

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council on Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7.30pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey.

Present: Cllr Mrs Windle, Curtis, Miscandlon, Mason, Whitwell, Mrs Laws, Wicks, Dorling, Mrs Mayor, Bristow

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

Recording: DS250177

F109/18. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.

Cllr Butcher (illness), Cllr Garratt, Cllr Boden (work), Cllr Mrs Jolley

F110/18 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 F129/18

- Land Ownership – CB – deferred to the next meeting

Cllr Mrs Laws and Miscandlon as members of Fenland District Council Planning Committee, they may make comment but reserve the right to change their minds should further information become available later.

F111/18. Welcome to the Students of Alderman Jacobs Primary School

The Chairman welcomed the teachers and pupils from AJS and asked if they would like to join the Councillors at the debating table, members were also advised the children would be staying for the first hour.

F112/18. Presentation from Peterborough Environment City Trust – Karen Igho.

Mr Igho gave a presentation on what PECT do, she advised members that they are working on wildlife corridors in Fenland and will be working with all the local schools, the children will be taught about all types of wildlife and how plants need the wildlife to thrive and survive. 'Forests for Peterborough' and 'Woods for Whittlesey', this project is working with the schools on how wildlife corridors work and the planting of wildlife corridors between the two areas.

During the next planting season 6000 trees will be planted in Woods for Whittlesey and PECT are looking for areas to plant the trees, whether it is council, private, or schools. PECT have done a tree giveaway in Stanground as there is not a very large canopy. The planting of trees is organised through Community engagement days.

F113/18 Police matters including CCTV Report.

New police report had four lines regarding Whittlesey Cllr Windle advised that the Clerk had emailed the Chief Constable. Sgt Lugg and Inspector Lombardo offered to come and speak, the town council declined due to the short notice.

Members requested the Mayor ask Superintendent Andy Gipp to attend a council meeting, FDC councillors had attended a seminar at FDC the previous week and despite Superintendent Gipp only having a few minutes to present, they were very impressed with the presentation and felt it would be good for all Councillors to receive.

Members advised the newsletter was not the right option to deal with some of the issues and didn't feel it was very helpful

F114/18 Street Scene Officer Report

Grass cutting issues have been going on for approximately eight years. The Clerk to write to FDC to advise that WTC appreciate they are sorting the contract out, but they need to put measures in place to ensure the issues don't happen every year. The Clerk to ask if they could split the figures for the fly tipping into villages.

Dog Fouling – The walkway between Hawthorne Drive and Marne Road, The Walk and the Bower and New Road are a haven for dog walkers not clearing up after their dogs. Members requested additional visits from Kingdom, members also asked if they would have a list of when Kingdom are in Whittlesey. The Clerk to contact Peter Murphy for this information. The Clerk was also asked to send a letter to Street Scene, thank them for all the work they do in Whittlesey and the villages, Peter Murphy to be copied in on this letter.

F115/18. To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Annual Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th May 2018.

Ratified: The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

F116/18 Public Forum

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

10 members of the public were present.

Mr Gerstner – Advised members of the following issues:

- Serious altercation on High Causeway between a vehicle and pedestrian, who was met with a barrage of verbal abuse. Someone needs to take ownership of this area and requested the council progress this.
- The Zebra crossings in Whittlesey are non-compliant as much of the paint is missing.
- Grass Cutting – the accountability lies with Fenland District Council; the grass cutting is awful.
- A605 holes being dug between the railway crossing and the Kings Delph Layby, why are they digging the holes?

Mr Baxter – advised members he is not happy about the planned bridge over Kings Dyke, there is a report which is a strategic environmental assessment which is a scientific study missing from the planning application, this shows the increase in air pollution in 3, 5 and 10 years. This item is an EU Directive and as such the law may have been granted and planning may be null and void. If this was taken further, it may lead to a Judicial Review.

Mr Halford – advised members that in Pondersbridge are still recording high speeds of 65 mph through the village, they will be holding a village meeting in July, he has support from Jason Ablewhite and would like all Councillors to attend.

Mr Gray Esson – Was there any update on Kings Delph Layby, the Clerk was asked to give an update in Cllr Butchers absence. The Clerk advised letters had been sent to all parties and a meeting arranged for late June to discuss the way forward.

F117/18 Information Only. - War Memorials Bulletin – Available for members.

F118/18 Invitations - There were no invitations.

F119/18 Consultations There were no consultations

F120/18 To report the financial documents

- To report the bank reconciliation – Members approved the reconciliation for both the current and reserve accounts.

- To report the list of payments & list of uncashed payments – The payments for vouchers 27 to 61 were approved to the value of £22,111.85.
- To report the year to date figures (2018/2019) – Cllr Dorling advised the town council are 19.5% through the year with a spend of 12.7%.
- Room Hire – The Clerk was asked to advise that we could not hire the room as there were no councillors to open and close on the requested day. The Clerk to also advised that should the lady wish to hire a room on a month by month basis, this would be considered by the Council.

