

# WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey.

The Clerk asked for nominations for a Councillor to Chair the meeting as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were absent. Cllr Butcher was proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded Cllr Miscandlon with a unanimous vote in favour.

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

### **Officer in Attendance:**

Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

### **Recording:**

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### **F01/19. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.**

Cllr Mrs Windle (holiday), Cllr Mason (unwell), Cllr Garratt.

### **F02/19 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 F20/19.**

- Land Ownership – Cllr Boden advised there is no update, so no further information is available.

### **F03/19 Presentation from Dan Horn and Aarron Locks Fenland CCTV.**

2015 Fenland underwent and Comprehensive Spending Review, FDC will need to make cost savings, they have discussed CCTV with Peterborough City Council, both councils have a need to improve and maintain the 24/7 service, they have worked with PCC to agree a shared service, with FDC still retaining 50% ownership. Shared control room with PCC, shared staff and management with PCC. More eyes on the cameras. The benefits will ensure continued resilience in a 24/7 service, provides enhanced viewing during specific periods, more flexible to respond to service change needs, ensure community safety needs are met. Relocation of FDC equipment to PCC control room effecting cost savings as FDC infrastructure needs improving. By sharing services this will allow for greater understanding of offenders in the different areas. The change implementation process will take place in 2019 and will be operational from November 2019.

Members expressed concern that as the system matured, would Whittlesey be monitored less (Mr Locks advised this will not happen, the quiet towns will not be neglected and will have the same level of monitoring), the amount of screens that are in the control room, (Mr Locks advised it will be an intelligent video wall and Whittlesey will be at the front.

Members voted unanimously in favour of moving forward with Shared Services

### **F04/19 Police matters including CCTV Report**

There was no police report.



### **F05/19 Street Scene Officer Report**

Cllr Curtis page 3 – no mention of Whittlesey, March, Chatteris and villages – The Clerk to query this with FDC.

### **F06/19 To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and the minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

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

### **F07/19 Public Forum**

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

7 members of the public were present.

Mr Gray-Esson – Wished members a Happy New Year, he would like to raise an issue from the last minutes, the street lights from Eastrea to Gothic Cottage on the A605 are still not working and do actions take place.

Standing Orders were suspended

Cllr Wicks advised lights were reported to CCC and Balfour Beatty, he has also reported to FDC, one month further on and no action taken by either council. The Clerk will chase this up.

### **F08/19 Information Only.**

- Jottings from Jimmy's – available at meeting

### **F09/19 Invitations.**

- There were no invitations

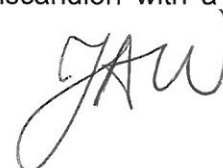
### **F10/19 Consultations**

- There were no consultations

### **F11/19 To report the minutes from the Finance & Policy Committee on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

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

- To report the bank reconciliation – The bank reconciliation balanced as at the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and was received by members
- To report the list of payments & list of uncashed payments (payments total £6112.18, vouchers 228 to 251)
- To report the year to date figures (2018/2019) – The F & P Chairman advised we are 77% through the year, with a 77% spend.
- To approve the donation request for Rural CAB for 2019/2020 totalling £5610.00 annually but paid quarterly. Cllr Dorling proposed this continue, seconded Cllr Miscandlon with a unanimous vote in favour



- To agree the budget and precept for 2019/2020. Cllr Boden proposed 171,015.00 as a precept, with a surplus of £11,173 to go to reserves, seconded Cllr Bristow, 7 in favour, 4 against.

**F12/19 To report the planning minutes from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

These will be received at the Full Council meeting in February.

**F13/19 – To receive the minutes from Community Projects Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

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

**F14/19 To receive verbal reports from members who have attended meetings with outside bodies.**

Cllr Bristow – Community Rail Partnership – they are fully aware of the new tenants at the station who have been issued eviction notices and are going through the process. There is no further information regarding the hourly service. There is new rolling stock, with additional driver training taking place in the night at an area east of Whittlesey, the ticket machine is now working. They are going out to public consultation with the designs for new shelters. They have asked the Yaxley Cub and Scout groups if they would be interested in helping with the weeding and garden project at the station. Meeting at FDC 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

**F15/19. To discuss any planning applications received from Fenland District Council for comment including: -**

**F/2015/18/CW – Section 73A planning application to continue the importation of controlled inert wastes for buttressing, stabilisation and restoration of a former mineral excavation face together with an associated waste reception area without compliance with conditions 5 (time limit for importation and deposit of waste fill), 6 (time limit for site preparation, buttressing, stabilisation and restoration), 35 (restoration programme), 36 submission of restoration and landscaping), and 39 (Ecology management plan) with the cessation of importation and deposit of waste by 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and the cessation of site preparation, buttressing stabilisation and restoration by 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – Land at Saxon Pit, Peterborough Road, Whittlesey.**

Cllr Boden explained the issues with the above application to members and concluded that we have no valid planning objections.

We know there is an application and request they keep us informed as to the enforcement at the Saxon Pit site and ask for an update report for the position at the current time. The Clerk to write to Chris Swain EA at Brampton, Head of Planning.

To receive the list of planning application decisions.

**F16/19 Ward Matters**

Cllr Miscandlon – LHI tentatively agreement for speed limit at Gravel House Corner, more signage, and reduce the speed limit to 50 MPH which is enforceable. chevrons on the road, the 40 MPH signs are only advisory and will remain.

Standing orders were suspended to allow Cllr Connor to comment on Gravel House Corner LHI, this will cost less money that was initially allocated, he has received confirmation that Richard Lumley has agreed that the underspend can go to another project in the town council area.

Cllr Dorling – the business forum intends to discuss how the parking issues affect local businesses.

**F17/19. Agenda items for Discussion.**

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Mrs Laws, meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January, draft policies have been submitted to URBED for review. Cllr Boden asked if there was hierarchy in place between the Local plan and the Neighbourhood Plan. Members were advised that if WTC had a Neighbourhood plan in place and a new local plan needed revising and conflicted with WTC, we may have to amend our NH plan. Cllr Curtis advised he understood there was some caselaw about this, that if a NHP was in place prior to a Local Plan is revised, the NHP takes precedence.

### **Property working group update**

Members agreed that the Extra ordinary meeting be arranged for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8.00pm.

### **Syrian Refugees**

There was no further update.

### **CCTV Shared Service Proposal**

This was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

### **Pondersbridge Bus Shelter**

WTC would like it retained for Pondersbridge, Cllr Butcher and the Clerk to email the portfolio Holder at FDC and request a change in FDC policy which will allow them to retain ownership and continue to maintain this bus shelter for the village.

### **Standing Orders were suspended.**

Pondersbridge LHI – Cllr Connor advised CCC are looking at three speed reductions in Pondersbridge, one on Hearn Road, one on Ramsey Road, one on Oilmills Road. However, at the present time there are no drawings. The total project will cost £15,000. The Town Council proposed we move forward with the project, proposed Cllr Boden, seconded Cllr Wicks, unanimous vote in favour.

### **F18/19 Date of next meeting – Wednesday 13th February 2019**

### **F19/19. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.**

### **F20/19. To discuss those items previously agreed at agenda item F02/19.**

There were no items for discussion.

### **Meeting Closed 21:30**



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Cllr Ralph Butcher  
Nominated Chairman in the absence of Cllr Mrs Windle and Mason  
Whittlesey Town Council