

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Full Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.30pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey.

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

Officer in Attendance:

Mrs Susan Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

Recording:

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F148/17. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.

Cllr Bristow (illness), Cllr Dorling (holiday), Garratt (holiday)

F149/17. 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 F167/17.

- Land Ownership

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

F150/17. Police matters including CCTV Report

Whittlesey Council Report from PCSO Mike Froment.

Criminal damage

As I am sure you are already aware. There is a young person that has just been convicted of 14 offences in Whittlesey. Sentencing is still to follow. He cannot be named for legal reasons. There has also started to be incidents at the Manor Leisure Centre. This is being patrolled and the victim is getting support with this issue. We are aware and working with the council in relation to issues on the station road rec.

Anti-Social Behaviour

We are experiencing an increase of anti-social behaviour in the station road and Manor leisure centre area with patrols being stepped up around these locations. Based on the intel we have received so far this is not the same group that was causing issues in the Pinewood area or the Avenues. Since the ABC contracts have been issued there has been no issues in this area. We have had no reports about the people on the contracts in other areas either.

Burglaries – There has been 11 burglaries, 7 of which were business burglaries. These are spread across Whittlesey.

Hare coursing is starting to make an appearance on our radar. Please keep an eye out for any signs of hare coursing and report in to 101.

End.



Cllr Whitwell highlighted that residents are unhappy about speeding and people parking on yellow lines, and that we need support from the police.

Cllr Miscandlon advised the local farmers have already been informed about the Hare Coursing and have advised them to call 999 should they see anyone in the area.

Cllr Mrs Mayor has received reports from residents that Station Road is becoming a racetrack about 4am in the morning, The Clerk will notify the PCSO's.

Members asked if the CCTV report could be split to show the Whittlesey & villages incidents separate from the other Fenland Towns. The Clerk to enquire if this is possible with Fenland.

The Clerk advised that the tree on the grass area by the Co-op obscures the CCTV to the point that the branches touch the camera. Members requested that the Clerk contact FDC and request the tree is cut back.

F151/17. Street Scene Officer Report

Members were pleased figures are low but is that because Kingdom are only attending Whittlesey for two days per month.

The fly tipping in the villages has a count of 57, this is for all Fenland villages, WTC would like a breakdown just for our villages.

F152/17. To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Full Council Meeting of the Council held on the Wednesday 12th July

Ratified: The Minutes were approved.

F153/17 Public Forum

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

Four members of the public present.

Mr Steve Robertson – Congratulate Mrs Laws and Whitwell for getting yellow lines being painted at the junction of Commons Road and Stonald Road.

Mr Roy Gertsner – Thanked the Cllrs for attending the rail partnership meeting, there were 15 present, 11 of which were from Whittlesey.

Mr Bernard Gray-Esson – Asked why the camera van is always at the rail crossing and what does it do? Why is there a lack of policing in the villages? There is a problem with vehicles parked up on the path the villages are just as badly treated as the town.

F154/17 Information Only.

- War Memorials Bulletin
- Jottings from Jimmy's

F155/17 Invitations.

- There were no invitations

F156/17 Consultation

- There are no consultations

F157/17 To report the draft minutes from Finance & Policy on Monday 17th July 2017

The draft minutes were reported.



F158/17 To report the financial documents

Neither the Chairman or Vice Chairman of F & P were present, the Mayor asked the Clerk to report on their behalf.

- To report the bank reconciliation – Members accepted the bank reconciliation.
- To report the list of payments & To report the list of uncashed payments – Members accepted the list payments.
- To report the year to date figures (2017/2018) – Members had also received the additional expenditure report from the Chairman via email.
- External Auditor Report – the Mayor read the following statement from the Chairman of F & P, Cllr Eamonn Dorling
 - o WTC enjoyed favourable comments in respect of our End of Year accounts documentation. It is important that councillor and members of the public can rely on data provided by our Clerk. This endorsement confirms accuracy, compliance with legislation, and a submission in a timely manner.
 - o As Chair of WTC Finance and Policy Committee I wish to convey my thanks to the Clerk because the submission was completed without the assistance of an outside accountant, instead the software package WTC have invested in, has been efficiently utilised and will continued to do so.
- To approve the donations for Christmas Extravaganza and Life Education Quiz – Members approved £250.00 for the Life Education Quiz and £750.00 for the Christmas Extravaganza.
- To adopt the 'Grant Application & Terms and Conditions Policy' and the 'Equality Policy', these were proposed by F & P on Monday 17th July 2017, Members wished the Grant Awarding Policy go back to F & P for further work, this to include a point that asks any groups who have received a donation where possible to feedback on how the funds have been spent, or provide evidence of this expenditure.
- The Equality Policy was adopted, this was proposed by Cllr Miscandlon, seconded Cllr Wicks, with a unanimous vote in favour.

F159/17 To receive the minutes from the Planning Meeting on Monday 17th July 2017 and to report the draft minutes from the Planning Meeting on Wednesday 6th September 2017.

Ratified: The Minutes from the 17th July were approved, the draft minutes from the 6th September were reported.

F160/17 To report the draft minutes from Community Projects on the 5th July 2017.

The draft minutes were reported.

F161/17 To receive verbal reports from members who have attended meetings with outside bodies.

