

# WTC Meeting(s) – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June #1

**Disclaimer:** These observations are not the 'official' minutes of the meeting, these are supplied by Whittlesey Town Council, normally (1) month following this meeting and can be viewed on their website. Decisions and Voting at this meeting may be ratified and confirmed at the following months meeting.

I am the only Councillor who makes a regular reports of meetings and have done so as a Councillor and member of the public for over 9 years.

**This Meeting was held by Video Conferencing Platform 'ZOOM'**

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

The annual 'Parish Council' meeting commenced @ 19:00

The only speaker was Mr Robert Windle, who updated those present on the progress of 'The Whittlesey Sports Association' and their modest plans for the future taking into account the current restrictions in place. Several Councillors thanked Mr Windle for all the time and effort he has put into promoting the group.

The meeting concluded at 19:15

(There is no requirement for Councillors to be present at this meeting)



The 'Annual' Meeting of the Council commenced @ 19:30

Members of the public present :- 2

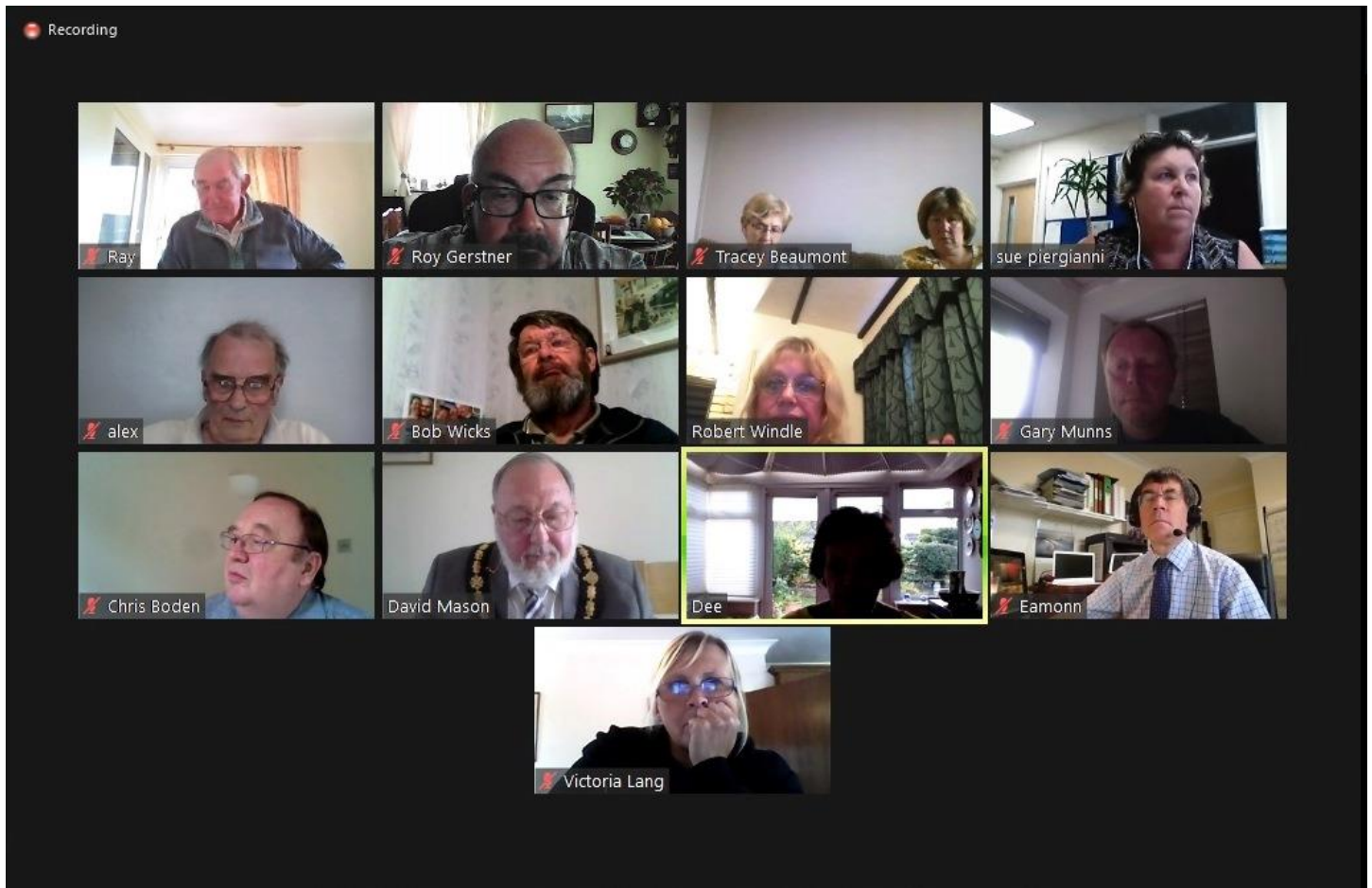
Members of the Council present :- 11

**(Correction- Cllr Lang-Whiston was present but lost video connection)**

Absentee's :- Cllr's Mrs Mayor (personal) & Davis (work)

The new 'Mayor' and leader of Whittlesey Town Council is Cllr David Mason.

