

# WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Full Council on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30 pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey.

**Present:** Mrs Windle, Butcher, Boden, Mason, Miscandlon, Whitwell, Mrs Jolley, Wicks, Dorling, Bristow.

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

**Recording:** DS25. DS2

### **F210/18. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.**

Cllr Garratt (no reason given) and Cllr Curtis (work). Cllrs Mrs Mayor and Mrs Laws will join the meeting later as they are attending other meetings on behalf of WTC

### **F211/18 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 F229/18**

- 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

### **F212/18 – Presentation from Inspector Ian Lombardo, Sgt Richard Lugg and PCSO Shane Green – Fenland Team.**

Inspector Lombardo thanked members for inviting the team to give some feedback on local policing. Within Fenland 2 Sgts, 9 PC's and 12 PCSO's, dedicated solely to Neighbourhood policing.

They have a proactive approach to policing and are based in March and Wisbech and they cross border to work together. The neighbourhood team in recent weeks has been deployed in Whittlesey to work on specific issues, some have been covert operations. The Community Action team and impact team have also been working in Whittlesey. These teams report weekly to Inspector Lombardo, he can then bid for additional resources to assist with issues.

All the police are now trained in speed checks and have been trained to use the equipment.

Cllr Dorling – advised there have been some particular nasty comments on social media which carried a racial undertone, members were advised to report anything like this and to use this link [www.cambs.police.uk/report](http://www.cambs.police.uk/report), this link is monitored 24/7 where reports are assessed and passed over to the correct team.

Other Cllrs advised they had seen these remarks and were disgusted that people would write things like this.

Cllr Bristow asked if the speed checks would take place at various times of the day and evening, Sergeant Lugg advised they will be anywhere at any time.

Members were advised that in the new year, they may be issuing a separate report with more detailed information to Cllrs, the Chairman advised the Clerk has suggested this could be handed out at the meeting and then shredded.

20:05 Cllr Mrs Laws joined the meeting.

### **F213/18 Police matters including CCTV Report**

Members received the report.

### **F214/18 Street Scene Officer Report**

Members accepted the report but requested the Clerk highlight dog fouling to Street Scene on Mill Road and Millfield Way.

### **F215/18. To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

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

### **F216/18 Public Forum**

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

12 members of the public were present.

Linda Day – Planning application from Saxon pit, residents are concerned about what will be dumped there, they are also concerned about the drainage. Mrs Day also advised the road by Park Lane School and onto Love Lane is permanently full of cars and she would like to see a foot path.

Graham Costello – Asked for support for Pondersbridge road calming LHI.

Wendy Whitwell – owner of Sweet Pea Nursery – spoke on the difficulties that were being experienced and asked the council for assistance.

Scout Group – Representatives spoke and were in support of the Sweet Pea Nursery.

Robert Boddington – highlighted to members that on page 4 of the Street Scene report 15 additional litter picks have been requested.

### **F217/18 Information Only.**

- Cllr Bristow advised that Larkfleet have a fund that can help charitable organisations within a 10-mile radius of the site, organisations can get from £250.00 to £5000.00, for projects that benefit the local community. Cllr Bristow has offered to assist groups if they need help to complete the documentation. Members suggested this be put on the council website.

### **F218/18 Invitations.**

- There are no invitations

### **F219/18 Consultations**

- There were no consultations

### **F220/18 To report the minutes from the Finance & Policy Committee on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

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

- To report the bank reconciliation – Members approved the bank reconciliation
- To report the list of payments & list of uncashed payments – Members approved the payments for vouchers 200 to 227 totalling £35,531.12. There were no uncashed payments.

- To report the year to date figures (2018/2019) – members were advised we will still end the year slightly under budget.
- To approve the donation requests for £300.00 for Manor Field Whittlesey Park run and £200.00 for Whittlesey in Bloom. The two donations were proposed by Cllr Dorling, seconded by Cllr Butcher, unanimous vote in favour.
- To approve the smoking and vaping policy – Proposed by Cllr Dorling, seconded Cllr Miscandlon, unanimous vote in favour.
- Mayors Chain – Three companies had been approached for costs, two have submitted prices, one had declined to quote. Cllr Dorling proposed TOYE be appointed to carry out the works, those being: 11 new links, inner row (770.00), retaining chain (50.00), block case (490.00), velvet backing (192.00), this will only be mounted on the existing collar, re guild of new chain (85.00), die cast (560.00) and repair to existing chain (50.00), the total 2197.00 with an 8 – 12 week turn round. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Butcher, with nine members in favour and three against.

**F221/18 To report the planning minutes from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December and receive the planning minutes from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

Ratified: The minutes from the 5<sup>th</sup> December were reported and the minutes from the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 approved and signed as a true record.

**F222/18 – To report the minutes from Community Projects Committee on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and receive the minutes from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

The Projects committee had received a request from a prospective allotment holder who wished to have ducks and chickens on the allotment, Cllr Whitwell proposed that a maximum of 10 ducks and 10 chickens be allowed, these must not be used for commercial purpose, the allotment holder must also not just keep the animals they must cultivate the allotment. The Clerk advised the correct moving and handling documentation must be provided to the council by the tenant. Any issues with the ducks and chickens are the responsibility of the owner who is governed by DEFRA. Cllr Mrs Jolley seconded this proposal however all members agreed that if there are any complaints regarding the ducks, they would need to be removed

Citizen Cup – Cllr Whitwell advised the Clerk has proposed that due to the value of the Citizen cup and its age, it can be used for the photo with the winner, but remains at the town council offices, however when the council move to new offices a display cabinet is purchased and it be displayed in the council chamber. The winner will be given a trophy/shield to keep which will be engraved. This was proposed by Cllr Whitwell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mayor, with a unanimous vote in favour.