Cllr Miscandlon & Cllr Wicks – Gravel House Corner

Meeting with Cambridgeshire County Council highways officers at Gravel house corner, concern was expressed regarding the 40mph limit as CCC don't want to introduce it as the police won't enforce it. The discussions on this will continue.

Cllr Whitwell – Mud Walls meeting

Attended the recent mud walls meeting, they had agreed to provide a demonstration at the Whittlesey Festival, but were unable to fulfil this due to a lack of volunteers. Cllr Mason wished his



thanks to be passed to the mud walls group for the valuable advice given to him about obtaining funding from Glassmore for repairs to a mud wall.

Cllr Mrs Windle – Whittlesey Festival

Attended on behalf of Cllr Butcher, reported that it had been a very successful day, many pictures are available on different websites. Cllr Butcher thanked Cllr Mrs Windle for attending on his behalf

Cllr Mrs Mayor – Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Mrs Mayor was disappointed about the turnout at Fenland Hall, Network Rail did not attend the meeting. Mrs Mayor advised that the station is a complete disgrace. Mrs Mayor advised that three years ago she had been at the station approximately three years ago handing out surveys, this is now being repeated, no action was taken after the last surveys. Mrs Mayor advised the Alan Nevill from Greater Anglia had confirmed to Cllr Bristow that they would not use the station as a storage area, however there are piles of stones left at the station. The proposed lighting will not be completed this winter as they are still waiting for quotes. Cllr Mrs Mayor requested that it be minuted regarding the lack of progress being made, she felt the project is going backwards and not moving forwards. Cllr Mrs Mayor requested that the next meeting of the Community Rail Partnership be held in the evening after the commuters are back e.g. 7.30 and not 6pm as this prevents commuters from attending.

Cllr Curtis advised that Network Rail will be installing ticket machines and electronic timetables on all stations.

F162/17. To discuss any planning applications received from Fenland District Council for comment including: -

To receive the list of planning application decisions.

F163/17. Agenda items for Discussion.

- Community Road Watch / SIDD / Traffic Calming – Cllr Miscandlon advised the Cambridgeshire Constabulary will not accept any reports from Road Watch. Members suggested a donation as Community Road Watch have carried out work for to which has identified problems. Cllr Miscandlon proposed £100.00, seconded Cllr Mrs Mayor unanimous vote in favour.
- Kings Dyke Crossing – Cllr Butcher advised the project is moving forward.
- Must Farm - AM/ED/DM – Cllr Miscandlon advised there is no further movement on Project B from the Must Farm Group, they are waiting for the Officer at Peterborough City Council to arrange a date to meet.
- Neighbourhood Plan – DL/ED – Cllr Mrs Laws advised members that there are three workshops on Friday 13th October. All workshops will contain the same content, all residents, voluntary groups, businesses etc will be invited. Cllr Mrs Laws confirmed we have received confirmation of the grant. We can apply for further grants as we move through the process. We have also been offered as part of the NHP a free Housing Assessment from a company called AKON. If we apply for a 2nd grant, this should be site specific.
- Community Rail Partnership – The update is covered under F/YR161/17.
- Property working group update and proposals – Cllr Mason advised they haven't met since the last meeting, Brand Associates are in the process of completing the drawings, once these have been received a further meeting will be convened. The Clerk advised that the oil has been stolen from the large tank, approx. 40 gallons, despite robust padlocks being fitted, this has been reported to the Police and a crime number obtained.

- Local Highway Improvements (Closing date 15th October 2017) – Ward Councillors will work together on any projects for submission. The Clerk to keep Thursday 12th October free to assist with the submissions
- CCTV update from July FC meeting - Cllr Garratt was not present, the Mayor requested this be deferred to the next Full Council meeting.
- Whittlesey Christmas Extravaganza Road Closure – Cllrs voted unanimously in favour of the road closure as requested by the Extravaganza Committee the Clerk to advise the council voted unanimously in favour.

F164/17 Ward Matters

Cllr Boden

Road traffic closure order for East Delph states it will be between November 2017 to April 2019, Cllr Boden advised the surface dressing of the road will take one day. CCC must submit the widest windows of dates and the work will be carried out sometime within these dates. The work will be carried out overnight or between 9.30 and 3pm. The road closure will be advertised 14 days ahead of the works. Cllr Mrs Laws will arrange for the flood gates to be relocated.

Cllr Mrs Windle.

The Ramsey Road between the Boat and Pondersbridge will be resurfaced in January 2018. The dip in the Ramsey Road and any investigation work will be dealt with at the time, however she attended a meeting with Cllr David Connor a few weeks ago, there was much concern about this from residents. The road today has received a temporary fix and this would take them through until the full scheme in January.

Briggate West - the turning area will receive a new surface so it is not just gravel, this will be completed in October.

The Bower

Following the recent meeting Middle Level have agreed to undertake work to remove the giant Hogweed, they would like better access through the Manor Field to cut the banks and will discuss with FDC, they would also like some help from Fenland to cut the trees. The CCC representatives had investigated the issues that have prevented the Community Payback Team working along the bower, these have now been rectified, Alan Moore has confirmed he wants to work with the council on projects at the Bower. Alan Moore will be invited to the next Projects Meeting.

21.00 Cllr Mrs Laws left the meeting.

F165/17. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 11th October 2017

F166/17. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.

F167/17. To discuss those items previously agreed at agenda item F149/17.

- Land Ownership

Meeting Closed: 21.30



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Cllr Ralph Butcher
Mayor of Whittlesey