

# WTC Meeting – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January #1

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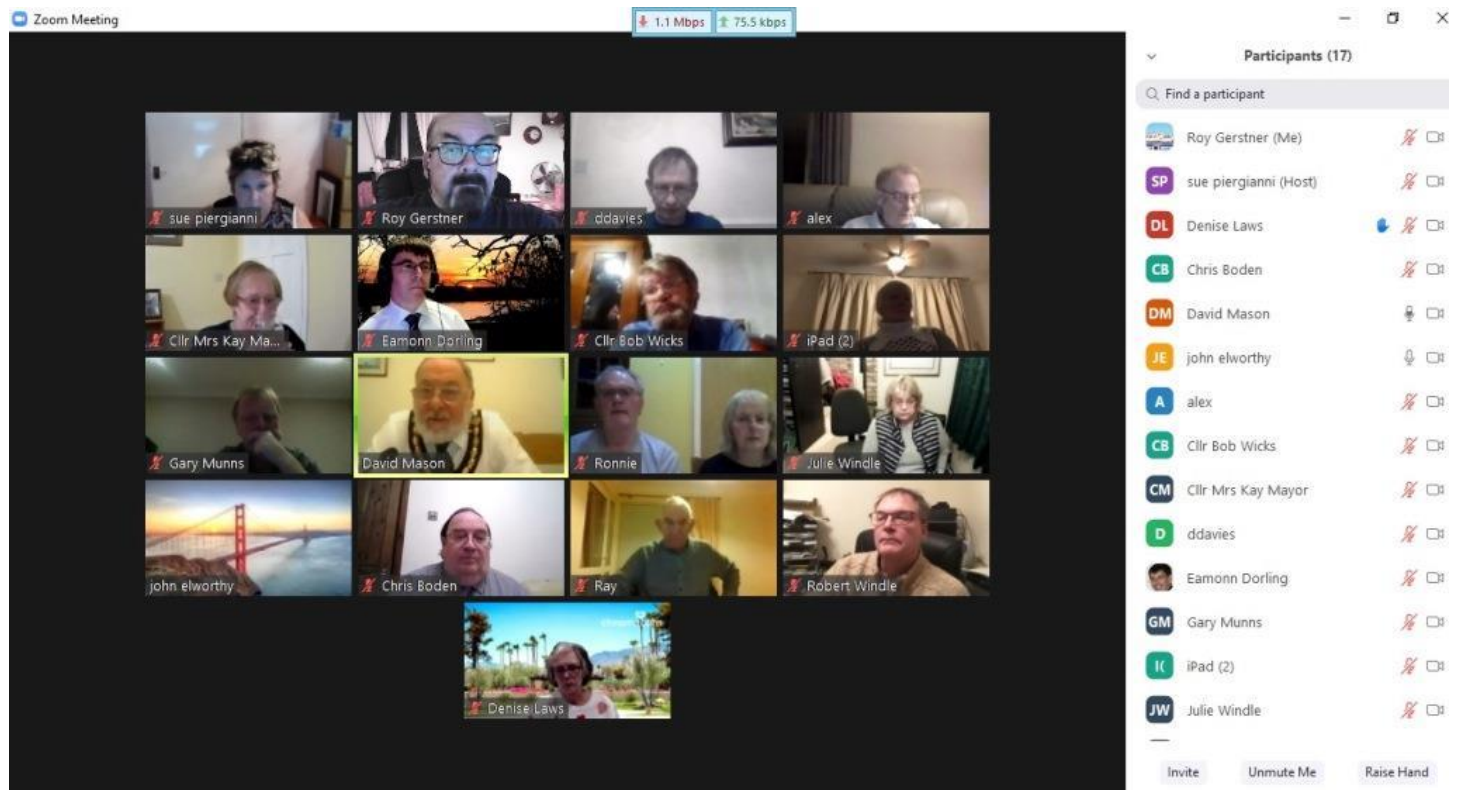


I am the only Councillor in Whittlesey who makes regular reports on meetings, I have done so for 9+ years both as a member of the public and as a Town Councillor.

This Meeting was held by Video Conferencing Platform 'Zoom'

I will report the more salient aspects of the meeting.

Members of the public present :- 4 including Mr John Ellworthy resident and Cambs Times.  
Members of the Council present :- 12 – All present



**Street Scene Officers Report, Environmental, CCTV – Will be posted as report #2 follows.**

**Public Forum – Mr Robert Windle –** This month updated members on Fenland Youth Radio and the upcoming 'Pride-In-Whittlesey' Awards. Requested grant for this project which was discussed later in the meeting.

Congratulations to Ms Slator and Ms Turner on receiving Pride-In-Fenland awards.

**Police Matters –** There was no Police report as the meeting was being held with Sgt Lugg this evening. Councillors have today (Friday) received the Neighbourhood Police Report.

**County Councillors Update - Cllr Boden** – Recent online/on this Web-blog and in the press, Kings Dike Bridge progress with excellent drone footage. The next phase will be the part in-fill of the Star Pit. (RG - Photo shown is an indicative plan only and final version may be different)



Sir Harry Smith CC – applications are being made to expand the school in both number of students and infrastructure, funding application through Dept of Education will be hopefully be forthcoming and plans to have completed by 2023.

**Cllr Miscandlon - Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS)** – New dedicated Laptop and software purchased, some initial teething issues in downloading data. 2 more signs to be purchased and members can request changes in locations.

**Cllr Boden - Saxon Pit** Updated members on the 'latest' developments. Some 122,858 Tons of 'illegal – nonconforming – now identified hazardous waste has been deposited at the Saxon Pit. Cllr Boden informed of the present plans to take matters upward to both Fenland District Council and to ask the Environment Agency (EA) for more detailed information.

**RG** – I have covered this serious issue on this Web-blog over the past 3 years. I will over this weekend publish some of the latest information received from the EA to MP Steve Barclay and from the CEO of the EA Sir James Bevan.

I presented a number of 'robust' questions, including questioning the statistical information. There is 'some' confusion on the 'future plans' of a Recycling Centre being designated as 'an incinerator' I asked for clarification, as in all my copied correspondence the terminology being used was 'to Recycle non-hazardous incinerator Bottom Ash'. Cllr Boden has correspondence which just states 'Incinerator' If his information is correct this places a completely different aspect to the future of the Saxon Pit.

**Cllr Dorling** – Raised concerns on the roll-out of Covid vaccinations and asked whether there was information on the numbers who had received locally. Unfortunately there was no information.

**Cllr Wicks** - Informed members of two breakdowns in the Sewage Pumping system affecting Coates and parts of Whittlesey.

**Finances** – Cllr Boden had previously sent out the latest finances, there is currently a surplus within the 2021/22 budget predictions, it is expected that there will be **No** increases in the precept/rates that Whittlesey Town Council collect, and will remain the same as last year.  
Grant application on behalf of Fenland Youth Radio – For materials @ Pride In Whittlesey Awards  
There was debate on it being in conflict with WTC’s Citizen of the Year Awards.  
Motion to grant was carried by a majority.

**General** – Some discussion took place in respect of the poor condition of the A605 especially west bound near the Kings Dyke Railway crossing, Cllr Boden stated that he would carry out an inspection of the road over the weekend and said that the poor condition was not because of the traffic (Jones Bros) construction of the Kings Dyke Bridge.

**The next scheduled full Town Council meeting will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Members of the Public are able to ‘Attend these meeting’ – Best 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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