

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Community Project Committee

Minutes of the Community Projects Committee on Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 6pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey.

Present: Cllr Whitwell, Mrs Mayor, Wicks, Mason

Officer in Attendance: Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk/RFO

Recording: DS250 .DS2

CP20/17 - To receive apologies from absent Members.

Cllr Garratt will be arriving later, the Vice Chairman will take the meeting until Cllr Garratt's arrival.

CP21/17- To confirm and sign the Minutes from the last meeting of the Project Committee of 1st March 2017.

Ratified: The Minutes were signed.

CP22/17 – 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 CP27/17

There were no declarations

CP23/17- Public Forum

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

There were no members of the public present.

CP24/17- Update from Mr Steve Osborne – Chairman – Whittlesey Allotment and Garden Society. (to include discussion on items from Mrs R Gale's email – Secretary to the WAGS).

The Vice Chairman welcomed Mr Osborne to the meeting, The Vice Chairman commenced with the email points.

1. Uneven footpaths – Cllr Whitwell suggested that the Projects Committee or representatives from the committee at their next inspection mark all the wobbly slabs, this will take place in the next two weeks.
2. Spare key for the Town Council's notice board – Members agreed to obtain the key back from Tom Owen and it will then be passed to the allotment secretary. – Cllr Mrs Mayor to contact Tom Owen.
3. The Town Clerk to furnish Mr Osborne with a weekly update on the available plots and waiting list.

4. Laminate two copies of the allotment award for both notice boards.

Cllr Mason advised members that other allotment sites benefit from free soil improver from the recycling centre as March, Wisbech and Chatteris receive it free. Cllr Mason is moving this item forward on behalf of the WAGS.

Mr Osborne advised members of the plan for the community allotment, they were hoping to use some of the grant funding that had been obtained three years ago, for tree planting but not used on the communal plot, they have met with the committee at Glassmore regarding this and must submit further information to see if they can obtain a change of use for the funding which would enable them to put native hedging around the community allotment

Mr Osborne advised that Frog life will take up some of the area a meeting has been held with representatives who will fund the area of about 5m x 10m in size, and would allocate approximately 3K. Frog life work with disadvantaged children from SHS, these children will work alongside Frog life on the project.

Mr Osborn further advised members of other planting schemes within the community allotment comprising of a mini orchard, flower beds, shallow pond in the centre surrounded by a picket fence, they will also provide three raised beds and the seeds for the three primary schools and award a prize to the best bed. Members received confirmation that the community allotment will be disabled friendly with 1 metre gate entrance and paths of the same width.

Members suggested to Mr Osborne that bark is used for the pathways and not gravel and it is more environmentally friendly.

The next allotment society meeting is the 11th May, 7.30 at the Falcon.

Cllr Whitwell thanked Mr Osborne for attending the meeting.

Cllr Garratt arrived at 6.30 and proceeded to take over the Chair

CP25/17 – Agenda Items for discussion

- Allotment Evictions – 88B had requested an extension of time to 31st March to carry out some work. The next inspection will be Tuesday 11th at 9.00am.
- Allotment Waiting List – The Clerk advised there are 4 on the waiting list, they all want half allotments.
- Allotment Pathway – The Clerk to chase the contractor for a price to level the pathway.
- Allotment Invoices – These have all been sent out, Cllr Wicks and Whitwell will be at the Council office on Friday 21st between 9 and 12, and Cllrs Garratt and Mrs Mayor will do Saturday 22nd between 9 and 12. To collect payments.
- Notice Boards for the villages – locations and update on installation. Bob Ollier from Fenland has advised that the notice board in Coates can be installed, when FDC complete the works on the bus stop they will at the same time put slabs around the bottom to ensure it is easy access and will not be a problem to the grass cutting contractors. Cllr Mrs Mayor and advised that Mr Lutkin has been told to install Eastrea, she will chase the contractor. Turves – to put two posts in will be approximately £250.00 as this is on highways land. Pondersbridge is on hold. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised the notice boards are all made and Mr Lutkin will amend his price accordingly as he will not be installing all of them. Cllr Garratt

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proposed that the cost for the Turves installation be put forward to Full Council, this was seconded by Cllr Whitwell with a unanimous vote in favour.

- Music Events 2017 – Cllr Whitwell advised members the paperwork had been submitted to FDC, the Clerk has chased Licensing as we want to pay via Bacs, Cllr Mrs Mayor to contact Kim Winterton at FDC for some answers.
 - Cllr Garratt advised members that 'The Fedz' were not happy about letting others use their PA equipment. Cllr Garratt has spoken with the Bands from Peterborough College and see if they can set up with their own equipment under the Buttercross, they will advise Cllr Garratt how they wish to proceed with this tomorrow.
 - Cllr Garratt has new photos of the bands, these will be sent to David Bailey who is going to design the posters.
- Route 63 Cycle way – Cllr Whitwell has removed the unofficial lock and a new WTC lock has been put back on. Cllr Whitwell will be making a proposition at Full Council for the speed cushions.
- Bower footpath – The Clerk to chase Les Middleton.
- Duck race – Over £500.00 has been banked, Cllrs Mrs Laws and Miscandlon will be selling tickets on Friday, and Cllrs Mason and Mrs Mason on Saturday.
- Alderman Jacobs 'Food for Life' – Cllr Wicks advised members that he had spoken to Alderman Jacobs and suggested they contact 'Tesco Groundwork Fund' and apply for funding.
- Tree Planting – Cllr Wicks advised the Cllr Mrs Laws is speaking to North Level about planting on the South Bank near Eastrea and Coates. Further discussions took place and members agreed that this will be discussed further at future meetings and may become an ongoing project.

CP26/17 Date of next meeting – 3rd May 2017

CP27/17 To discuss those items previously agreed at agenda item CP21/17

There were no items for discussion.

Meeting Closed 7.25


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Cllr Steve Garratt
Chairman
Community Projects Committee

