

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 16th December at 7.30pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey.

Present: Cllr Mason, Boden, Davies, Miscandlon, Nawaz, Whitwell, Wicks, Windle, Connor

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

F161/21. To receive members' apologies for absence and the reason for the absence.

Cllr Dorling, Gerstner, Mrs Laws, Mrs Mayor, Mockett, Munns (All personal reasons)

F162/21. 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.

F170/21 – Cllr Mason declared an interest as he is a Church Warden.

F163/21. Police Matters – Acting Inspector Andy Morris & Sgt Jo Punton.

Due to unforeseen circumstances neither A/I Andy Morris nor Sgt Punton were able to attend but would like to attend the January meeting. A/I Morris did send the following report.

- In January we have 4 new PC's joining the Fenland Neighbourhood team, I am sure you will agree this is significantly positive and will increase the police presence in Whittlesey, with almost immediate effect. My expectation is that the officers, where possible, will agile work from their neighbourhoods to support and respond to issues.
- I intend to introduce dedicated Special constables to Neighbourhood policing to add extra support in periods when the team are not on duty
- In February/March we will see the launch of Operation Luscombe – A district wide, partnership approach to tackling the issues associated with street drinking.
- Throughout November and December so far, PCSO WALKER has been conducting a lot of patrols around Whittlesey town and doing parking enforcement at the schools and hotspot areas. This has had a lot of positive feedback from the community and schools. PC Gary Stabler's engagement with Neighbourhood Watch and the schools, again this has provided lots of positive feedback. I also fully support the proposal to start a youth club which PC Stabler has begun working on.

There are no significant or community critical incidents to raise from my perspective that I am aware of.

I do welcome any questions or concerns the town council wish to raise and I will respond as soon as practicable.

Please do accept our genuine apologies, however I am keen to build our relationship with Whittlesey town council and hope I am able to attend the next meeting.

F164/21. Update by Mr Stephen Rice Director – SB Rice Limited on Saxon Pit.



Mr Rice advised he is aware of odours being reported from the pit, today they have carried out tests and no odour was being omitted from the pit, however they seemed to be an odour as they travelled over Kings Dyke from Peterborough.

Presentation from Stephen Rice

Mr Rice presented the proposals for 'Whittlesey Science and Technology Park' the site is 69 Hectares (170 Acres), with approx 84 acres of green open space for biodiversity and ecology with part open for public access. 8 acres of the former Saxon pit has been allocated by CCC as waste management. 50 acres of former Victory Works for new employment and remainder of the area Access roads and services.

The Vision

- The Vision is for 'WSTP' to be a beacon for sustainable science and technology business in Fenland.
- Working in association with ARU Peterborough (Anglia Ruskin University)
- Attract high skills employment opportunities for Whittlesey and Fenland
- Sustainable construction methods including sustainable drainage and energy generation
- Sustainable modes of transport including new links for walking, cycling and sustainable modes of transport from the site directly into Whittlesey and the wider area.
- Substantial area of green space providing biodiversity enhancement and open space for public use.

The Detail

- Completion of phase 1 buttressing scheme adjacent to the town.
- Decision on Johnsons application, this would generate 50 new jobs
- Application for phase 2 buttress scheme to stabilise the sheer face running parallel to the railway line.
- Application for regeneration of stie EO04 for Mace Tech. Would generate 100 new jobs.
- Application for regeneration of the remainder of the site to create over 50 Acres of new employment land
- New highways access off A605, close existing access
- Sustainable construction incorporating renewable energy.

Progress

- Support from the Mayor of the CPCE
- Support from ARU Peterborough
- Discussed with Head of Planning at FDC and are in process of agreeing the best way to proceed with planning.
- Discussed with Growth Works who are supportive and confirm they get significant number of enquiries from high tech businesses looking for space in the region.
- Seek support of the Town Council

Mr Rice asked members for their comments and questions on the proposals.

Cllr Nawaz advised his particular interest in the scheme would be the high skill jobs and science and technology.

Cllr Davies – expressed concern over the waste management site, is this is cover. The EA is supposed to monitor this and seem to be failing. Mr Rice confirmed he has made no recommendations for waste management on this site, this was all agreed by CCC.

Cllr Wicks – had concerns that all associations are being based around ARU and asked if any contact had been made with PRC, as this is where much of the apprenticeship training is currently undertaken. Mr Rice advised must be guided by ARU as they are forging links with other organisations



F165/21. Fenland District Council Environment Newsletter and CCTV report.

Members received the report.

F166/21. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of Whittlesey Town Council held on Thursday 18th November 2021

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

F167/21. Public Forum

To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time allowed is 15 minutes in total, to be divided equally between the total number of people wishing to speak.

Mr Hodson – advised there has been 122000 tonnes of unlawful waste, several reports were carried out by Starcross Laboratory on behalf of the EA The hazardous waste is now going to be capped.

F168/21. Agenda items for discussion.

