

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th March 2022 at 7.30pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY

Present: Cllr Mason, Mrs Mayor, Mrs Laws, Miscandlon, Gerstner, Wicks, Whitwell, Dorling, Cllr Boden, Cllr Connor,

Officer in Attendance: Mrs Sue Piergianni

Recording: The recording is made as an aid memoir for the Clerk.

F32/2022. To receive members' apologies for absence and the reason for the absence.

Cllr Munns, Windle, Davies (Work), Cllr Nawaz (Personal)

F33/2022. 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 Wicks – Donation request for Coates Fete.

F34/2022. Police Matters

Members received the Police Engagement Report.

F35/2022. Fenland District Council Environment Newsletter and CCTV report.

The Clerk was asked to email CCTV and ask the following questions.

1. Can Cllrs visit the CCTV room now.
2. There has been substantial vandalism to the toilets by the George, has any of this been recorded by the CCTV.
3. Can you confirm a full-time officer in the CCTV room who looks back at vandalism to enable prosecution.

Members also asked if the FDC Street Scene report could include recycling data – The Clerk will email FDC

F36/2022. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of Whittlesey Town Council held on Thursday 17th February 2022

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

F37/2022. 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 Vaughan – Johnsons Application at Saxon pit. Highways, safety, road damage, Noise, dust, Safety, environmental impact. Johnsons been taken at their word that incinerator bottom ash is safe and not hazardous, however recently it has been pointed out that in January this year a Swiss based environmental company ZWE (Zurich Waste Europe) has produced a report named 'Toxic Fallout' their overall conclusion is appreciable quantities of toxic high level elements are contained within IBA this is being driven into Whittlesey onto Saxon site and dumped into hoppers and is very close to the residential area, schools etc and is very worrying.

How can CCC planning committee decide on this until the concerns that ZWE have raised have been resolved. Saxongate request to defer the planning application at CCC until Johnson Aggregates produce information that puts the residents' minds at rest.

Stephen Hodson – In case we do not get a postponement, can individuals send a letter to support this.

Tony Ellinghall – The noise and smell from the pit after the last council meeting has diminished, they have had 10 days of grace with no smell or noise. Is the smell and noise going to start again? and how do we find out what the smell and noise was?

F38/2022. Agenda items for discussion.

Saxon Pit – Cllr Mason

First, I would like to congratulate the "Saxon against Pollution" Group for their enthusiasm in enlisting local support to object to the planning application being processed by Cambridgeshire County Council in respect of Johnson Aggregates application at Saxon Pit.

A request for a deferment of consideration of this application has been made by the group and I understand that Cllr Chris Boden has made an approach to Cambridgeshire County Council accordingly.

I would remind everyone that Whittlesey Town Council have formally recommended refusal of this application.

As the local District Councillor, I am acutely aware of the distress being experienced by many residents from combinations of excessive noise and unpleasant odours currently emanating for Saxon Pit.

Whilst Saxon Pit is a fully licensed waste management site the levels of noise, particularly outside of permitted hours of operation, and odour have of late become unacceptable.

Despite initial denials by the Site Agent, it has been established that these disturbances do in fact originate in the pit itself and accordingly Whittlesey Town Council have made representations to both the Environment Agency and Fenland District Council Environmental Health and monitoring of the site is ongoing.

Saxon Pit - Report by Mrs D Sadler – Snr Environmental Health Officer – FDC

1. Intensive noise and odour monitoring has been undertaken by Env H officers over a 12-day period. Intense odour was witnessed on one occasion at a complainant's home 3 weeks ago and two instances where noise was audible but not a nuisance.
2. Numerous discussions have taken place with the site owner Mr Riley, their planning agent Mr Rice, CCC, and the Environment Agency due to the ongoing nuisance complaints and the ongoing permit and planning applications at the site.
3. I am aware that the Environment Agency send periodic updates with the ongoing permit matters and Cambs County Council will update you on the relevant planning matters as appropriate.

