

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 30th March 2026 at 7:30pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY.

Present: Cllr. Alex Miscandlon (Chair) (AM), Cllr. Dee Laws (DL), Cllr. Haq Nawaz (HN), Cllr Barry Wainwright (BNW)

Officer in attendance: No Officer in attendance. Minutes taken by BNW.

Recording: A recording is made as an aide memoir for the minutes.

P139/2026. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the absence.

- Councillor Arman- Work
- Councillor Dickinson- No reason given
- Councillor Bibb- Health

P140/2026. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda items discussed later in the agenda.

- Councillor Laws- Portfolio holder for planning at FDC.
- BNW: For F/YR26/0179/FDC, has made representation at the public consultation and has made additional representations with regard to the disposition of the memorial Gates. No other interest, will remain of open mind prior to decision making.
- AM: For F/YR26/0179/FDC, was portfolio holder for Leisure at FDC at the start of the redevelopment project. No longer involved directly.

P141/2026. To confirm and sign the minutes from the Planning Committee held on Monday 2nd March 2026.

- Councillor Miscandlon signed the minutes as a true record.

P142/2026. 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.

10 members of public present.

Gary Munns: For F/YR26/0179/FDC, has raised a concern on Social Media that site layout suggests maintenance roadway encroaches onto football pitch. Request that this be looked at.

Robert Windle: For F/YR26/0179/FDC, Lights for Padel Court should be versatile enough to face the field for maximum use of grass area. Was promised by Phil Hughes that wiring would be included, but not lights initially

P143/2026. To consider planning applications received from FDC and CCC.

F/YR26/0179/FDC- Erect a building in association with existing leisure centre, construction of a padel court and formation of a skate park and car park extension, involving partial demolition of existing buildings at Manor Leisure Centre Station Road Whittlesey Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE7 1UE

HN: Changing facilities to be mixed. Has been some concern amongst public. Online (Facebook survey) held on options: Separate 277 (87%), Mixed 21 (6%) Either 17 (5%). Public concern needs to be taken into account.

BNW: Recalls the Facebook survey – the question was rather leading. There is some public misunderstanding on what 'Multi-sex changing' actually means. There will be an entrance area open to all, with secure, lockable, private cubicles for individuals, couples, families and groups. People will enter these cubicles to change in private before exiting to the pool area. There will be no need for anybody to be in a state of undress in the presence of other people. This type of changing facility has been in use for more than 35 years, and allows for best use of the space available.

AM: visited many units around east Anglia operating this system. No problems at any. One case in Essex that needed investigation, but no conclusion. Support this facility. Much confusion on the arrangements.

DL: What is in Wisbech & March centres? AM: as this proposal. No issues have been reported.

DL: This went to public consultation. Important to listen to members of public. Very valid points raised. Other (statutory consultees) about 22 consultees. All will feed into the decision, not down to us alone.

HN: the 22 statutory consultees – wonder how they relate to the people of Whittlesey? Consultation, page 190 – doesn't refer to wishes of residents.

BNW: There are several other unresolved issues: The Transport plan is incomplete (Para 5.7); The plans indicate several mature trees to be removed without replacement; LLFA have objections – no infiltration figures for entrance roadway; Police have concerns that there is no crime prevention or a security section within the Design and Access Statement – this last a surprising omission.

DL: our response should state the concerns raised in the public forum, including lighting & football pitch, transparency on public conservation.

BNW: concerned at suggestion to recommend refusal, which could send the wrong message to FDC – can defer a decision until issues resolved.

Proposal to Defer any decision until the outstanding issues are resolved. In Favour: 3, Against: 0, Abstentions: 1 (DL)

F/YR26/0089/O- Erect up to (795 sq m) of (B2 use) floorspace involving the demolition of existing warehouses (outline application with all matters reserved) at 134 Station Road Whittlesey Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE7 2EY

Considered at 2nd March Meeting. We then recommended approval subject to waste water plan. New plan does not address the LLFA concerns. Agreed to withhold full approval until acceptable plan is in place.

F/YR26/0196/PIP- Permission in principle for 2 x dwellings at Land East Of 190 Wype Road Eastrea Cambridgeshire

[DL leaves room having declared a non-pecuniary interest]

BNW: Ribbon development. Extending village boundaries. Encroachment into green space. Loss of arable land.

HN: lot of developments along that road, but enough is enough.

Recommend refusal.

[DL rejoins the meeting]

F/YR26/0188/F- Installation of a heat pump to side of existing dwelling at 36B West End Whittlesey Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE7 1LS

No issues. Recommend approval.

F/YR26/0187/F- Erect a single-storey rear extension, alterations to window arrangement, and replacement of dormer cladding at 4 Delph Street Whittlesey Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE7 1QQ

In Conservation Area. Changes mainly to rear of building. Conservation Officer has no objections
Recommend approval.

Pre-consultation letter and drawings for the following site: WIG C-P3691-2 WHITTLESEY DELPH, WEST DELPH, WHITTLESEY, PETERBOROUGH, PE7 1RG

Current site is quite discrete and shaded. Proposal to replace 12m simple pole with 20m much more complex arrangement. It will be very visible!

DL: 22 people contacted will strongly object.

Respond to consultation that WTC object on the grounds of intrusive nature of this installation.

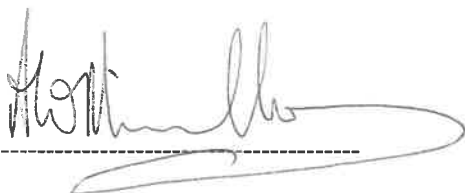
P144/2026. Additional Information.

= No additional information.

P145/2026. Date of next meeting – Monday 13th April 2026 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8:22pm.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Miscandlon', written over a horizontal dashed line. The signature is cursive and extends to the right of the line.

CLlr Alex Miscandlon (Chair)