

WTC Meeting – Thursday 19th November #1

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I am the only Councillor in Whittlesey who makes regular reports on meetings, I have done this for more than 9 years both as a member of the public and as a Town Councillor.

This Meeting was held by Video Conferencing Platform 'Zoom'

I will report the more salient aspects of the meeting.

Members of the public present :- 1

Members of the Council present :- 11 – Apologies Cllr Mrs K. Mayor – No Internet.



Street Scene Officers Report, Environmental, CCTV - Will come as a separate post.

Presentation by Cambs Acre – Fens Biosphere.

A separate report will be made about this presentation.

Public Forum – Mr Bernard Gray-Esson – Gave an update on Street Pride and the New Queen Street Surgery, the complete lack of communication and engagement (NQS)

Police Matters – We have not had any update from the Neighbourhood Police Team.

I asked for the minutes of the October meeting.

County Councillors Update - Cllr Boden – Again this month good progress in being maintained at the Kings Dyke Bridge Project, the road information signage (out of date) will be replaced on a monthly basis.

There are plans (COVID allowing) for a public viewing platform to be installed.

Asked Cllr Boden for an update of FDC's Cabinet Meeting – re Cycling, Walking and Mobility access within Fenland – He confirmed to the rest of Councillors, it had been agreed to move this forward for access to Government funding.

Cllr Laws – The Growing Fenland – Funding agreement now progressing.

The Inter-Active Road Signs (3) is still ongoing, a company had now been identified to supply at a lower cost. 11 years and still waiting....

The planned 'Heritage Walk' is also ongoing, the costing for this is in the region of £218,000 and there will be 29 Information/Sign Boards along the route.

There is to be better signage/yellow lines and tightening of procedures in regards to FDC Car Parks, Cllr Laws stated there are **NO** plans to introduce Parking Charges within Fenland – this latest exercise will cost £100,000

Heritage Centre there is an application for £500,000 to fund the project – it is hoped there will be a decision by the end of November – there will be an initial shortfall in running costs to which a projection of £56,000 which FDC has agreed to fund 50% - WTC have agreed (at this meeting) to fund the other 50% over a 5 years period – it was hoped that there could be a reduction in these amounts.

(Below an indicative illustration of what the Whittlesey Heritage Centre may look like)



Cllr Mason – Safety railings, in front of Council Offices, it was decided to revisit the 3 quotes as the materials being used were all different and a proper comparison could not be made.

Cllr Miscandlon - Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) – the contractor for installing and maintaining now has the units and various brackets will go up in the near future.
Stonald Road/Ramsey Road & Church Street Whittlesey.

Cllr Dorling – Asked and questioned why there was a lack of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points within the whole of Fenland – (This has been discussed at FDC – and there ‘appeared’ to be little or no support at present) even though there are very generous grants to be had. There may be an EV point at WTC Offices ‘Peel House’ in the future, but there again appeared non planned for any at FDC controlled Car Parks.

Finances – At present finances on target – concerns of how COVID will affect the Council (Both FDC & WTC) precept next year.

General Items – There is to be an interim Vicar coming to Whittlesey Rev Phil Marsh.

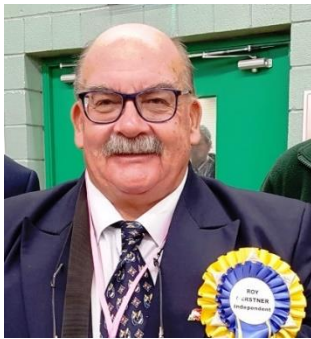
Cllr Gerstner – Update of the replacing of Picnic Benches at ‘The Manor Field’ – completed phase (2) of quotations, to be a Whittlesey Street Pride community project. Next phase is to complete the funding application criteria.

The Whittlesey Relief Road (Not a Bypass) There will be a separate posting following on this item. The funding of ‘commissioning an Inception Report’ was unanimous accepted.

The next scheduled full Town Council meeting will be on Thursday 17th December 2020

Future meetings in the for seeable future will be held on the above ‘ZOOM’ Platform.

Members of the Public are 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.**

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 more than happy to correct 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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