

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

For the health, safety, and well-being of our community as a result of Covid-19 and following the instruction of the Prime Minister's address on 23rd March 2020 all Parish Council meetings will be held remotely until further notice. Whittlesey Town Council have resolved to use Zoom to facilitate the holding of meetings.

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held virtually on Zoom on Thursday 30th April 2020 at 2.00pm.

Present: Cllr Mayor, Boden, Dorling, Munns, Davies, Mason, Gerstner, Laws, Whitwell, Miscandlon, Wicks, Windle.

Officer in Attendance: Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

Recording – Zoom – as an aide memoir for the Clerk.

F68/20. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.

Victoria Lang-Whiston (personal)

It is with great sadness that Whittlesey Town Council announce the death of Councillor Alan Bristow, Alan was a dedicated and conscientious Town and District Councillor for Lattersey Ward. He will be very much missed by all his colleagues at Whittlesey Town Council. Our thoughts currently are with his wife Sandra, Son Paul, and grandchildren. Members held a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

F69/20 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 F86/2020.

Cllr Mrs Laws as the Portfolio Holder for Planning at FDC. Cllr Mrs Mayor as a member of Fenland District Council Planning Committee, she may make comment but reserve the right to change her mind should further information become available later.

Confidential minute from the 28th April 2020 will be reported at the meeting of the Full Council on 10th June 2020.

F70/20 Street Scene Officer Report

Members received the report and were advised that an unauthorised deposit of asbestos reported to FDC was cleared away by rapid response, however it is not shown in this report, The Clerk to email Street Scene and request it be in next month's report.

F71/20 Police matters including CCTV Report

Cllr Mrs Mayor advised of a large number of people drinking under the Buttercross, CCTV swept the area, people started to disperse and CCTV continued to monitor the area.

Cllr Miscandlon – reported excessive speed on A605 due to the lack of cars, if anyone sees excessive speeding, call it through on 101 or if you think they are racing ring it through to 999, it will then allow the police to monitor these areas.

F72/20. To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on the Tuesday 28th April 2020 and Wednesday 11th March 2020.



Cllr Davies was not present at this meeting.

Agreement made the minutes were approved and correct and the chairman will sign when they can get into the office.

F73/20 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

F74/20 – County Councillor reports.

Cllr Boden– Kings Dyke Bridge – The Environment, Economy and General Purposes Committee had advised the new tender was 10 million less than the previous one. This has now been approved however the contractors name cannot be released for a further 10 days.

The stipulated time for the start of work is Dec 2020, the latest time for completion is Dec 2022, Cllr Boden would expect the date to be improved upon.

COVID19

Cllr Boden advised CCC has taken the lead on COVID19 for all the local authorities, they are ensuring social care continues to be afforded to local residents, they are also looking after the shielded individuals, there is local resilience forum, and food boxes can be provided weekly. Each of the districts have their own lead on this support, the one for FDC is Dan Horn. Additionally, they now have access to many of the volunteers who put their name forward to help.

Whittlesey can put in a request for funding to support improvements to the Burdett Grove play area and play equipment, approximately 27K. An application has gone in for improvements to the Park Run running area 50k requested from CCC and 5k from FDC to have sustainable track for the park run.

F75/20. Agenda items for Discussion.

Property Working Group – There was no further information to report.

Interactive Flood Signs

Cllr Boden – What interactive road signs would be appropriate and useful in Whittlesey, we cannot control anything Peterborough side of the town boundary. The normal signs do not allow enough information, Cllr Mrs Laws has sourced larger signs, 2 would be located at Kellyvision roundabout and one by the garage near the Delph. The total cost including the installation and software was £49,940 plus vat, there was a lower cost, but these will not show enough information. Cllr Boden has put in an application to CCC asking for £40,940, and he is waiting for an update as it was one of the first round of bidding which were considered yesterday. Cllr Mrs Laws has requested £500.00 from the from FDC leaders fund, which Cllr Boden has agreed to. This signage can be changed in minutes, whereas the old signage would always be out of date, we can also accommodate on the signage, north bank closed owing to flooding, etc, there is a lot of space for text, we can also put any road news for the area, for example if there is an RTA on the A47. We don't have the time to apply to the other community funds for the shortfall of 8k. Cllr Munns expressed concern about the route from Peterborough past the Dog and Doublet Public House as Peterborough will not put any gates up their end and therefore people will just come through from there if they can see the road is not flooded.