4. FDC Env H are working closely with the site owner, their planning agent, the Env Ag and the Cambs CC Planning to ensure that all steps are being taken to protect local resident's amenity.
5. We are heartened that the number of complaints has fallen sharply over the last 2 weeks and thank residents for their co-operation in providing access for our monitoring. We will continue to monitor at local resident's homes should we get any further complaints.

Cllr Boden advised members, we cannot look back in time and find out what the cause of the noise was, this could not be tracked down, doing this retrospectively is not an option, he is grateful that Dawn Sadler at FDC has taken the complaints seriously and noise and smell has been monitored. Tracking down the smell is difficult as it seems to move, however this has been tracked down to one operator.

Cllr Boden stated we must separate out the current planning on site and the proposed planning. Operators could put in retrospective if they have not got it already. The Johnsons application is something entirely different. The biggest problem is the site has been designated for this type of operation, and that makes it difficult on planning grounds to object to it. WTC have already registered their opposition.

There are only so much public objections count for, the officers at CCC will judge the application and planning criteria before deciding. If it can't be refused entirely, we need to seek a way to find out how it can be amended. Cllr Boden has written to CCC requesting a deferment he has not received a response and would be surprised if they do not grant the deferment. The report by a non-government body does not carry that much planning weight as it is also a non-UK company. He does not think this will be a material planning consideration.

It is also the case that Johnson's do not have to answer the questions in the consultation period, we cannot expect successfully to demand the application is deferred. When it comes to the vote at CCC, he is fearful we may not manage to get a vote which is in our favour and must have validify in planning law terms. He recommends some of the volumes of waste are reduced and the working hours, which are seriously affecting the nearby residents. On the same item 122,000 non-conforming waste was dumped on the site and the EA reached agreement with the owner to bury it and not remove it. Cllr Boden is going to seek additional assistance from sources to argue against Johnsons.

Parking Enforcement & High Causeway

Sgt Punton advised members via email that PSCO Katrina Walker continues to patrol the area and give out tickets to offenders but without any bollards or any other target hardening then drivers will continue to use High Causeway, this is a council issue. He has contacted CCTV to request that we view footage periodically to identify offenders to send out warning letters but has yet to receive a reply.

He did suggest a couple rising bollards down at the entrance, or even two big planters on either side with just enough room for a vehicle to get through, that means that you only need one rising bollard to save money.

He will continue to chase CCTV control for answers.

Cllr Boden advised that in principle CCC are supporting the Civil parking initiative however are currently working 6 months behind. The target for Civil Parking enforcement is back end of 2023. Members were advised that every single sign and line on all roads within the scheme will have to be examined and if the road does not comply to the required legal standard the road must be changed. Once this examination has been finished and the works carried out, the application supporting this needs to be submitted to government. When agreed FDC will decide, how, when and where enforcement can take place.

F39/2022. To receive councillor and outside body representative reports.

Cllr Miscandlon advised members that Burnthouse Farm have given funding to four applicants; the next meeting is August.

Recycling in Whittlesey – Cllr Dorling

Whittlesey Street Pride has been instrumental in establishing replacement ‘double headed’ litter bins that separate recycling material from other litter. One is in High Causeway and the other in the Queen Streetcar Park.

WTC supported a grant to establish an aluminium can recycling collection point in the Ivy Leaf car park. The recycling of cans provides funding to the **HELP Appeal charity**. Collective funds provide **helpads for hospitals** across the UK.

Together with help from Street Pride volunteers

I have collected and crushed over 3,000 cans from litter picking over the last six months and we will continue to recycle this material.

Cllr Wicks advised members he has ongoing engagements with Phoenix Youth Provision.

Cllr Boden – advised members that the LGBC for England will release their report Tuesday week with the proposal for the new District and Town boundaries.

Cllr Connor advised members of the consultation responses for ‘Yellow Lines and 20 MPH zone’ around Whittlesey, detailed below.

