full Council meeting – Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7.30 at Grosvenor House.

F222/16. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.

F223/16. To discuss those items previously agreed at agenda item F206/16

- Grosvenor House – AM / ED

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