

# WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY.**

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

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

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

## **F151/22 To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.**

Cllrs Boden, Davies, Gerstner, Munns, Whitwell all personal reasons, no apologies were received from Cllr Mockett.

## **F152/22. 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.

## **F153/22 - Street Scene Officer Report & CCTV report.**

Members received the Street Scene Officer.

Cllr Mrs Laws suggested WTC think seriously about the renewal of the CCTV Service Level Agreement.

## **F154/22 Police Report**

Cllr Mrs Mayor highlighted that Sgt Punton advised they would address the boat issue on Church Street, however the PCSO is being pulled to cover all four of the main Fenland towns.

## **F155/22. To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

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

## **F156/22 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.

There were four members of the public present.

Mr Windle expressed concern regarding the way the Growing Fenland fund has been managed and allocated, the process has not been transparent and this is public money they are dealing with, there does not appear to be any minutes or any information that is available to members of the public, he has emailed the three members of the group, but not received any responses tried to find out what is going on and has written but no responses received. Mr Windle believed the two young people from SHS had moved on and not been replaced on the committee There was a further meeting where the

Mayor stood in and deputised for the town's representative on the committee and was against the proposal for the strategic report, but had no seconder therefore the other three members of the group made the final decision in favour of spending 200k on a strategic report for the installation of a bypass. Cllr Boden was due to attend a meeting at the CPCA to discuss the spare funding but was unable to attend and his deputy Cllr Jan French attended in his absence and presented a letter from the Growing Fenland Group supporting the proposal. The letter was not read out in full but was published later, Cllr French advised it was too long to be read out. The CPCA Mayor was not present at this meeting, it was chaired by the Deputy Mayor who advised items would be voted en bloc this being one of them. There was a member at this meeting who advised he was not happy about things being voted en bloc and this is a matter of public record. In Mr Windles opinion the process has not been transparent at all and the funding will be spent on a strategic outline business case for a bypass. In a previous business case, it was advised that the upgrade to the A47 may negate the need for a bypass.

Over 200k will be used on this report, he feels it could be better used for the town of Whittlesey, he questioned by some of the other funding is being used to fix the paving on the Buttercross. This should be CCC or FDC.

#### 7.57 Standing orders suspended

Cllr Wicks advised of the proposed congestion charge in Cambridge, which includes Addenbrookes and Papworth, if the congestion zone is approved it will have a severe impact on anyone attending either of these hospitals in the future or the new children's hospital in East Anglia. He proposed WTC write in opposition to this proposal as this is a hidden tax, seconded Cllr Mrs Mayor, 6 in favour, 1 against. Cllr Miscandlon advised that FDC will also be writing a letter in objection to this proposal.

#### 8.14 Standing orders resumed.

### **F157/22 Agenda items for Discussion.**

1. EV points update – The Clerk advised one quote has been received. She has contacted a further 14 companies and only received one further response from a company who will carry out a site survey. Members agreed the Clerk should not waste time contacting any further companies.
2. Bus Services Route 31 & 33 – Defer to the January 2023 meeting, Cllr Boden will update
3. King's Coronation update – Cllr Mrs Windle advised an advert has been placed in the local magazines to encourage people to come forward to form a Coronation working group, the Community Projects Committee is going to approach other local groups to see if they wish to assist and be part of the organising group.
4. LHI – 2023/24 – deadline is 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Cllr Mrs Mayor to support solar lighting on the Millennium Bridge. Any submissions to be agreed w/c 19/12/22, this will allow a meeting with the Clerk before the deadline to complete the submissions.
5. Whittlesey Post Office – Concern was expressed about only one teller being open and queues virtually out the door. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised the Post Offices in Eye and Thorney have been closed, therefor Whittlesey now has more footfall. Members asked if a letter could be sent asking for clarification of the future of our Post Office. Cllr Mason will compose letter.
6. Mission Statement – Cllr Dorling proposed the starting point for our statement be 'Whittlesey Town Council supports initiatives that make our town and villages better places to live, work and raise families.' He advised most organisations have a statement or similar, this was approved at F & P. Everything we do should be aiming towards one or all of these items from the mission statement which will evolve over time. Proposed Cllr Dorling, seconded by Cllr Miscandlon with a unanimous vote in favour.

7. Budget – Cllr Miscandlon advised the budget needs input from members; in the absence of Cllr Boden the only proposed change would be the additional 9k for the Kings Coronation.

**F158/22. To receive Councillor & outside body reports.**

Cllr Miscandlon attended the AGM for the Rural CAB, and received a glowing report from them about how we WTC work with them and how Chatteris are going to follow our way of working.

**Cllr Mason advised he had attended the following events.**

**Peterborough Asylum for Refugees Community Association (PARCA)**

An evening to celebrate 20 years of the Association at Peterborough Regional College showcasing the diverse communities by way of dance in national costume. Also, an opportunity to meet representatives of different cultures.

**Annual General Meeting of Phoenix Youth Provision.**

Held at Ivy leaf Club, Whittlesey where I had the opportunity of addressing the meeting and chatting with the committee and dedicated volunteers who are doing a great job in establishing facilities for young people in the town and villages.

**Open Day at Salvation Army Citadel in Church Street, Whittlesey**

I was delighted to be given the opportunity of welcoming Lorraine Chaundry as she begins the process of returning the Salvation Army to Whittlesey after a prolonged period of absence. An ideal opportunity of meeting and chatting with other community leaders.

**Fenland District Council Chairman's Carol Evening at St Peter and Paul Parish Church, Chatteris**

An evening with Cambridgeshire dignitaries and I was honoured to be asked to read one of the lessons.