1. **A605 Local Highway Improvement (LHI) application (deferred from meeting 21st October)**, Cllr Connor advised members that following the meeting with Darryl Preston PCC, Shona McKenzie and Whittlesey Town Councillors Mason, Miscandlon & Wicks, a strong presentation was made to make Mr Preston aware of the speeding issues on the A605. PCC would not be able to fund average speed cameras, however he has offered to fund two more MVAS Cameras for the A605 along with an action day where the police would be present, the date for this has not been confirmed. Cllr Connor advised the Town Clerk has been in contact with the PCC office and requested they purchase the cameras from Morelock who have supplied of all WTC MVAS.

2. Whittlesey Heritage Centre – Cllr Mason

On Tuesday 13 December 2021 a virtual meeting took place between the Whittlesey Town Council Property Working Group and the full support team under the direction of our Project Manager, Chris Ballard, to consider full options of the scheme to build a Heritage Centre on land adjacent to the Kings Dyke Nature Reserve in Whittlesey.

The Property Working Group will meet again next Monday 20 December 2021 to fully consider the specifications put before us and to consider the financial implications.

It is anticipated that our recommendations will be presented to the Whittlesey Town Council Finance & Policy Committee on Monday 17 January 2022 and thereafter the Full Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 20 January 2022

3. Ottoman & Nat West Bank update

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Cllr Mrs Laws was not present at the meeting and confirmed the email sent to members on the 8th of December was the latest update.

CNC are attending the site in 7 days' time, both they and highways have been informed by the insurers that the work will have commenced by them to make the building safe and therefore they can then give the go ahead for all lights, barriers to be removed.

Nat West Bank

FDC Planning Enforcement has served a 215 notice to the property owner. From 18th January 2022 the owner has 3 months to complete the following works:

Make good the roof - replace damage slates and secure loose slates.

Make good all windows or replace if necessary - prepare and paint windows

Reinstate missing cornice

If, the works above are not completed on or before the 3-month period – FDC Planning Enforcement will consider one of two options.

First: to pursue court proceedings for non-compliance of a 215 notice

Second: FDC employ a contractor to carry out the work and place an order for reimbursement.



4. WEFA – Cllr Mason

On 18 November 2021 the Christian Church dispensed with the services of the Assistant Pastor, Marija Lysak and at the same time Pastor Brian Smithyman decided to retire on the grounds of ill health.

This sent the social media warriors into overtime with unfounded reports that Whittlesey Christian Church had thrown out WEFA and this report was encouraged by Maria Lysak who had been very much involved in WEFA since I stood back two years ago. As there had been no committee meetings in the past two years I was still constitutionally the Chairman, so I called a meeting at Peel House attended by Marija and Brian along with the Treasurer Sue Jennings and Ashley Godfrey from FDC Communities

To try and retrieve the future of WEFA further I also attended a meeting of the Elders of Whittlesey Christian Church last Saturday morning along with Cllr Julie Windle, Sue and Joe Jennings and we found the Elders most welcoming and receptive. As a result of the meeting WEFA will continue in the grounds of the Christian Church under a newly constituted committee of which I which I am willing to continue as Chairman.

I am currently exploring the state of the planning permission for the extension to WEFA's premises as well as sorting out other important issues in the wake of Marija's departure.

Whittlesey Emergency Food Aid will therefore continue to help the needy this Christmas and beyond. Contact may be made through Sue Jennings on 07594 294971

5. LGBCE Review of Ward Boundaries – Cllr Boden

Members were advised that FDC will go from 39 to 42 members, entitling Whittlesey to have 8 district councillors with clear boundaries within the town. The A605 is a ward boundary from Kings Dyke to the start of Eastrea. Turves is joined with Coates, the B1098 leads into South Whittlesey so it is more appropriate to be joined with South Whittlesey. Pondersbridge is linked best with South Whittlesey along the B1040 so it's appropriate that they are in the same ward. Kings Delph has no practicable road connection with any part of Whittlesey other than West Whittlesey along the A605, so it is better to link Kings Delph in a ward with West Whittlesey.

Cllr Boden proposed the following:

- a. Northwest Whittlesey : Stonald Ward & the West of Bassenhally Ward (2)
- b. Whittlesey Wash & Villages : Eastern Bassenhally & Eastrea, Coates & Turves (3)
- c. Lattersey : Eastern two thirds of the existing Lattersey ward (1)
- d. South Whittlesey : Kings Delph, St Andrews Ward, Bassenhally South of the A605 (Town Centre, Western third of Lattersey ward, Pondersbridge & B1098.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Miscandlon with 7 in favour and 1 against.

F169/21. To receive councillor and outside body representative reports.

Cllr Whitwell – reported that the Mud Walls Group have worked with Historic England and earlier in the year five mud walls were listed this information has now appeared in their annual report and been televised. The mayor congratulated Cllr Whitwell and the team for all their efforts.

F170/21. To receive the draft minutes of the Finance & Policy Meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021.

The draft minutes from the meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021 were reported.

Cllr Boden gave a brief overview of 'Draft budget version 0' and asked member sot consider this and report back to him with their comments, further discussions on the budget will take place at F & P in January prior to it being approved at Full Council in January.

