

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st March 2024 at 6.30pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY.

Present: Cllr Mayor, Gerstner, Nawaz, Sennitt-Clough, Wainwright, Wicks, Arman, Boden, Dorling, Dickinson

Officer in Attendance: Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

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

F29/2024. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Laws, Turner, Mockett & Black. (persona)

F30/2024. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item.

There were no member declarations.

F31/2023. Street Scene Officer Report.

Members received the Street Scene Officer Report.

F32/2024. To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2024

Ratified: The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Dorling, seconded Cllr Nawas with a unanimous vote in favour.

F33/2024 Public Forum

9 Members of the public present.

Mr Bernard Gray Esson – Openreach, three areas adjacent to when they live with lifted covers, leaving an issue after tracing the cables, now weeds coming through, could this be reported.

Robert Windle – Big Bash Sunday 23rd June, the weeklong event starts on the 17th. Christmas Extravaganza – Meeting recently held many of the key personnel resigned, a new committee has been formed, Mr Windle is now the Chair. He would like to present at future FC meeting a short highlight video to show people what it is about. The flip booklet has been updated, current version has been sent to Cllrs, if there are any changes, please let Mr Windle know.

Mr Windle asked if minutes could be published before the meeting or within the resident's information given at Full Council.

Cllr Mayor suspended standing orders.

Cllr Boden suggested this item be discussed further.

F34/2024 Agenda items for Discussion.

1. New Queen Street / Lakeside – Cllr Gerstner – ensure the council make representation to NQS when they come to the Full Council meeting in April. Lakeside service in the region of 20,000 patients. The last CQC report was 2022, which identified a few items of concern. One of the questions would be 'What have they done to address the CQC short comings since 2022', for example some of these being 'Practice had ineffective system of ensuring all emergency medicines and equipment was safe to use', no staff appraisals, GP survey data well below the CCG and national averages, there were no processes in place for medical reviews, lack of



vaccination history, engagement with patients not satisfactory. They currently have eight doctors on their books between two surgeries. Not all are full time. There are times when there are no doctors available, and they close the Anima platform. When Cllr Gerstner received this, he contacted Steve Barclay. A letter has subsequently been received from the CEO at Lakeside giving details of how they are addressing some of the issues. Cllr Gerstner has published this letter on his website. Cllr Gerstner advised six thousand have signed up for the Anima Platform out of approximately 20,000 registered patients.

Cllr Gerstner suggested a list of question be compiled and sent to NQS prior to attendance at the April meeting. Cllr Boden asked that questions be submitted to the clerk for onward submission to NQS. Should WTC still not be happy with the responses at the meeting, contact should be made with the CQC.

Cllr Wainwright is a member of the PPG at NQS and advised following a presentation of Anima, it does in theory cover accessibility., however people have been known to have been sent away with a piece of paper and asked to get assistance from others to log onto the platform.

Cllr Nawaz – Certain items are within the remit of the surgery and some not. Cllr Nawaz was advised that Mr Paul Medd is the Fenland representative on the (ICB) Integrated Care Board Details of them), are they part of PCN primary care network, where they share resources. Perhaps copy in Health Watch to the questions as Peterborough covers Whittlesey as we have two practices under Lakeside. Could we ask if we could have a volunteer on Healthwatch Peterborough.

