

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.30 at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey

Present: Cllr Mrs Windle, Curtis, Butcher, Mason, Boden, Whitwell, Dorling, Miscandlon, Bristow, Cllr Connor – CCC representative, Mrs Mayor joined the meeting at 19:50, Cllr Mrs Laws joined the meeting 20.00

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

Recording: DS25. DS2

F190/18. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.

Cllr Wicks (holiday), Cllr Garratt (no reason), Mrs Jolley (unwell)

F191/18 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 F209/18

- Land Ownership – CB

Councillor Miscandlon as member of FDC Planning Committee advised that should Planning applications be discussed he may comment, but reserve the right to change his minds should more information become available later

F192/18 – Presentation from Laurence Seaton – Rotary Partnership with the Fire Service

Mr Seaton has just completed his year as president, they launched a beer festival at the Falcon hotel raising £1400.00 for 'Young person counselling service'.

They will be supporting NPNG charity and will continue to support the 'Young person counselling service'.

The Fire Service started the 'Safe and Well' project in January 2018, between January and September they have made 41 visits and installed 19 smoke alarms. They have 100 smoke alarms in total that have been funded by Whittlesey Rotary Club. If anyone knows of any vulnerable people who would benefit from these smoke alarms, please contact the town council.

Mr Seaton advised through his auction business they help the church with free furniture, also should any houses need clearing he can assist, if anyone knows of a family they can help with furniture, they will gladly assist and lastly, he can help with everything for the two flats at the Syrian refugees. Mr Seaton has a problem with storage, and asked if the town council can assist, Cllr Mason proposed, seconded Cllr Curtis, with a unanimous vote in favour, that we use Grosvenor House to store furniture. All electrical items will be PAT tested and all soft furnishings will have the fire-retardant labels. Mr Seaton will liaise with the Clerk.

Mrs Mayor joined the meeting at 19:50

F193/18 Police matters including CCTV Report



Cllr Mrs Windle and Mason met with Sgt Lugg at WTC offices, to discuss issues that not only the police face, but also the issues that face Whittlesey, they need to adopt a presence in the town and we need additional resources. Sgt Lugg advised we now have a dedicated officer for Whittlesey and the villages.

Cllr Mrs Laws Joined the meeting 20.00

F194/18 Street Scene Officer Report

Fly Tipping – Members were pleased to see the figures for the villages as a break down but enquired if they could have the trend for the last 12 months, the Clerk to request this from FDC.

F195/18. To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th October 2018

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

F196/18 Public Forum

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

11 members of the public were present.

Mr Gerstner - Thank the Council, everyone involved and the Royal British Legion for the commemoration and parade on Remembrance Sunday, it was a day the town should be proud of.

Mr Gerstner - Abandoned Road Signs – still approximately 10 in the town of Whittlesey. – Cllr Connor to speak with Les Middleton CCC tomorrow to ascertain if it is acceptable for him to go and load them onto his van, Cllr Connor will obtain the list from Mr Gerstner

Mr Gerstner - March, Wisbech and Chatteris have had all their white and yellow lines repainted, our zebra crossings in Whittlesey are unclear and possibly do not comply with the Road Traffic Act. Cllr Connor has been out with Skanska and the white lining crew who have marked everything in town that needs attention, the white lines will wait as it is cost prohibitive to undertake these works at this time of year as they need two days to dry and if they need to hire in drying equipment this is very costly.

Mr Gray-Esson – Concurred with Mr Gerstner regarding the Remembrance Parade, however, was very disappointed that a Cllr took part in the parade but did not go to Church or attend Full Council Meetings.

Mr Gray-Esson also thanked those who were involved with moving the Tommy to Eastrea, then back to St Mary's church.

Mr Gray-Esson is there any update on the portable toilet at Kings Delph – Cllr Butcher advised CCC are leading on this, the agreement was to trial it for six months with the cost being split between CCC/FDC and WTC. Cllr Connor to chase this project.