1. Obtain ratification for any donations agreed by F & P on Monday 13th December 2021



Members discussed both donations and voted as follows:

- a. Thursday Club £600.00 – 6 in favour, 1 abstention
- b. St Andrews Church £10,000 – 6 in favour, 1 abstention

F171/21. To consider the financial documents (attached).

1. Bank reconciliation to the 30th of November 2021 – Members received the Bank Reconciliation.
2. List of payments and uncashed payments for November 2021. Vouchers 189 – 219 to the value of £19290.83 were proposed by Cllr Boden, seconded Cllr Miscandlon with a unanimous vote in favour. The receipts and payments for the month will be attached to the minutes.
3. Year-to-date figures (2021) – Members received the financial reports.

F172/21. To receive the draft minutes of the Planning meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021 and the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st December 2021.

Ratified: The Minutes of the Planning meeting held on Wednesday 1st December 2021 were approved and signed as a true record and the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December were reported.

F173/21. To receive the draft minutes of the Community Projects Meeting held on Wednesday 1st December 2021

The draft minutes were reported.

F174/21. Information Only.

Phoenix Youth Provision – Project Update was circulated

Cllr Mrs Windle advised that the Whittlesey Festival committee will be reconstituted in the new year.

F175/21. Invitations.

Pondersbridge Carol Service has been cancelled.

F176/21. Date of next meeting – Thursday 17th February 2022

Meeting Closed: 21:00



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Cllr David Mason
Mayor of Whittlesey

**Whittlesey Town Council
PAYMENTS LIST**

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
220	10/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Consumable	TLC r Us Ltd	S	20.19	4.06	24.25
221	10/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Civic Service refreshments	Alisons Catering	E	550.00		550.00
222	23/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Pension	LGSS Pension	E	647.30		647.30
223	23/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Salary	Sue Piergianni	E	1,757.15		1,757.15
224	23/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Zoom costs	Sue Piergianni	E	32.13		32.13
225	23/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Bank Charges / Interest	Barclays	E	8.50		8.50
226	23/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Allotment Water	Anglian Water	E	680.70		680.70
227	23/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Consumable	Peterborough Office Supplies	S	94.43	12.23	106.66
228	23/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	stamps	Peterborough Office Supplies	E	66.00		66.00
229	23/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Stationery	Peterborough Office Supplies	S	41.34	8.27	49.61
230	23/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Bin	Peterborough Office Supplies	S	7.65	1.53	9.18
231	23/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Window Cleaning	H2O Pure Cleaning	E	20.00		20.00
232	23/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Office Cleaning	Clare Lynch	E	92.50		92.50
233	23/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Trade Recycling	Fenland District Council	E	119.16		119.16
234	23/12/2021	GPC donation	Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Donation	St Andrews Church	E	10,000.00		10,000.00
235	23/12/2021	GPC donation	Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Office 365 licence	The Computer Man	E	79.99		79.99
236	23/12/2021	GPC donation	Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Office Cleaning	Thorokleen	S	603.10	120.62	723.72
237	23/12/2021	GPC donation	Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Photocopies	Ethos	S	65.40	13.08	78.48
238	23/12/2021	GPC donation	Barclays Current Acco	bacs	MVAS Maintenance	Fenland Electrical Services	S	350.00	70.00	420.00
239	23/12/2021	GPC donation	Barclays Current Acco	DD	Telephone & Internet	EVAD	S	59.97	11.99	71.96
240	23/12/2021	GPC donation	Barclays Current Acco	DD	Tax & NI	HMRC	E	621.69		621.69
241	23/12/2021	GPC donation	Barclays Current Acco	DD	Donation	The Thursday Club	E	600.00		600.00
242	23/12/2021	GPC donation	Barclays Current Acco	DD	Donation	VJ Day	E	250.00		250.00
243	23/12/2021	GPC donation	Barclays Current Acco	DD	Donation	Peterborough Highland Band	E	250.00		250.00
244	01/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Copier Lease	CF Corporate	S	485.65	97.13	582.78
245	01/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Phone Lease Rental	CF Corporate	S	274.00	54.80	328.80
246	01/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Office Electric	Opus Energy	S	631.01	126.21	757.22
247	01/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	cheque 100312	RBL Poppy Appeal	Royal British Legion	E	350.00		350.00
248	23/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco	bacs	Donation	Whittlesey Town Council	E	25.00		25.00
Total								18,782.86	519.92	19,302.78

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17 January 2022 (1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022)

Whittlesey Town Council RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
59 Residential Rent / Costs	24/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco		Flat A & B Rent	Peterborough City Council	E	1,390.04		1,390.04
60 Commercial Rent	24/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco		ISA-CAM Rent	ISA-Cam Rent	E	300.00		300.00
61 Commercial Rent	24/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco		Young Tech Rent	Young Tech Rent	E	300.00		300.00
62 Section 137 / GPC Donations	24/12/2021		Barclays Current Acco		VOID	void	E			
Total								1,990.04		1,990.04

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