**Christmas Bazaar at St Thomas Church, Pondersbridge.**

An afternoon with local church leaders and congregation

**Winter Reception Evening at United States Air Force at Alconbury**

Meeting socially with Air Force Officers and other Mayors and Chairman from adjoining towns and districts.

**St John's Ambulance, Whittlesey Open Evening.**

A recruitment evening for parents to bring their children along to learn more of the work of St John's Ambulance and to interest the youngsters in joining the Ambulance Service as Badgers.

**Whittlesey Extravaganza**

Opening the event and assisting as a committee member.

**Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church, Whittlesey**

Visiting the many entries of Christmas trees from the local community culminating in the annual Carol Service.

**Friends of St Andrews Church, Whittlesey Coffee Morning.**

**F159/22. To report the draft minutes from the Finance & Policy Meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December and receive the minutes from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

**Ratified:** The draft minutes from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were reported and the minutes from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.

**F160/22 To report the financial documents.**

Cllr Miscandlon thanked the Clerk for the clear, concise and accurate presentation of the figure.

- To report the bank reconciliation to 30th November 2022.
- To report the list of payments & uncashed payments. Vouchers 206 – 225 to the value of £15197.82, proposed Cllr Miscandlon, seconded Cllr Dorling with a unanimous in favour.
- To report the year-to-date figures (2022) – The year-to-date figures were reported.

**F161/22. To report the draft minutes from the Planning meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and receive the minutes from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Ratified:** The draft minutes from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December were reported, and the minutes from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.

**F162/22. To report the draft minutes from the Community Projects meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December and receive the minutes from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

**Ratified:** The draft minutes from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December were reported, and the minutes from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 were approved with the following amendments

Cllr Whitwell and Mrs Mayor carried out a site visit and the Clerk is working on this. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised members that the treasurer of the WAGS is unwell, and their funds are now with WTC. one of the allotment holders has come forward and is taking over the What's App group administration.

Cllr Dorling wished to express his sincere thanks to Street Pride for the planting of the 105 trees, Mr J Dale, the representative from PECT and the tree supplier.

Cllr Dorling referred members to the CP minutes from November and advised that item 4, does not mean that that 'individuals could plant their own trees' this could be misconstrued, and people think they can just turn up with a tree from their garden and plant it. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Windle to amend the November minutes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mayor with a unanimous vote in favour. It

Cllr Mason on behalf WTC council thanked Cllr Dorling and Gerstner for this project.

**F163/22. Consultations**

There were no consultations.

**F164/22 Information only**

There was no information.

**F165/22 Invitations.**

There were no invitations

**F166/22. Date of next meeting – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Meeting closed 21:05**



Cllr Dave Mason  
Mayor of Whittlesey

## Whittlesey Town Council PAYMENTS LIST

| Voucher Code                | Date       | Minute | Bank                  | Cheque No | Description             | Supplier                     | VAT Type | Net              | VAT           | Total            |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 206 Office Gas              | 30/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco |           | Office Gas              | opus                         | L        | -667.95          | -33.40        | -701.35          |
| 207 Phone & Internet        | 30/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco |           | Telephone & Internet    | EVAD                         | S        | -95.37           | -19.07        | -114.44          |
| 208 Bank Charges & Interest | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco |           | Bank Charges / Interest | Barclays                     | E        | 10.45            |               | 10.45            |
| 209 Website                 | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Website SLA             | SG Computing                 | E        | 140.00           |               | 140.00           |
| 210 Pensions                | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Pension                 | LGSS Pension                 | E        | 658.61           |               | 658.61           |
| 211 Travel Expenses         | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Travel Expenses         | Sue Piergianni               | E        | 29.54            |               | 29.54            |
| 212 IT                      | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Email Host              | vision ict                   | S        | 234.00           | 46.80         | 280.80           |
| 213 Office Consumables      | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | consumables             | Peterborough Office Supplies | S        | 35.85            | 7.17          | 43.02            |
| 214 Civic Expenses          | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Catering                | Housdens Caterers            | E        | 650.00           |               | 650.00           |
| 215 Office Electricity      | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Office Electric         | opus                         | L        | 323.59           | 16.18         | 339.77           |
| 216 Capital Repayment 1     | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | PWLB Loan               | PWLB                         | E        | 6,000.00         |               | 6,000.00         |
| 216 Interest Repayment 1    | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | PWLB Loan               | PWLB                         | E        | 1,926.00         |               | 1,926.00         |
| 217 Photocopier             | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Photocopier Lease       | CF Corporate                 | S        | 837.50           | 167.50        | 1,005.00         |
| 218 Office Gas              | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Office Gas              | Total gas                    | L        | 224.96           | 11.25         | 236.21           |
| 219 IT                      | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Laptop Transfer         | The Computer Man             | E        | 50.00            |               | 50.00            |
| 220 Office Cleaning         | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Cleaner                 | Clare Lyndh                  | E        | 215.00           |               | 215.00           |
| 221 Rural CAB               | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Citizens Advice         | Rural CAB                    | E        | 1,700.00         |               | 1,700.00         |
| 222 Remembrance             | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Remembrance supplies    | Averil Cosstick              | E        | 69.65            |               | 69.65            |
| 223 Office Maintenance      | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Window Cleaning         | H20 Pure - Mark Nicholas     | E        | 10.00            |               | 10.00            |
| 224 Staff Salaries          | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Salaries                | Mrs S Piergianni             | E        | 2,571.31         |               | 2,571.31         |
| 225 Phone & Internet        | 25/11/2022 |        | Barclays Current Acco | Online    | Phone & Internet        | EVAD                         | S        | 65.21            | 13.04         | 78.25            |
| <b>Total</b>                |            |        |                       |           |                         |                              |          | <b>14,988.35</b> | <b>209.47</b> | <b>15,197.82</b> |