

# WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL – Community Projects Committee

Minutes of the Committee held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 6.00pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Mayor, Whitwell, Mockett, Gerstner, Nawaz, Davies

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

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

**CP01/2022. To receive apologies for absence from members.**

Cllr Mrs Windle (personal),

**CP02/2022. To confirm and sign minutes from the last meeting of the Community Projects Committee held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.**

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

**CP03/2022. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item.**

**CP04/2022. Public Forum. -** To allow members of the public to address the Council. Time Allowed 15 mins total.

There were no members of the public present.

**CP05/2022. Agenda items for discussion.**

1. Allotments

- a. Waiting list /Allocations – The Chair advised there are 19 on the waiting list with 1 free allotment that being the WAGS. Cllr Munns has investigated the lifting of the hedge offered 3 options.

**Option 1**

Leave in place and market the plot, taking any considerations with regard to reduction in rent as the committee see fit.

**Option 2**

Cut it down, unfortunately this still leaves the stumps and root ball in place and will still make a large portion of the plot unusable.

**Option 3**

Go for original plan to remove hedge and donate to Whittlesey Athletic FC. This will involve the use of a mini digger to dig a trench to expose one side of the hedge roots and pulling it over to remove, there is concern this may damage the pavement.

Members discussed all options and agreed to ask Jonathan Dale to meet a representative on site to discuss the hedge and the best solution.

- b. WAG's Allotment hedge update – This item was discussed as part of Item A
- c. Allotment Inspections – Cllr Mockett will be doing an inspection on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

- d. Hedging at Allotments (Community Payback team) – The Clerk was asked to email the Community Payback team to ascertain if they had been back to site in December and if not, could they go back to site and make it a regular occurrence, the Clerk was asked to suggest the last Monday of January and each month thereafter.

## 2. Flagpole at Peel House

Cllr Nawaz advised members that he had investigated a wall mounted pole and been advised that one supplier had refused to provide a price for purchase or installation, the second supplier offered a cost for purchase, but declined to install or service. Cllr Mockett has spoken to a supplier and is waiting for the price. The Clerk advised a risk assessment would need to be carried out to ensure the wall is suitable and also would contact the insurers to ascertain if they have any requirements. Cllr Mayor will speak to Planning as Cllr Nawaz has emailed them but not received a response.

3. Music Events 2021 / 2022 working party update – Cllr Whitwell advised members all acts are booked, contracts sent out, he will now start work on the SAG. The Clerk was asked to order the cable cover and red/white hazard tape.
4. Platinum Jubilee – Cllr Mrs Mayor suggested the bunting be up by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. The Clerk will order the Union bunting. Cllr Nawaz suggested a continental market for three days, members felt that three days could be too much and suggested one day, Cllr Nawaz will make further enquiries and report back to the Committee.

Members discussed tree planting for the Platinum Jubilee – Cllr Whitwell reminded members of a presentation from PECT who offered to supply trees FOC. Cllr Gerstner was asked to take on this project and will speak to Rotary and the Round Table to see if they would be interested in planting trees, various locations were suggested, Cllr Gerstner suggests behind Priors Road around the top of Saxon Pit, these would act as an additional noise barrier and if enough trees are planted could possibly be known as 'Jubilee Wood'

5. Sakura Cherry Tree update – The trees have been planted, photos' taken, and locations notified to the Japanese Embassy.
6. Duck Race – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – The Clerk to produce posters and order the tickets, email the fire service, and ask if Mr Rodham could man the canoe again. Cllr Mrs Mayor will speak to Richard Exton and Alan Hobbs to see if they can help with the transportation of the ducks.
7. Pondersbridge & Turves Bus Shelter – Cllr Whitwell has inspected the bush shelters, Turves is in good condition but has rather a lot of weeds growing around it, the Clerk to ask FDC if these can be sprayed. The Pondersbridge is in good condition, but one panel of Perspex is cracked, and it does have some graffiti on it. The Clerk to obtain a price for the Perspex and ask if the Community Payback team could get the graffiti off. The Clerk will check with the insurers how often the shelters should be inspected.

**CP06/2022 Date of next meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

Meeting Closed: 19.25

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Cllr Kay Mayor  
Chairman  
Community Projects Committee

*R. Whitwell  
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