The new 'Deputy Mayor' is Cllr Mrs Dee Laws and acting consort Cllr Mrs Kay Mayor.



At this annual meeting, Councillors are nominated to the (3) main committee's at WTC. Finance & Policy, Planning and Community Project.

Councillors are nominated for the various Working Parties, Neighbourhood Plan, Property, HR and Website.

Councillors are nominated for Outside Bodies – (see agenda long list)

**Public Forum:** No issues were raised by members of the public.

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

**County Councillors Update: Cllr Boden** – Updated the situation on the Kings Dyke Bridge Crossing Subject to CORVID-19 assessments – The contractor 'Jones Bros' are now in the process of identifying and selecting 'Sub-Contractors' .

A discussion on 'liability' of risk in regards to any part(s) of the land which become an issue with regards to unstable land. Cllr Boden stated that there had been extensive surveys carried out. Any risk beyond already identified would be the responsibility of Cambs CC.

Funding for improved cycleways was being looked into, specifically between Eastrea & Coates.

**Cllr Gerstner** asked about the remit of FDC in regards to enforcement of COVID-19 regulations.

**Cllr Mrs Laws:** Raised the issues of an increase in Fly-Tipping within the area. (see Stats later) The concerns of 'permit' requirements for the use of taking rubbish to the Recycling Centre.

**Cllr Mason:** Put forward a motion to give Ex Mayors/Chairman's 'A Medallion' in recognition of service. (RG Note - This has come up in previous administrations at WTC and has returned.

**Cllr Dorling and myself** voted against this for various reasons including cost)

I am not against 'people/public receiving recognition for bravery or civilian life – but not as Councillors.

The motion was carried by a majority.

**Must Farm Heritage Site: Cllr Mason** ongoing preliminary applications for £135,000 towards a 'Heritage Centre' at Kings Dyke (Forterra will donate/gift the land). Now at stage (2) of the application.

**Market Town Funding – Growing Fenland:** Cllr Mrs Laws – There is now an uplift in funding of £13+ million from the Combined Authority for the 11 market towns within his area. The document for Whittlesey was completed sometime ago and now need to identify priorities.

**Finances of WTC: Cllr Boden** - The current finances of the Council appear to be in good shape, however this is still early stages of the financial year. There was a motion that the Finance & Policy Committee meet at a different time of the month in order to produce and report accounts closer to the full TC meetings.

**Whittlesey Town Council Offices will re-open to the public from: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**The next scheduled full Town Council meeting will be on Wednesday 08<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Future meetings in the foreseeable future will be held on the above 'ZOOM' Platform.

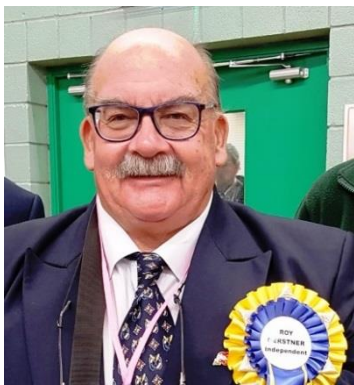
Members of the Public as able to 'Attend these meeting' – You need to register with the Town Clerk beforehand. You are also able to table questions in advance again through the Town Clerk.

Note: I will be on the WTC Planning Committee

I will be on the HR Group

I will be on the Rail Partnership

I will be on the Whittlesey Mud Walls Group (I am also Treasurer to this group)



**I am Roy Gerstner.**

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

Primarily I report on Council meetings & business to keep the electorate informed on both what I am actively involved with and in part other interests that I believe the electorate within Whittlesey & District may also wish to be informed.

My Web-Blog is community based and I report and comment on many subjects.

**I occasionally make a mistake and am more than happy to correct this if it pointed out to me.**

If you have any issues or concerns outside of the St Mary's Ward South, please contact your own local Councillor. If you contact me – I am more than happy to forward onto them.

If you have a generic issue or wish to make a comment I am more than happy to publish or promote any community events – (subject to meeting publishing criteria)

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