2. Outside Body updates – Cllr Dorling – asked if there was any feedback from councillors who sit on outside bodies, he has asked before and was advised there has not been any meetings. Cllr Sennitt-Clough stated WTC has had an interesting year with the byelection, illness and it has been challenging for all.
3. Asset of Community Value (ACV) – The Three Horseshoes – Cllr Nawaz advised this is for information and WTC will not have much of a role in this case, the process is the pub has been up for sale for 3 years, the owner is selling it to a developer who proposes to build five houses on the site. The Turves residents have requested from FDC to list this as an ACV, which means they would like to take it over and run it as a community asset, it could be a bar, café, shop, or a combination of all of these as well as a village meeting place. The decision is made by the FDC Communities Committee who will then invite both parties to present their case, (Seller and residents Association), the committee will make a decision and it will be passed to the FDC Planning Committee who potentially could give six months to the residents association to raise the necessary funds and convince FDC they are able to purchase and utilise said premises. Cllr Nawaz has been advised by FDC that if anyone wishes to make representation of any kind, they write to Whittlesey Town Council Clerk, who will forward any correspondence to FDC, or people can send their comments directly to FDC.
4. Bus Services - Cllr Wicks –A letter was given to the CPCA Mayor regarding the service for the more remote parts of the community. Bus service enhancements have increased council tax by £36.00 per property throughout Cambridgeshire, however the Whittlesey service has deteriorated. The difficulty for the CPCA is whilst Stagecoach continue to operate a service, there are legalities in tendering for another carrier, ideally, they would prefer to work with Stagecoach.
5. Cllr Boden agreed that the service has deteriorated more in Whittlesey and Peterborough in the last two years. He has written to express his disappointment that the request to explore how the half hourly service between Whittlesey and Peterborough could be restored or how the Sunday service could be restored. Preparatory works towards a new interim bus service across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire. At CPCA board meeting on 20th March, the first iteration of the suggests were presented of what the new service may be.

First suggestion - Increase the service time at least on weekdays and possibly Saturdays for the service between Whittlesey and Peterborough so that there are later evening services, he has no indication of how many or how late they will run.

Second proposal – Involves some changes, – The first and most significant change is that both 33 and 31 would be diverted to serve Amazon employment area, that diversion would take place in two ways, the first being when you get to Horsey Toll roundabout to continue on A605, he requested

a stop at Morrisons / Cardea, then to roundabout at Amazon and onto Peterborough, the second option is at Horsey Toll the bus will continue through Stanground and would then double back to Amazon then go back to Peterborough. He understands this would be for all the buses and not just the evening buses. Cllr Boden has asked to what extent would this lengthen the journey for passengers between Whittlesey and Peterborough.

Third suggestion – is far less amenable and was not published in the notes from the CPCA meeting, but he has details, this would be Route 33 the Avenues would no longer be served with a bus service. We have already lost the bus service along Drybread Road, the bus service on Victory Avenue is well used. Cllr Boden is unhappy that the Avenues may lose the bus service and he will make representation against this, he feels it has been done to make up time for the proposed newer journey via the Amazon roundabout.

Fourth Suggestion - Service 33 being extended from its current route, which is Peterborough via Whittlesey to March, they are discussing extending the service to Chatteris and Ely. The reason is to provide better links between the towns.

One of the suggestions that had been made was that what particular type of transport could be introduced into Fenland which already exists in the Eastern part of Huntingdonshire, that is 'Demand Responsive Transport' – this is basically a bus which individuals in specific locations, via internet could put in a request for collection from a specific point and this would be integrated with other responses in order to satisfy this request. Cllr Boden does not think the experiment in East Huntingdonshire has not worked particularly well in terms of value for money, the decision was made by the CPCA Mayor to extend this service to other parts of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and in Fenland it would be extended to the rural areas to the West and North of Wisbech, this has now been changed to the West and South of March. The map of this area does not include Turves he will be requesting this is included.

Cllr Wicks – requested a meeting outside of Full Council to discuss all these suggestions.

Cllr Boden advised this is not franchising, but is an enhanced partnership, the CPCA wishes to move towards franchising, this would tie them in for seven years. The economic justification of routes must be looked at carefully, a benchmark has been set for a subsidy to be cost effective it should not exceed £12.00 per journey per person. Cllr Boden objected to this, in rural areas, where a journey is longer, more difficult to meet this per journey subsidy figure. So they agreed they would add to the £12.00 per passenger journey a figure representing per passenger journey per mile which would help to stop the bias against rural areas, but they repeatedly go back on this and go back to the £12.00 per journey person, he is constantly picking them up on this and reminding them of the agreement that it should be per passenger per mile and not per passenger per journey. The benefit from the additional £36.00 per property is not a great improvement but franchising in terms of finance would be a lot worse. However, the decision to go to a franchising arrangement does not belong to CPCA board it belongs to just the Mayor.

