

# WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

## Community Project Minutes

For the health, safety, and well-being of our community because 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 virtual meeting of the Community Projects Committee held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.37pm.**

**Present:** Cllr Whitwell, Gerstner, Mrs Windle, Munns

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

**Recording:** The recording is made as an aide memoir for the Clerk

#### **CP42/2020. To receive apologies for absence from members.**

Cllr Mrs Mayor (personal)

#### **CP43/2020 Declaration of Members' Pecuniary interests, on items to be discussed later in the agenda.**

Cllr Mrs Windle as member of Glassmore Bank Wind Turbine Committee.

#### **CP44/2020. To approve the minutes from the Community Projects meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

**Ratified:** The minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were approved and will be signed as a true record when possible. (COVID19 restrictions prevent immediate signing)

**CP44/2020. - Public Forum.** - To allow members of the public to address the Council. Time Allowed 15 mins total.

There was one member of the public present.

#### **CP45/2020. - Agenda Items for Discussion**

##### 1. Allotments.

- a. Waiting list – The Clerk advised there are 35 people on the waiting list with more demand for half allotments, Cllr Whitwell and Munns to carry out a site visit to identify the allotments that can be split into two. The clerk confirmed 2 full size allotments were handed back today.
- b. Evictions / returns. The Clerk has one tenant going through the eviction process. Cllr Whitwell carried out an inspection this week and has identified five additional allotments that are in poor condition and require a letter to ascertain if they wish to continue with the allotment, these were also identified in September. The Clerk to send another letter (5, 8, 32, 60B, 64). Cllr Whitwell also advised the tree on allotment 7 has damaged the path and the tree needs removing and the path repaired, this will be at the tenants' expense.
- c. Letter to all allotment holders – Cllr Whitwell advised the Chairman wished a letter would be sent to all allotment holders covering the following points. The Chairman and the Clerk will discuss the items and compose the letter.

- i. Fruit trees
- ii. Footpath between allotments
- iii. Waste in hedges
- iv. Fence

2. Benches at the Manor – Cllr Gerstner advised he had received three quotations for this project which is being undertaken by Street Pride & Whittlesey Town Council. All the quotes were based on using recycled plastic, Cllr Gerstner gave the reasons below for using this material.

1. Environmentally friendly.
2. British sourced plastic.
3. Recycling plastic means creating less new plastic, which is a good thing, especially as it is usually made from fossil fuel hydrocarbons.
4. Recycling plastic saves on landfill space or incineration.
5. Reduction in need for raw material: For every ton of recycled plastic container around 1 ton of oil is saved.
6. Reduction of plastic entering both fresh and seawater.
7. Plastic Recycling saves the Earth, it can help minimize the cutting of trees that are used to make the paper, conserving the forests will help the environment. This is because the trees are known to improve the air.
8. Although accepted nothing is 'totally vandal proof – these recycled plastic benches as close to being 'vandal resistant'.
9. Recycled plastic benches will require no maintenance.

Cllr Gerstner suggested that where possible the existing bases at the manor are used, however he is open to suggestions for other locations and the quantity of benches that are required. He would like this information by the middle of January 2021 to enable the completion of the funding request to Glassmore Bank Wind Turbine for approximate 5K (for 10 benches). The methodology offered by the suppliers for fixing these is not the best and FDC will be approached to see if they would consider offering a cost to install these. The cost of the installation could be around 3K. Cllr Gerstner asked if the projects committee could submit this cost to Full Council for inclusion in next year's budget. Cllr Gerstner advised he would have to factor into part of the document to show we are COVID friendly.

Cllr Davies joined the meeting at 19.06.

Cllr Whitwell asked members to look at all the documents that had been sent out by Cllr Gerstner and email comments to Cllr Gerstner to enable a decision to be made at the Community Projects Committee by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

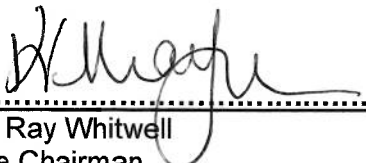
3. Music Festivals 2021 – All bands and dates are confirmed for 2021 and the events will go ahead subject to COVID restrictions being lifted. Should restrictions still be in place the holding of the events will be difficult and further discussions will need to take place as we approach the event dates. The Clerk to email Boon Brother with the dates for the 2021 events.

**CP46/2020 - Date of next meeting - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**CP47/2020 - To discuss items previously agreed at agenda item CP43/2020**

There were no items for discussion

**Meeting Closed:** 19.26



Cllr Ray Whitwell  
Vice Chairman  
Community Projects Committee

