

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st July 2022 at 7.30pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY

Present: Cllr Mason, Miscandlon, Dorling, Mrs Windle, Wicks, Nawaz, Mrs Laws, Mrs Mayor

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

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

F85/22 To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.

Cllr Boden, Davies & Mockett – Work, Cllrs Whitwell & Munns (personal)

F86/22. 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 Dorling – F99/22 – Information only, he on a professional basis he is involved with the Pension wise organisation.

Cllr Gerstner – F99/22 – Pension wise – the representative who will be seeing clients is his neighbour.

F87/22 - Street Scene Officer Report & CCTV report.

Members received the report.

F88/22 Police Report

Cllr Miscandlon advised WTC he had been given a date for the speed awareness monitoring, which was 22nd July, however it has been cancelled at short notice, he has spoken to the PCC who will investigate why it was cancelled and get a new date.

Cllr Dorling is there any update on the possibility of prosecution of vehicles on High Causeway. Cllr Mason will vigorously pursue this item, he also advised members he has invited the new superintendent to visit Whittlesey.

F89/22. To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Annual Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th May 2022.

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

F90/22. To confirm members to Outside bodies.

<u>CCTV</u>	Cllr Mockett, Cllr Mrs Mayor substitute
<u>GLASSMOOR BANK WIND FARM</u>	Cllrs Wicks, Dorling, Miscandlon and Mrs Windle

<u>BURNTHOUSE WIND FARM</u>	Cllrs Wicks, Dorling, Miscandlon and Mrs Windle
<u>WHITTLESEY EMERGENCY FOOD AID</u>	Cllrs Mason and Mrs Windle
<u>FLETON LIAISON GROUP</u>	Cllrs Whitwell, Wicks and Nawaz
<u>COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME</u>	Cllr Mrs Windle
<u>RURAL CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU</u>	Cllr Miscandlon, Cllr Gerstner substitute
<u>COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP</u>	Cllrs Wicks and Mrs Mayor
<u>WHITTLESEY STATION PROJECT</u>	Cllrs Munns, Mockett and Nawaz
<u>WHITTLESEY IN BLOOM</u>	Cllr Mrs Mayor
<u>MUD WALLS</u>	Cllrs Whitwell and Gerstner
<u>CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA</u>	Cllrs Mason and Mrs Windle
<u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u>	Cllr Mrs Mayor, Cllr Whitwell substitute
<u>WHITTLESEY FESTIVAL</u>	Cllrs Mrs Windle and Nawaz
<u>ALLOTMENT SOCIETY</u>	Cllrs Davies, Munns and Mockett
<u>GROWING FENLAND</u>	Cllrs Mrs Laws, Cllr Boden, Cllr Munns

F91/22 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.

Five members of the public were present.

Philip Cumberland – High Causeway, suggested a no entry sign on the road, retractable bollards at the Eastgate end. He also asked if there was anyway of putting signs on the pavement outside Friar Tucks and TLC asking cyclists to dismount, there is a sign on the lamp post, but it is totally ignored.

Robert Windle – Advised members the police had been at the Manor on Wednesday around 10.00pm carrying out a general patrol. He thanked the Cllrs who came down to the Big Bash and supported the day. Leading up to the Big Bash 2022 there had been a Big Bash week, with a variety of events been held and 36 different activities. Mr Windle advised members the Big Bash 2023 will be 18th June to avoid the clash with the Chatteris festival. The Big Bash 22 attracted around 2,500 people albeit not all were there at the same time. Mr Windle advised many people walked down to the event, he also confirmed that the Golden Age team are happy to support the event again as they received some very positive enquiries. Members were also advised that despite Ralph Butcher not being present at the new causeway which was named after him, he had been on the radio and spoke to the dignitaries who were present at the opening.

F92/22 Agenda items for Discussion.

1. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mrs Laws advised members the NHP has passed its review at Fenland and has gone out to public consultation. Every comment received will be analysed. The NHP is on both WTC and FDC's website. Cllr Mrs Laws thanked Cllr Munns, Dorling, and Whitwell for all their help and support on this project. The referendum will have no cost implication to WTC, all costs are borne by FDC. Cllr Mrs Laws hopes the plan will be in place by the end of 2022, this will supersede the local plan. The Mayor thanked Cllr

Mrs Laws and her team for all their hard work. Cllr Mason expressed concern about a comment from a FDC Officer that if in the interests of FDC to sell the land, they would sell it despite the land being included in the NHP as an Open Space. Cllr Mrs Laws advised it is imperative that residents support the retention of the open spaces. But Fenland could sell land for development if they felt it, was the right decision.