F35/2024. To receive Councillor & outside body written reports.

There were no outside reports.

F36/2024. To report the draft minutes from the Finance & Policy Meeting on Monday 18th March 2024 and receive the minutes from Monday 19th February 2024

Ratified: The minutes from the meeting on Monday 19th February were approved and signed as a true record. The draft minutes from Monday 18th March were reported.

Cllr Boden advised members that there is some issue with the sewer drain that runs between the Council Chamber and the curtilage. Cllr Boden proposed the Clerk continue to investigate this with the contractor and it be agreed that works could be carried out to the value of £3k, this was seconded by Cllr Nawaz with a unanimous vote in favour.

F37/2024 To report the financial documents.

- To report the bank reconciliation to 29th February 2024 – The bank reconciliation was received

- To report the list of payments & uncashed payments. Vouchers 262 – 293 to the value of £14574.42 were approved.
- To report the year-to-date figures – The year-to-date figures were received.

F38/2024. To report the draft minutes from the Planning meeting on Monday 18th March 2024 and receive the minutes from Monday 6th March 2024

Ratified: The minutes from Monday 18th March were approved and signed as a true record. The draft minutes from Monday 6th March 2024 were reported.

Cllr Wainwright advised the attendance on planning is very poor and would suggest this is referred to F & P and the next Full Council.

F39/2024. Consultations

There were no consultations.

F40/2024 Information only

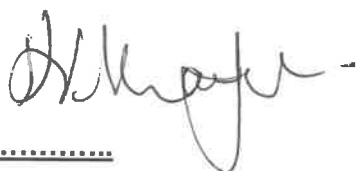
Members were advised that on the 19th of April at 10.45 there will be a dedication service at the Eastrea War Memorial for the crew of the Avro Lancaster who perished on this day 80 years ago.

F41/2024 Invitations.

- Mayors Duck Race – 1st April 2024 at 2.pm
- Musical afternoon at Coates Holy Trinity Church 4th May 3.30pm

F42/2024. Date of next meeting: Thursday 18th April 2024

Meeting Closed: 20:01



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Kay Mayor
Mayor of Whittlesey