Cllr Whitwell also asked if Cllr Mason could contact the library and request that the Urban District Council Chain be returned to the council for display.

**F223/18 To receive verbal reports from members who have attended meetings with outside bodies.**

Cllr Mason – WEFA – 40 families will be looked after this year and have received assistance from Nisa, the Coop and Morrisons.

Cllr Dorling – Fenland Transport and Access Focus Group – priority given to healthy life style, electric vehicle infrastructure, air quality, enforcement of weight limit in towns, further meeting in the spring.

Cllr Mayor – CCTV - possibility of shared service with Peterborough, the Clerk to ask Dan Horn for the presentation, Cllr Mayor felt this would be very beneficial.

CPIER – Cambridge and Peterborough Independent Economic Review attended by Cllr Mrs Windle and Mrs Laws – report is available to read.

Cllr Mrs Windle - Transport Strategy meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018, there will be more information regarding this in the spring of 2019

**F224/18. To discuss any planning applications received from Fenland District Council for comment including: -**

To receive the list of planning application decisions.

**F225/18. Agenda items for Discussion.**

**Must Farm**

Cllr Mason no update, next meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Peterborough City Council.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Mrs Laws advised the new policies have been drafted, due to availability of the working group the 14<sup>th</sup> December meeting needs to be rearranged.

**Property working group update**

Cllr Mason reported tenders have been sent out to 5 contractors, two local companies have decided not to tender, two further companies will now be quoting, these will be opened in the presence of Swann Edwards, the Clerk, Cllr Mason and Miscandlon on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at midday, there will then be a property working group at 4.00pm and subsequent extra ordinary meeting at 5.30 which will be open to the public.

Cllr Dorling proposed that two companies be approached for Green energy to be installed on this project, seconded Cllr Miscandlon with a unanimous vote in favour.

**Syrian Refugees**

Cllr Mason advised undertaking to FDC for Syrian refugees to move in by end of February.

**Kings Dyke Crossing**

Cllr Butcher - Kings Dyke physical works being carried out. Cllr Bristow has concerns about the Horsey Toll improvements and when will the work be undertaken. Cllr Boden advised these works need to be carried out at the same time to ensure both projects reach completion. CCC and Kier have offered to install a new bus shelter on the Northern side of the A605 heading East, once installed the ownership would pass to WTC for maintenance. Cllr Butcher advised the Clerk has spoken to Stagecoach who have confirmed as it is on an existing route, they have no issue with it, Cllr Butcher and the Clerk have requested a site meeting with CCC to discuss the location of this new shelter to ensure it is close to the proposed Westhaven development. This was proposed by Cllr Butcher, seconded Cllr Mrs Jolley with a unanimous vote in favour.

**Whittlesea Station**

Cllr Bristow advised he visited the site this week and visually there has been no improvement, there has been no weeding, there is a tree that has blown down and is laying on the tarmac and the station in general looks untidy.

**Sweet Pea Nursery**

Cllr Mrs Windle advised this resides in the Scout hut in Whittlesey, there have been some difficulties between the guides and the nursery which has resulted in them being asked to leave. The Economic Officer at FDC is trying to assist where possible. Cllr Mason thanked the Scout representatives and Sweet Pea for attending the meeting, the scouts are very happy for Sweetpea to remain at the nursery, however the guides are not. The relationship has broken down with the guides and asked that the council give assistance to this organisation who provide a needed service to Whittlesey families.

22:00 Standing Orders were suspended.

### **Tommy installations**

Cllr Whitwell proposed we obtain listed building consent for Whittlesey, so the Tommy could be installed around the memorial, this was seconded by Cllr Butcher with a unanimous vote in favour. Cllrs Mrs Laws and Miscandlon abstained. Cllr Wicks advised the one in Coates has been removed, he thinks the person is storing it away until the new year and he will contact this person in the new year. Cllr Mrs Mayor spoke to Mr Rogers at the RBL meeting in November who confirmed it had been fully installed. Cllr Wicks identified the chairman of the memorial committee in Coates and would contact them to ascertain the whereabouts of the Tommy. We may need to obtain permission to put it in the Coates. Cllr Mrs Mayor proposed that the one remains in St Mary's Church, this was seconded by Cllr Whitwell with a unanimous vote in favour.

Cllr Mrs Mayor left the meeting

### **CCTV Shared Service Proposal**

This was discussed under outside bodies. The current SLA will remain the same as we are tied into 2021, after this time we do not have any figures. Members deferred this to the January 2019 meeting.

### **CPIER**

Cllr Dorling advised this document is very important and requested that members have a read. Cllr Boden advised this looks at Whittlesey as being a suburb of Peterborough he does not feel our residents would find this acceptable.

### **Pondersbridge Bus Shelter**

The Clerk has been advised to request that FDC take ownership of this as even though it is not on a scheduled route, there is a need. The Clerk to email FDC and request this. Item to be discussed on January 2019 agenda.

### **Pondersbridge LHI**

Cllr Wicks advised that Ramsey Town Council have been asked to contribute. The Clerk to email Ruth Reaper CCC, Gary Cook Clerk at Ramsey, copy in David Connor and Adela Costello, Graham Hughes and advise Whittlesey are willing to work with Ramsey on the costs, however this will depend on the location and no further discussions can take place until both councils have sight of the proposed works.

### **F226/18 Ward Matters**

Lattersey Nature reserve car park barrier has been installed.

### **F227/18. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

### **F228/18. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.**

### **F229/18. To discuss those items previously agreed at agenda item F211/18.**

- Approval of confidential minutes from 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 & 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018. – the confidential minutes were approved.

### **Meeting closed 23.00**



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Cllr Mrs Julie Windle  
Mayor  
Whittlesey Town Council