

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council held on Thursday 22nd July 2021 at 7.30pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey.

Present: Cllr Mason, Boden, Davies, Gerstner, Mrs Laws, Mrs Mayor, Miscandlon, Mockett, Munns, Nawaz, Whitwell, Wicks, Mrs Windle

Officer in Attendance Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

Recording This is made as an aide memoir for the Clerk.

F106/21. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.

Cllr Dorling (personal), Cllr Connor (personal)

F107/21. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item.

Cllr Miscandlon as Substitute on FDC Panning may make comment but will reserve the right to change his mind should more information become available.

Cllr Mrs Mayor as a member of FDC Panning may make comment but will reserve the right to change her mind should more information become available.

Cllr Mrs Laws – Portfolio Holder for Planning at FDC will attend the meeting and will contribute if asked by the Chair for advice and clarification on any policy matters.

Cllr Mason declared an interest in agenda item F/114/21 – Donation request from the Local View.

Cllr Mrs Windle declared an interest in agenda item F/111/21 Fenland Youth Radio Sign and the Big Bash.

F108/21 Street Scene Officer Report & CCTV report.

Members received the report.

F109/21. To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 24th June 2021.

Ratified: The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record. Cllr Mason did advise members that the submission to Burnthouse Farm for four representatives was being queried and the Clerk would be notified of the outcome in October.

F110/21 Public Forum

To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time allowed 15 minutes in total to be split equally between the total amount wishing to speak.

Mr Lewis – Advised members of the damage to the Willows on the B1040 and how he had emailed the Town Council but not received a response. Cllr Mrs Laws will respond to Mr Lewis outside of the meeting.

Mr Windle – The Big Bash on 12th Sept, things moving forward, churches involved with normal services, and RBL service at war memorial at 12.00, people will then make their own way down to the Manor play field, 1,00pm free sports event start, 2,00pm Golden Age Fair and between 2 and 5

there will be some music. There will be a family disco between 5 and 7 and they have received enquiries from the classic car. A donation was requested from WTC, they did ask for 3k, and have been offered 1k, FDC may be able to donate but it can only be spent on capital costs. When the finance is discussed later could the donation request be looked at again.

Mr Windle asked the Council to consider the proposed signage for the front of Peel House to raise the profile of Fenland Youth Radio.

Mr Windle suggested a key safe be put on the wall to enable all the presenters of the radio to gain access to the station but without the need to have keys.

F111/21 Agenda items for Discussion.

1. **Fenland Youth Radio signage and key safe** – Cllr Mrs Laws advised Peel House is in the conservation area and needed planning permission. Plastic transfers on the inside of their office windows and the first-floor kitchen area would be preferred. The Town Council refused the application and the clerk asked to write to the radio station advising signage like ISA-CAM. Cllr Miscandlon was against putting a key safe on the outside of the building due to security and insurance. Members agreed the solution was additional keys.
2. **MVAS** – A new person has taken over Speedwatch and is interested in the data that is produced from the MVAS camera's; the Clerk was asked to send her the data. The Clerk updated members about the battery failures, this could be due to the software version draining the battery. The Clerk and the contractor Mr Wayne Gale have spoken with the technical team at Morelock and are trying to find a solution. Cllr Boden asked for locations on Bassenhally and Drybread road. Cllr Gerstner advised member the new Police and Crime Commissioner is supporting the installation of MVAS, Cllr Gerstner also advised members the from the sixteen people who expressed interest in Speedwatch, none have yet undertaken the training apart from the four original people.

Active Travel Scheme Consultation – Cllr Mason explained to members what the consultation is about the proposals, which originated with local community representatives, include changes to roads to make them more pedestrian and/or cycle friendly and include one-way systems, cycle lanes and modal filters. Modal filters prioritise those walking or cycling and, in some cases, taking the bus whilst preventing private motor vehicles travelling through certain points on local roads.

We would like to make clear the early stage of these temporary proposals. Funding limitations mean it is unlikely all proposals will be able to be taken forward, however, we would like to gather community input from Councillors, stakeholders, and the public about where people would be interested in changes being made. Our technical consultants have drawn up some ideas of where active travel improvements may be useful and encourage more people to choose to travel by foot or bike in the local areas specified.

Many proposals were made last year by local Councillors and/or Parish Councils. Our consultation will take the form of a survey and covers some of the more significant proposals that our consultants have been able to develop to date. Several much smaller proposals e.g., new crossing points will be developed through localised engagement carried out by Project Officers. Cllr Boden advised this consultation was only announced in the last few weeks and it does not have anything to do with anything in the North of the County, it is only in the South, the suggestion for Whittlesey would be to lock off the roads, at New Road, Park Lane and Alderman Jacobs for school entry and access. This would be a temporary scheme lasting 18 months to see how it works. There will be a consultation on this in the next few months as if the areas around the schools were restrictive, potentially it could push parents out of immediate area and cause further congestion in other locations.