Whittlesey Town Council
PAYMENTS LIST

| Vouche Code | Date | Minute | Bank | Cheque No | Description | Supplier | VAT Type | Net | VAT | Total |
|-------------|------------|--------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 262 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | Online | Office Consumables | Peterborough Office Suppli | S | 26.33 | 3.99 | 30.32 |
| 263 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | Online | MVAS Maintenance | Fenland Electrical Services | S | 520.00 | 104.00 | 624.00 |
| 264 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Telephone & Internet | EVAD | S | 84.53 | 16.91 | 101.44 |
| 265 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | IT support | The Computer Man | E | 248.99 | | 248.99 |
| 266 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Allot 30 key refund | Allot 788 wells key refund | E | 30.00 | | 30.00 |
| 267 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Website SLA | SG Computing Ltd | E | 280.00 | | 280.00 |
| 268 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Subscriptions | Rural Services Partnership | S | | 7.20 | 7.20 |
| 269 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Residential Rent / Costs | The Lock Shop | S | 394.97 | 78.99 | 473.96 |
| 269 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Allotments | The Lock Shop | S | 477.00 | 95.40 | 572.40 |
| 270 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Office Maintenance | Superior Plumbing Services | S | 175.00 | 35.00 | 210.00 |
| 271 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Office Maintenance | Flag ropes | S | 13.19 | 2.64 | 15.83 |
| 272 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Remembrance | Hampshire Flag Company I | S | 60.00 | | 60.00 |
| 273 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Stationery | Royal British Legion | E | | | |
| 273 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Office Consumables | Peterborough Office Suppli | S | 10.58 | 2.12 | 12.70 |
| 273 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Office Cleaning | Peterborough Office Suppli | S | 14.99 | 3.00 | 17.99 |
| 274 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Jubilee Wood | Peterborough Office Suppli | S | 68.39 | 13.68 | 82.07 |
| 275 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Subscriptions | Aveland Trees Limited | S | 700.00 | 140.00 | 840.00 |
| 276 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Office Cleaning | Fenland District Council | E | 20.00 | | 20.00 |
| 277 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Office Maintenance | H2O Pure - Mark Nicholas | E | 30.00 | | 30.00 |
| 278 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Mayors Allowance | Fenland Electrical | S | 850.00 | 170.00 | 1,020.00 |
| 279 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Office Cleaning | Kay Mayor | E | 450.00 | | 450.00 |
| 280 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Jubilee Wood | TLC R US LTD | S | 14.17 | 2.83 | 17.00 |
| 281 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Subscriptions | Far Away Art | S | 85.00 | 17.00 | 102.00 |
| 282 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Staff Salaries | ALCC | E | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| 283 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | PAYE & NI | Sue Piergianni | E | 2,290.09 | | 2,290.09 |
| 284 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | PAYE & NI | HMRC | E | 943.67 | | 943.67 |
| 285 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Pensions | duplicate record | E | | | |
| 286 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Civic Expenses | Cambd Pension Scheme | E | 840.05 | | 840.05 |
| 287 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Office Cleaning | Creation Booth | E | 90.00 | | 90.00 |
| 288 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Subscriptions | Clare Lyndh | E | 287.50 | | 287.50 |
| 289 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Office Gas | Information commissioners | E | 35.00 | | 35.00 |
| 290 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Bank Charges & Interest | British Gas Lite | S | 861.56 | 172.31 | 1,033.87 |
| 291 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | online | Capital Repayment 2 | British Gas Lite | E | 8.50 | | 8.50 |
| | | | Barclays Current Acc | online | | Public Works Loan Board | E | 2,125.00 | | 2,125.00 |

Whittlesey Town Council

15 March 2024 (1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024)

PAYMENTS LIST

| Vouche Code | Date | Minute | Bank | Cheque No | Description | Supplier | VAT Type | Net | VAT | Total |
|--------------------------|------------|--------|----------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 291 Interest Repayment 2 | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | | Public works loan | Public Works Loan Board | E | 554.20 | | 554.20 |
| 292 Photocopier | 29/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | | Copier Lease | CF Coporate | S | 662.50 | 132.50 | 795.00 |
| 293 Office Electricity | 20/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | | Office Electric | British Gas Lite | L | 262.51 | 13.13 | 275.64 |
| Total | | | | | | | | 13,563.72 | 1,010.70 | 14,574.42 |

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15 March 2024 (1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024)

RECEIPTS LIST

| Vouche Code | Date | Minute | Bank | Receipt No | Description | Supplier | VAT Type | Net | VAT | Total |
|--------------------|------------|--------|----------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|
| 78 Jubilee Wood | 12/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | | Platinum Trees | Hobbs Tree donation | E | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| 79 Commercial Rent | 12/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | | Commercial Rent | Fenland Electrical Services | E | 220.00 | | 220.00 |
| 80 Commercial Rent | 12/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | | Commercial Rent | ISA-Cam Rent | E | 330.00 | | 330.00 |
| 81 Jubilee Wood | 12/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | | Pect Grant | PECT | E | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| 82 Office Cleaning | 12/02/2024 | | Barclays Current Acc | | Recycling refund | Fenland District Council | E | 29.38 | | 29.38 |
| Total | | | | | | | | 1,629.38 | | 1,629.38 |