LOCATION	PROPOSAL	Total Responses	Support the Proposal	Against the Proposal	Suggestion or no decision given.
Inhams Road / Station Road	Double Yellow Lines	1	0	1	
Park Lane / Church Street	Double Yellow Lines	12	4	8	
Church Street / Ramsey Road	Double Yellow Lines / Speed Cushions	36	29	7	The seven against were in favour of Speed Cushions. And one no comment.
Thornham Way	Double Yellow Lines	6	1	2	Three neither commented yes or no.
Stonald Road / Low Cross	Double Yellow Lines	6	0	6	
Morris Close / Yarwells Headland	Double Yellow Lines	6	0	3	Three neither commented yes or no.

Inhams Road / Station Road – Cllr Mrs Laws proposed the yellow lines

Park Lane / Church Street - Cllr Mason proposed the yellow lines

Church Street / Ramsey Road – Cllr Gerstner 20 mph zone. CCC have policy to encourage 20 mph zone.

Thornham Way - Cllr Miscandlon proposed the yellow lines
Stonald Road / Low Cross - Cllr Mrs Laws proposed the yellow lines
Morris Close / Yarwells Headland - Cllr Mrs Laws proposed the yellow lines

Members voted unanimously for all the proposals listed above.

Cllr Connor will contact Josh Rutherford and advise all proposals were approved and the works can now be scheduled,

F40/2022. To receive the draft minutes of the Finance & Policy Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022 and receive the minutes from Monday 14th February 2022.

Ratified: The minutes from the 14th of February 2022 were approved and signed as a true record and the draft minutes from the 14th of March were reported.

F41/2022. To consider the financial documents (attached) & discuss agenda items.

- A. Bank reconciliation to the 28th of February 2022
- B. List of payments and uncashed payments for February 2022 – Vouchers 291 to 319 to the value of £15,661.69, this was proposed by Cllr Miscandlon, seconded Cllr Dorling with a unanimous vote in favour.
- C. Year-to-date figures (2021/22) – Members received the year-to-date figures
- D. Donation to Coates Fete - £375.00. One abstention and one against with a majority vote in favour.
- E. Equality & Diversity Policy proposed Cllr Boden, seconded Cllr Miscandlon, unanimous vote in favour.
- F. CAPALC Membership – Cllr Boden advised members that this item was on the agenda in January it was approved at F & P with agreement it would be discussed further at Full Council in March. Cllr Boden advised members the advice from NALC regarding giving donations to churches was incorrect and proposed we do not join CAPALC. Members vote two in favour of continuing the membership, six against, therefore WTC will no longer be members of CAPALC. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised that historically they asked for CAPALC help and were given bad advice. Cllr Mrs Laws advisee that when they were given the advice, they went to FDC and got all the advice they needed and do not need CAPALC. Cllr Wicks suggested we can get advice from FDC and the LGA. The Clerk disagreed with this.

F42/2022. To receive the draft minutes of the Planning meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022 and receive the minutes of the meeting from Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Resolved: The minutes from Wednesday 2nd March 2022 were approved and signed as a true record, the draft minutes from Monday 14th March were reported.

Cllr Mrs Laws advised members she was disappointed in the lack of attendance to the training that has been put in place by FDC, a great deal of money has been spend organising this training.

F43/2022. To receive the draft minutes of the Community Projects Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 and receive the minutes of the meeting from Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Ratified: The minutes of Wednesday 2nd February 2022 were approved and signed as a true record, and the draft minutes of the 2nd of March 2022 were reported.

Flagpole update – There was no update on this.

F44/2022. Information Only.

War Memorials Trust Bulletin



Cllr Mason advised the church was no longer interregnum and a new vicar was in place.

Cllr Mason thanked everyone who supported the Mayor's Annual Dinner Dance last Saturday at the Manor Leisure Centre and for those who could not attend but supplied prizes for the raffle and auction.

The proceeds from the evening amounted to £3526 of which £1000 has been despatched to the British Red Cross Ukrainian Relief Fund.

