

WTC Meeting – Thursday 30th March 2020 #1

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This Meeting was held by Video Conferencing Platform 'ZOOM'

I will only report the more important aspects of the meeting.

A one minute silence was observed in respect of fellow Councillor Alan Bristow

Council observations:- The agenda for this evenings meeting was published on this Web-Blog on the 24th April

Members of the public present :- = 0

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Absentee's :- Cllr Lang-Whiston



Police Matters: Members of the Council received the monthly update from The Neighbourhood Police Team.

Public Forum: No members of the public were present at this virtual meeting.

County Councillors Update: Cllr Boden – Updated the situation on the Kings Dyke Bridge Crossing He said “That the Company known as ‘Tender A’ who have won the contract will be made public in the next 2/3 days. It is envisaged that the Start date could be December 2020 with a completion of December 2022 – However these days are subject to CORVID-19 being lifted.

(RG Note I understand there is someone on social media who knows who the winning company is - well either the information has been leaked illegally or the private individual is making it up!)

Property Working Group: Cllr Mason The ‘Old Council Offices’ on Grosvenor Road will be handed back to the owners/landlords on the 31st May – All legal responsibility will cease after that time.

Bus Services: Cllr Mason Stated the dialogue was ongoing however the No.33 is run at a profit, but the No.31 runs at a loss and is subsidized – discussion took place on expanding or looking at alternative routes.

Inter-Active Road Signage: Cllr's Boden Stated that he had applied to Cambs CC for funding of some £40,000 towards the total costs of £49,000+ for (2) Inter-Activate Signs to be placed on the A605 near The Kelly-Vision Round-about and (1) nearby The Delph Garage. Discussion around the short fall in funding took place. Cllr Boden was confident that this first phase of the process looked good. **Cllr Mrs Laws** who has been campaigning for some 8 years (Along with myself I might add) had some idea's on funding, it has taken a long time to get this far and was agreed that Whittlesey residents/commuters have waited far too long for reliable up-to-date information on the closures of the B1040 (The North Bank is the responsibility of Peterborough CC).

However towards the end of the meeting Cllr Boden informed that the initial bid had failed – he did not know the reasons)

(RG Note) This puts us more or less back to square one – 8 years and waiting, sounds familiar!!!!

Grants: Agreed as per Agenda.

Notes: This was the 2nd 'Virtual Meeting' this week, although not quiet the same as 'Real Meetings' and although the Public can register to 'attend' no one did.

The video and audio can be a bit 'choppy' and is dependent on Internet speed.

All future meetings in the for seeable future will be held on the above 'ZOOM' Platform.

Members of the Public as able to 'Attend these meeting' – You need to register with the Town Clerk beforehand. You are also able to table questions in advance again through the Town Clerk.



I am Roy Gerstner.

The Independent Councillor for **St Mary's Ward South - Whittlesey Town Council.**

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