Mr Gray- Esson – concern regarding the road going from Whittlesey to Ramsey, how can March have a cyclist and pedestrian road be opened, when there are lack of funds to complete the additional works to the Ramsey Road.

20:24 Cllr Connor left the meeting.

F197/18 Information Only.

- War Memorials Bulletin – November 2018



F198/18 Invitations.

CPIER - Local Launch Thursday 22nd November 2018 at the Boathouse, Wisbech – Cllr Mrs Windle will attend.

F199/18 Consultations

- Whittlesey Area Transport Strategy – Local Event 30th November 2018 at the Whittlesey Library between 10 and 12. Cllr Mrs Windle and Curtis will attend.
- Cllr Boden has tried to push this forward and felt we need to challenge our part of the A605 continuing to be part of the Cambridgeshire LC3 through route map, Cllr Boden requested that the A605 East of A1139 (Fletton parkway) be removed from the LC3 map as the A141 and A47 provide better alternatives for commercial vehicles. Cllr Mrs Windle requested Cllr Boden draft the letter

F200/18 To report the Finance Figures as there was no F & P meeting in October.

- To report the bank reconciliation – the bank reconciliation was approved as being a true and accurate record of the council's financial position.
- To report the list of payments & list of uncashed payments, there were no uncashed payments, the vouchers for payment were 164 to 199 totalling £21648.45. These were proposed by Cllr Dorling with a unanimous vote in favour.
- To report the year to date figures (2018/2019)- Cllr Dorling advised we are 62% through the year with a 54% spend.

Cllr Dorling wished to raise the following three points on the initial discussions for the budget 2019/20.

- Inflation is 2.4% as measured by the government
- Cost of Election estimate by returning officer 19.5k
- Additional costs for the new building – some of these cannot be determined at this time.

Cllr Dorling proposed that the budget and precept request be put forward at the January Full Council meeting for discussion and ratification.

Cllr Mrs Mayor felt this should not have been brought up as this was not the forum for this, Cllr Bristow agreed with this statement. There would be no further discussion on 2019/20 budget until the December meeting.

F201/18 To report the planning minutes from Wednesday 7th November 2018

The Minutes from Wednesday 7th November 2018 were reported.

F202/18 – To report the minutes from Community Projects Committee on 7th November and to receive the minutes from the 11th September 2018.

The minutes from the Wednesday 7th November were reported and the minutes from 11th September were received.

F203/18 To receive verbal reports from members who have attended meetings with outside bodies.

Cllr Curtis – Market Town Strategy Meeting – consultants have a good understanding of the town, what the challenges are and had a good walk around the town. Many conversations were had about making the town centre better and improving communication links to Peterborough. We are an individual town and do not wish to mirror the other market towns.

Cllr Curtis – CCTV meeting, nothing more to report



Cllr Dorling – Fenland Transport and Access Group – three members plus Cllr Dorling representing Whittlesey, it appears to be similar but not quite the same as the invitation regarding the transport strategy, it appeared as though there was no strategy for the meeting, no firm agenda, the opportunity was taken to measure HGV's on the A605, also opportunity to voice opinions about accessibility within the town.

Cllr Bristow & Whitwell had attended the Glassmoor information meeting and reported it was very interesting and well attended.

F204/18. To discuss any planning applications received from Fenland District Council for comment including:-

To receive the list of planning application decisions.

F205/18. Agenda items for Discussion.

Must Farm

Cllr Mason advised there is nothing further to report, the next meeting for project B will be Wednesday 13th February at 2pm at Peterborough

Neighbourhood Plan

Next meeting 9.30 on Friday 16TH November, this will be to complete the draft policies prior to submission to FDC.