My thanks to the Town Clerk for her meticulous organising of an event that was enjoyed by the majority of those in attendance.

A reminder that the Duck Race will resume at The Bower, Whittlesey on Easter Monday, 18 April commencing at 2 pm.

Tickets are available from the Town Council Offices with all proceeds going to the Mayor's Charity Fund.

Big Bash 2 scheduled for 25.06.22 appears in the Councillor pack

F45/2022. Invitations.

The High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, Mrs Caroline Bewes, will attend Peel House on Monday 28 March 2022 at 10.30 am to present Community Awards to Local Citizens.

If you wish to attend this event, then please notify the Town Clerk as numbers will be restricted.

F46/2022. Date of next meeting – Thursday 21st April 2022

Meeting closed; 21:02



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
291	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	Online	Heritage Centre	Rolton Group	S	2,500.00	500.00	3,000.00
292	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	Online	Office Gas	Total gas	S	1,863.88	372.77	2,236.65
293	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	Online	Pension	LGSS Pension	E	647.30		647.30
294	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Tax & NI	HMRC	E	621.69		621.69
295	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Salary	S Piergianni	E	1,757.15		1,757.15
296	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Salary	Clare Lynch	E	145.00		145.00
297	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Subscription	Sue Piergianni	E	28.78		28.78
298	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Eye Test	Sue Piergianni	E	36.00		36.00
299	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Clerks & Councils Direct	Communicorp	E	100.00		100.00
300	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Office Plumbing, Leak and Boil	Jim Brannigan]	E	530.00		530.00
301	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Window Cleaning	H20 Pure - Mark Nicholas	E	10.00		10.00
302	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	MVAS Maintenance	Fenland Electrical	S	540.00	108.00	648.00
303	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	SLA	SG Computing	E	140.00		140.00
304	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Allotment maintenance	D J Dale	S	250.00	50.00	300.00
305	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Bank Charges / Interest	Barclays	E	8.50		8.50
306	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Scaffolding	DJ Scaffolding	E	250.00		250.00
307	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	medallions	Crest Regalia	S	59.12	11.83	70.95
308	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Duck Race Tickets	Creation Booth	E	90.00		90.00
309	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Stationery	Peterborough Office Supplies	S	15.44	3.09	18.53
310	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	stamps	Peterborough Office Supplies	E	66.00		66.00
311	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Milk, Signage	Peterborough Office Supplies	E	25.36		25.36
312	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Fire Marshall Hi Vis	Peterborough Office Supplies	S	13.98	2.80	16.78
313	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	online	Subscription	Information commissioners o	E	35.00		35.00
314	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco	dd	DUPLICATE RECORD	duplicate record	S			
315	23/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco		power supply	Fenland Electrical	S	150.00	30.00	180.00
316	28/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco		Telephone & Internet	EVAD	S	60.40	12.08	72.48
317	14/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco		PWLB Loan	PWLB	E	2,125.00		2,125.00
318	14/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco		PWLB Loan	PWLB	E	623.48		623.48
319	14/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco		Office Electric	Opus Energy	S	1,565.86	313.18	1,879.04
Total								14,257.94	1,403.75	15,661.69

Whittlesey Town Council RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
69 Commercial Rent	07/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco		ISA-CAM Rent	ISA-Cam Rent	E	300.00		300.00
70 Commercial Rent	14/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco		Young Tech Rent	Fenland Youth Radio	E	300.00		300.00
71 Residential Rent / Costs	14/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco		Flat A & B Rent	Peterborough city council	E	1,390.04		1,390.04
72 Heritage Centre	14/02/2022		Barclays Current Acco		Heritage Centre	CPCA	E	19,150.00		19,150.00
73 Sundry Parish Maintenance	24/02/2022		Barclays Reserve Acco		Platinum Trees	Whittlesey Residents Platinur	E	100.00		100.00
					Total			21,240.04		21,240.04