F121/18 To receive the minutes from the Planning Meeting on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 and report the draft minutes from Wednesday 6th June 2018.

Ratified: The Minutes from the planning meeting on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 were approved and signed as a true record, and the draft minutes from the 6th June 2018 were reported.

Cllr Whitwell proposed Cllr Wicks stand on the Planning Committee whilst Cllr Butcher is absent to ensure we have coverage for the village wards. This was seconded Cllr Bristow with a unanimous vote in favour.

F122/18 To report the draft minutes from Community Projects on the Tuesday 5th June 2018.

The Minutes were reported, Cllr Mrs Mayor requested permission to give a £100.00 donation to the roadway contractors selected charity, this being 'Defibrillators to All', this was proposed Cllr Mrs Mayor, seconded Cllr Curtis, unanimous in favour.

F123/18 To receive verbal reports from members who have attended meetings with outside bodies.

Cllr Whitwell – Mud Walls Meeting – A member of the group was interviewed on BBC Radio Cambridge, the recording is on the Mud Walls Facebook page, Look East have also been in contact to do some filming soon.

Cllr Mrs Laws & other members attended the 'SOD' turning at Willow Court, this is a development of 47 x 1 bed apartments and 13 x 2 bed apartments with communal facilities. It will be rented accommodation and open to 50 plus, all medical needs will be catered for. This will be open in 2019.

Cllr Dorling – Tour of Cambridgeshire on 3rd June 2018 - He went to Pondersbridge, where the village had really embraced the tour by providing other entertainment. Cllr Dorling spoke to one of the race organisers and the racers who commented that the roads were in good condition. They would be keen to come through Whittlesey if the bridge is built.

F124/18. To discuss any planning applications received from Fenland District Council for comment including: -

To receive the list of planning application decisions.

F125/18. Agenda items for Discussion.

Must Farm

Cllr Mason, Miscandlon Dorling attended a meeting to receive the final report from the consultants Fourth Street, there are multiple options, the steering group will meet shortly to go through the options and report back.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Mrs Laws - meeting with consultants from URBED and officer from FDC. They are moving towards draft policies and are hoping to complete the referendum before May 2019. Cllr Bristow advised he and Cllr Whitwell met today and commenced working on the aims and objectives.

Property working group update

Cllr Miscandlon advised the consultation date has expired, the only comment being from highways, the application is progressing, and we should receive the response shortly.

Whittlesea Station Lighting

Cllr Bristow advised he understands that the combined authority is not willing to put in temporary lights, however he has seen an email that reports that Wendy Otter has reported there will not be any improvement by FDC until the masterplan has been completed. Greater Anglian have installed adjacent to

platform 2, cabling for an interactive screen and a ticket machine and CCTV. They are also now talking about putting in solar powered lighting. Cllr Bristow would like to know why just Wendy Otter is dealing with the combined Authority, but no other person is involved and there should be representatives from the Town Council.

Syrian Refugees

Cllr Mason advised there is no update as present.

Whittlesey Masterplan

Cllr Mason advised this has now been rebranded as 'Growing Fenland' and he as portfolio holder for economic growth has been tasked to develop business plans to help the community thrive. At the last town council meeting, it was agreed that the group be Cllrs Mason, Curtis and Boden, they subsequently met and agreed Cllr Mrs Laws to be part of the group, they have also asked Mr Stephen Hodson to be part of the stakeholder group. Each market town has the same characteristics, but each town will have its own template. Cllr Whitwell asked if Cllr Boden and Curtis would be able to attend meetings due to their working commitments, Cllr Mason advised the first meeting had been on a Saturday and other meetings would allow their attendance. Cllr Miscandlon suggested that the group be allowed to continue to work on the 'Terms of Reference' the working group will be supported by two officers from FDC. Cllr Mrs Mayor suggested that the project proceed with the help from the officers to produce the terms of reference, The Working group are meeting before the Full Council meeting so will report back at that meeting.

Kings Dyke Crossing

Everything progressing, the next project board meeting is 21st June 2018

Local Highway Improvement Funding

Deadline for submissions 31st July 2018. Cllr Whitwell and Cllr Mrs Laws suggested one LHI to cover all streets in Whittlesey as a double yellow lines submission. The Clerk to send out the link again to members.

9.55 – Cllr Mrs Mayor left the meeting.

10.00 Standing orders were suspended

F126/80 Ward Matters

Cllr Mrs Windle advised that the relaying of Ramsey Road will be August 2018.

Cllr Dorling – gave an update on commercial premises in the town, there are 134 premises, 127 are occupied, meaning 5% are empty.

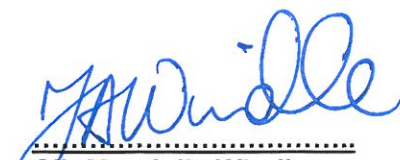
F127/18. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 11th July 2018.

F128/18. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.

F129/18. To discuss those items previously agreed at agenda item F110/18.

- Land Ownership

Meeting Closed: 22.06


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Cllr Mrs Julie Windle
Chairman
Whittlesey Town Council