3. High Causeway – Cllr Boden will speak to Aarron Locks regarding the number of vehicles who constantly ignore the signage on High Causeway and ask if the CCTV that is located on the Market Place could monitor this for 2 days per month and if support from the police can

be obtained the culprits could be prosecuted. Cllr Boden is going to investigate and report back to the council.

4. Alarm callout – Cllr Mason advised members that the Clerk had received costing from three companies, he present the costs to all members and advised all offered the same. Tender A quoted £250.00 annual fee and £36.00 for first 30 minutes of call out. Tender B £399.00, and £39.00 for 30 min visit and Tender C £660.00 and £40.00 for first hour on site. Cllr Boden proposed Tender A seconded Mrs Mayor seconded with a unanimous vote in favour.
5. Peel House – Cllr Mason asked the Clerk to update members. The Clerk advised members that there are three issues, the boiler, the water leaking into the storage area of the flats and water ingress into Flat B, and finally a water leak in the council chamber.
 - a. Storage area: the water is coming when the small flat roof has standing water, it is still to be determined if this is a problem with the rubber roof or a fracture to the downpipe.
 - b. The water ingress into Flat B is being caused by the pipe.
 - c. This leak is under flat A but is not coming from any of the pipework in the kitchen area of the flat, it seems to be coming from a pipe that was capped off during the renovation and is possibly under the kitchen floor of Flat A.

All the above require further investigation which is being coordinated by the Clerk.

Cllr Mason thanked the Clerk for all the work that has gone into this.

6. Local Highway Improvements deadline 30th September 2021 – Cllr Mason asked if all Cllrs look at their own ward and how they can improve it. Cllr Mrs Laws asked if the Town Councillors have any suggestions, they speak with the relevant District Councillor who can get an idea of the costing and check out the viability. Cllr Mrs Windle updated members on the yellow line application. Cllr Connor is organising a site meeting with the 3 Ward Cllrs, Darren Aldridge, and Jacob Hobbs as CCC are not happy with some of the ideas for the remedial works at Pondersbridge. .
7. Boundary Commission for England Parliamentary boundary review consultation – Cllr Boden advised that every 7 to 15 years the Boundary Commission looks at the parliamentary boundary arrangements for the whole country. The first stage is the commission circulate some suggestions for comment. They have suggested a new parliamentary district be created to align with the district of Fenland. WTC needs to ensure that residents feelings continue to be taken into consideration as the consensus is they do not want to be part of Peterborough. Cllr Boden suggested the following comments are sent as the response from Whittlesey Town Council.
 - A. Whittlesey Town Council rejects any proposal which puts Whittlesey into a Peterborough seat. The Town of Whittlesey has an identity which is very clearly different from that of the City of Peterborough
 - B. Whittlesey Town Council supports the Boundary Commission for England's initial proposal to create a new Parliamentary Constituency which is coterminous with the area of Fenland District Council, but to avoid confusion as to what is, or is not, included within the boundaries of the new Constituency we believe that it should be named "Fenland"
 - C. Whittlesey Town Council supports the consequential initial proposal by the BCE to include the wards of Littleport, Sutton and Downham Villages in a new Constituency to be named "East Cambridgeshire" after the eponymous District Council area.
 - D. Whittlesey Town Council supports the creation of a "Peterborough North" and a "Peterborough South & Ramsey" Constituency. Both constituencies would have a border with Whittlesey Town but, crucially, neither constituency would include the Town of Whittlesey or any part of the Town.



F112/21. To receive Councillor & outside body reports.

Climate Report from Cllr Dorling

F113/21. Finance & Policy To report the draft minutes from the Finance & Policy meeting held on Monday 19th July 2021.

The draft minutes were reported.

F114/21 To report the financial documents.

- To report the bank reconciliation to 30th June 2021 – Members received the bank reconciliation.
- To report the list of payments & uncashed payments. Vouchers 49 – 79 to the value of £22,610.22 approved at the F & P meeting on 19th July 2021.
- To report the year-to-date figures (2021) – Members received the YTD figures.
- To consider the donation request from 'The Local View' - members discussed the donation request and agreed not to offer a donation on this occasion.

F115/21. To report the draft minutes from the Planning meeting on Monday 19th July 2021 and receive the minutes from Wednesday 7th July 2021

Ratified: The minutes from the Planning meeting held on Wednesday 7th July 2021 were approved and signed as a true record and the draft minutes from Monday 19th July 2021 were reported.

F116/21. To report the draft minutes from the Community Projects meeting on Wednesday 7th July 2021.

The Community Projects minutes from Wednesday 7th July 2021 were reported.

F117/21 Information Only.

There was no information.

F118/21 Invitations.

St Andrews Parish fete 31st August 2021

Mayor's Ball cancelled from 31st July 2021, the new date is 12th March 2022

F119/21. Date of next meeting – Thursday 23rd September 2021.

Meeting Closed: 21:27

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Cllr David Mason
Mayor of Whittlesey.