Property working group update

The Tenders have been sent out to five local business, the tenders will be opened on the 4th December 2018 at Swann Edwards by representatives of the Property Working Group (Cllr Mason, Miscandlon and the Town Clerk), when selected company have been appointed work should commence 1st week January. A scrap metal dealer has been contacted to remove the metal from the site, we must obtain best value as this is a publicly owned site. Cllr Curtis expressed concern about the way the oil tank has been emptied and the storage of the Red Diesel and that Councillors should not undertake work on their own. Cllr Boden expressed concerned about the old generator and if it has monetary value. Cllr Butcher voiced that the item had been discussed at Property working group. The generator was installed in 1994 and only ever done test runs, the Clerk to ascertain if it has any residual value and report to Cllr Mason. Cllr Boden asked if the town council chamber in the new offices could be used as a polling station in May, the progress on the building will be monitored before a decision on this can be made. Cllr Curtis asked questions about the tender process being used by Swann Edwards, Cllr Mason will investigate and advise Cllr Curtis accordingly.

Cllr Mason thanked Cllr Miscandlon for all the hours that he has put in on the site that has saved a lot of public money.

Syrian Refugees

Cllr Mason advised once the work commences in January, the council chamber and the flats will be worked on and should be available 1st week February 2018.

Kings Dyke Crossing

Cllr Connor advised people of the following during the public section of the meeting.

Cllr Connor confirmed funding in place, they are waiting for the final dates for the land acquisitions, he was hoping for the end of this week, with exchange and completion one week on Tuesday. The town council have agreed for the bus shelter that we own to be replaced at Kier's cost and WTC have confirmed they will maintain it. CCC have not been in contact and suggested they put another bus shelter on the east side and subsequently WTC maintain it. Cllr Butcher proposed we accept ownership and maintenance, seconded Cllr Bristow with a unanimous vote in favour, prior to sending the confirmation of approve, the location needs to be agreed.

Whittlesea Station

Cllr Bristow advised the minutes from the Steering Group are on WTC website. The new ticket machine is in place, however the quality of production is very poor. The information board is not due



to happen until May 2019. The shelters have a 2-year time frame for installation. Cllr Bristow was aware the lighting would be cats' eyes and would be good lighting, his understanding is the funding that was allocated for this project was a sum that was asked for by a representative of FDC. Cllr Bristow further added what happens when it snows, how will the lights work. Cllr Bristow has also advised there is a consultation running until 19th November 2018. There are plans for a new website that will be attached to FDC website. The foliage at the station has spread in some places 6ft onto the concrete. The hourly service for 2019 does not have a firm date.

Saxon Pit

Cllr Boden advised no further update.

Kings Dyke 2nd Bus Shelter

Cllr Butcher covered this under Kings Dyke Crossing

Sweet Pea Nursery

Cllr Mrs Windle and Mason have met with some of the parties, and requested this item be deferred to the next meeting.

Glassmore Bank & Burnthouse Community Funds representation

Cllr Bristow is happy to continue representing WTC on both community funds providing there are clear boundaries of the responsibilities. Cllr Miscandlon offered to stand again, this was proposed by will represent the town and Cllr Miscandlon the villages.

F206/18 Ward Matters

Cllr Boden - Two trenches on the A605 have been filled in

Cllr Miscandlon – Travellers are still present at Eldernell, the Environment Agency who own the land are in discussion with FDC traveller officer David Bailey with a view to move them on.

Benwick Road – Large section of the road is collapsing, this is with highways who will be carrying out remedial repairs.

Cllr Bristow - Nature Reserve Barrier – Slight delay on the installation as they haven't got the correct equipment.

Cllr Bristow - Thank you letter to be sent to the payback team for the work on Station Road.

Cllr Mrs Windle – Keep Clear wording will be put on the pavement between the Indian Restaurant and the Osteopaths.

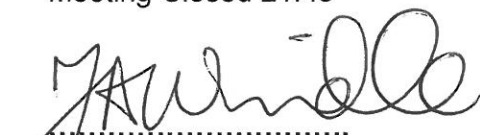
F207/18. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 12th December 2018

F208/18. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.

F209/18. To discuss those items previously agreed at agenda item F191/18.

- Approval of confidential minutes from 10th October 2018 – this will be carried forward to the December meeting.
- Rose Homes land.

Meeting Closed 21:45



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Cllr Mrs Julie Windle
Mayor of Whittlesey