2. Street Cleaner – Cllr Gerstner – Peter Savage – FDC may be retiring, Cllr Gerstner proposed WTC give him a gold litter picker and a £50.00 voucher. Proposed Cllr Gerstner, seconded Cllr Mrs Laws, with a unanimous vote in favour. (The Clerk will wait for confirmation of Peter’s retirement before purchasing the agreed items.
3. Community Safety Charter – Cllr Gerstner advised this is a Nationwide initiative - already 100 councils signed up to the pledge. Proposed Cllr Gerstner, seconded Cllr Miscandlon – all in favour. The clerk to go onto will find all the details and sign up to the charter.
4. Heritage Centre – Cllr Mason proposed the following statement be sent to the CPCA regarding the Heritage Centre.

“In light of the current spike in construction costs and the difficulties facing a number of public sector capital programme tender exercises because of current capacity issues in the building industry, WTC resolves to request an extension to the CPCA grant condition in relation to the start date for construction of the Whittlesey Heritage Centre to 31st March 2025. The additional time will also allow WTC to explore how the Whittlesey Heritage Centre project may be able to be structured more cost-effectively (including reduced energy usage and improved energy efficiency) to deliver its community, educational, environmental, cultural and heritage objectives in a more sustainable manner, both in the construction of the Centre and in its subsequent operation”.

This was seconded by Cllr Miscandlon with a unanimous vote in favour, the Clerk to write to the CPCA officer requesting approval of this proposal.

5. Solar Panels update – Cllr Dorling advised that some concern had been expressed regarding the under performance of the 30 solar panels. Cllr Dorling carried out a comparison with his own panels on the 30th of June, this showed his 12 panels were generating .17, but WTC 30 panels were only generating 1.8. However, on further checking by Cllr Dorling and the Clerk it appears the 30 panels are working correctly based on the total generation. There are two inverters one is connected to the batteries and shows figures, the other is working but with no display as the company who put them in have never given the software for the tablet. Since the EV points are switched off, we are still generating the energy but only a small amount is being used, Cllr Dorling suggested going back to the manufacturer of the panels and find out how these should be working as the installation company will not communicate with WTC despite repeated attempts by the Clerk.

F93/22. To receive Councillor & Outside Body reports.

Cllr Miscandlon – meeting with Rural Cambs CAB who passed on their gratitude to WTC for everything they do for us.

Cllr Wicks – Glassmore Bank assessment of bids attended on Monday 18th July 2022; funding meeting will now be held once a year.

Cllr Mason – WEFA – moving food bank from the Christian Church to the back of the library, FDC officer has advised he will resolve this by the end of the week.

F94/22. Finance & Policy

There were no minutes to report as the meeting on 18th July 2022 was cancelled.



F95/22 To report the financial documents.

- To report the bank reconciliation to 31st May 2022 & 30th June 2022 – Members received the report
- To report the list of payments & uncashed payments. Vouchers 27 – 57 £27367.70, vouchers 58 – 89 £16418.42 proposed Cllr Miscandlon, seconded Cllr Mrs Laws, unanimous vote in favour.
- To report the year-to-date figures (2022) – Members received the YTD figures.

F96/22. To report the draft minutes from the Planning meeting Wednesday 6th July

The draft minutes were reported.

F97/22. To report the draft minutes from the Community Projects meeting on Wednesday 6th July 2022.

The draft minutes were reported – Cllr Mrs Windle Vice Chairman – advised members that the location for the music events in 2023 may be changed. It was suggested that the WTC first music event be run at the Big Bash, Cllr Mrs Laws suggested the music event be in the evening of the Big Bash. The Community Projects Committee will discuss this item in more depth at the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Laws also advised that if WTC wished to hold a music event on North Green, permission would need to be sought from the Whittlesey Charity who own the land. Cllr Mrs Laws also expressed concern about the Feldale location due to the restricted parking. Members were advised that Wetherspoons support the events and do have use plastic glasses, perhaps they can be contacted with a view to offer some sponsorship for the events on the Market Place. Cllr Mason advised members this item would be deferred to the next Full Council Meeting.

F98/22. Consultations

FDC local plan will be available on both WTC and FDC website.

F99/22 Information Only.

1. CCC Local Heritage list – The link will be put on the WTC website.
2. CAB Pension Wise – Cllr Mason advised that they had asked for a room to carry out face to face meetings with residents, which will commence on the 2nd of August 2022, all members were happy for this service.
3. War Memorials Trust Bulletin

F100/22 Invitations.

1. Mayors Civic Service – 30th October 2022 – St Mary's Church Whittlesey, Childers after.

F101/22. Date of next meeting – Thursday 18th August 2022

Meeting closed: 8.54



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Cllr Dave Mason
Mayor of Whittlesey