The Environment Agency are the ones that issue the road closure, when road closure is lifted, the EA send text, mobile, email messages out to say it is open. However due to confusion the messages have been changed and will now say risk of flooding has been lifted and the order sent to open the road, highways are instructed to clear the debris and check the road before it is opened.



If WTC manage to secure the interactive signage, the Highways Emergency Services would oversee changing any messages

Cllr Boden advised that if we could only obtain 40K, would WTC fund the addition 9K, this was proposed by Cllr Boden, seconded by Cllr Mrs Laws with a unanimous vote in favour

Combined Authority Bus Service Review –

Cllr Mason advised members he would respond to this with any additional member comments:

Cllr Miscandlon suggested the services needs to go to the villages but not Glassmore bank as the road may not be suitable. He also advised the X1 has just changed to XL and could not every third or fourth bus come through Whittlesey to provide an evening service. Unless Kings Dyke bridge is built the timetable and service is very uncertain, once the bridge is completed this may be a different story.

Whittlesea Station - part of the station scheme plans were to have a turning point for a bus as there has been a commitment for buses to serve the station can this be included in the report.

Meeting Dates –

Annual Town Council 10th June 2020 – will include appointments to Committees, Working Parties and Outside Bodes.

F76/20. To receive Councillor & outside body reports.

There were no outside body reports.

F77/20. Finance & Policy – The meeting scheduled for Monday 16th March 2020 was cancelled.

F78/20 To report the financial documents

- To report the bank reconciliation to 31st March 2020 – Members received the reconciliation
- To report the list of payments & To report the list of uncashed payments as at the 31st March 2020 –
- To report the year to date figures at 31st March 2020
- Devolved responsibilities to the Clerk – members to discuss this at F & P.

Donations

Read to Succeed - £250.00 – This was proposed by Cllr Miscandlon, Seconded Cllr Mrs Laws with a unanimous vote in favour.

Summer Reading Challenge - £500.00 – This was proposed by Cllr Wicks, Seconded Cllr Munns with a unanimous vote in favour.

WEFA - £500.00 This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Mayor, Seconded Cllr Munns, Cllr Mason abstained, there was a majority vote in favour.

Helping Whittlesey COVID19 - £500.00 (contact Deborah Slator and hold until she requires the payment). This was proposed by Cllr Boden, seconded Cllr Whitwell with a unanimous vote in favour.

F79/20 The Minutes from the Planning meeting on Wednesday 4th March 2020, still need to be approved at a Planning Meeting, they were reported to Full Council on Wednesday 11th March 2020.



F80/20 The Minutes from the Community Projects meeting on Wednesday 4th March 2020, still need to be approved at a Community Projects meeting, they were reported to Full Council on Wednesday 11th March 2020

- Events update – Cllr Mrs Mayor advised all events from this year would be cancelled
- Allotment Roadway –Cllr Mrs Mayor proposed £5276.00 be spent to repair the allotment roadway, WTC has not carried out any major work on the roadway for several years. This was seconded by Cllr Whitwell with a unanimous vote in favour. The Clerk was asked to contact the contractor and confirm start date,

F81/20 Information Only.

There was no information

F82/20 Invitations.

There were no invitations

F83/2020 Consultations

There were no consultations.

F84/20. Date of next meeting – 10th June 2020 at 7.30pm

F85/20. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.

F86/20. To discuss those items previously agreed at agenda item F69/2020

Meeting closed 4.33



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Cllr Mrs Julie Windle
Mayor of Whittlesey