

WTC Meeting – Thursday 22nd April 2021

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I am the only Councillor in Whittlesey who has made regular reports on meetings. I have done so for 10 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 :- 7

Members of the Council present :- 12 (All present)

The agenda for this meeting has been previously published.

Street Scene Officers Report, Environmental, CCTV –
Has already been published – Friday 07:00 on this web-blog.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting in progress. The main window displays a grid of 17 participants. The names visible in the grid are: sue piergianni, Roy Gerstner, Cllr Bob Wicks, Eamonn Dorling, Cllr Mrs Kay Ma..., alex, Steve Robertson, Ronnie & John..., David Mason, Julie Windle, Penny Bryant, CA..., Robert Windle, Ray, Chris Boden, Denise Laws, and Philip Peacock. The name 'John Broadhurst' is also visible at the bottom of the grid. On the right side, there is a 'Participants (17)' list with a search bar and icons for each participant, including 'Find a participant', 'Mute', 'Unmute', 'Close', 'Share Screen', and 'Raise Hand'. The list includes names like Roy Gerstner (Me), sue piergianni (Host), alex, Cllr Mrs Kay Mayor, Denise Laws, David Mason, Chris Boden, Cllr Bob Wicks, Eamonn Dorling, John Broadhurst, Julie Windle, Penny Bryant, CAPALC CEO, Philip Peacock, and Ray.

Police Matters – Councillors had last month's Neighbourhood Policing Report. Next meeting being held 30th April, Cllr David Mason is the representative and if anyone wishes him to take comments or issues to the meeting, please contact him.

Public Forum – Mr Steve Robinson made points of the poor condition of Commons Road and Pothole repairs being ‘poor’. He also questioned the forthcoming election material being distributed in the Stonald Ward area – this part was answered/addressed by Cllr Boden, which is not normal protocol.

Mr Robert Windle – Thanked the town Council for its support for the recent Pride of Whittlesey awards, details published both here and widely on social media.
RG Note – several of the ‘winners’ have been very pleased with their awards and certificates.

Presentation: By Mrs Penny Bryant CEO of CAPALC (Cambs & Peterboro’ Association of Local Councils) not many will have heard of this organisation – it is mainly for Town Councils and Clerks within Cambridgeshire. There was a strong debate of whether WTC should join the organisation given that they were offering a substantial discount for the first year, some Councillors thought it would be worth a try and at the end of the year to revisit and make another decision. A vote was taken, 5 for 4 against and one abstention.

County Councillors Update - Cllr Boden – Informed Council that the Junction at Milk and Water Drove/Horsey Toll will be closed to all traffic for up to 10 nights between 20:00 and 06:00 beginning 04th May.

Informed Council (Re Mr Robertson’s comments earlier) about the ‘Pothole’ issues, and that there is to be a major shake-up of management at Cambs Highways. The quality of workmanship leaves a lot to be desired. Several Councillors made comments on issues within their own wards.

Major issues at Kings Delph with the path now having to be repaired (paid for by CCC) after Virgin Media contractors left the area in a poor state (some years ago)

RG Note – It is so easy for residents to report issues themselves, just go to Cambs CC Website.
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

Heritage Centre - Cllr Mason – (Same as last month’s report) 4 architects’ will be invited to tender for the plans of the Whittlesey Heritage Centre. Council voted to progress the legal aspects of land being leased by Forterra for the at their site at Peterborough Road.

Cllr Dee Laws – Snowley Park Play Area – highly successful in fact has become a ‘victim of its success.... Too many children and too many vehicles clogging up the roads and blocking driveways. On one occasion 81 children and 19 adults in the area. This is causing local residents to complain. Cllr Laws asked the Council to approve the Double Yellow line be installed, in order that at some stage the area can be better policed. This request is not the normal way to ask for this type of project, however given the ‘Health & Safety’ aspects it was agreed to fund the project.

Cllr Roy Gerstner – Gave the Councillors and public a presentation/update on communications with various parties in respect of ‘Issues and Concerns’ at Saxon Brickwork Site.
There are (2) ongoing issues and concerns.

- (1) The illegal depositing of 122,000+ tons of ‘hazardous waste’
- (2) The impending planning application to Recycle 250,000 of ‘Bottom End Ash’ and 50,000 tons of Construction and Demolition materials.

The two concerns are by different applicants/operators.

(1) " I have been informed on the 21st - *The consultant acting on behalf of the operator have now withdrawn their application to encapsulate the ASR in lime or cement. This also includes withdrawing their proposals to accept contaminated soils on site. The next day 22nd I was informed - Following my email to you yesterday, I have since been informed that Materials Movement Ltd have in fact submitted a new bespoke installation permit application to our National Permitting Service (NPS) to accept and treat waste soils at Saxon Pit. I apologise I didn't know this information when I emailed you yesterday. The applicant has applied to run this operation inside the buildings and on the concreted areas on site under part of the TAG Industries Ltd permitted area. This application will be advertised on our website. As of PM 22nd April there was no application visible on the NPS Website.*

(2) (1) Reply to myself from CCC – Received today 20th April

I can confirm that the total number of Neighbour responses received to date in respect of this application stands at 142.

I can also confirm that I am still awaiting formal consultation responses from the EA, the Fenland EHO and Peterborough District Council.

Once these responses have been received a Reg 25 letter (EIA regulations) will be sent to the application requested additional and revised information and following the receipt of this information a further round of formal consultation with all parties will be carried out. It will therefore be some time before this application is presented to a Planning Committee for consideration.

Any party that has made representation will be informed of the relevant committee date and invited to make appropriate representation at that meeting.

*Kind regards
Rachel Jones*

2) Received from MP Steve Barclay Received today 20th April.

Steve had a constructive meeting with the Chief Executive of the Environment Agency, Sir James Bevan, to reinforce the community concerns regarding Saxon Pit and to request that sufficient resource and prioritisation is focused on this issue within his organisation.

Sir James was very clear that he recognises there is significant community concern and that his organisation is working to address this at pace.

He also agreed with Steve that transparency is important, particularly given the recent incident of water being discharged from Saxon Pit

into Kings Dyke, and in respect of the planning applications that have been submitted.

Steve will continue to liaise with local councilors to ensure relevant bodies are held to account in respect of this site.

*Kind regards
Charlotte Graham-Cameron*

(3) Extract from a reply to another application (different applicant and location) 15th April.

The applicant submitted a revised junction capacity assessment of the A605/Broad Street roundabout which demonstrated that the development as 7,432sqm of B1(c) and B8 land use would not cause 'severe' detriment to the capacity of the junction.

As such, we did not object to the revised proposals subject to planning conditions.

It is important to note that Government Policy states:

"Development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe".

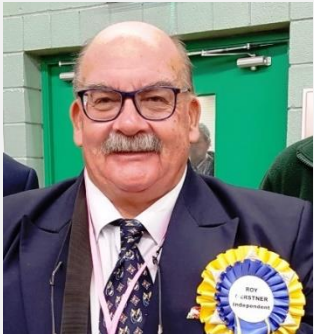
The following planning conditions will further mitigate the impact of development traffic on the surrounding highway network through encouraging a mode shift towards sustainable travel:

Hannah Seymour-Shove
Transport Officer

The next meeting will be the 'Annual Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 04th May 2021

Members of the Public can 'attend this meeting' – It is 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 (Both at FDC & WTC) 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 events, meetings and 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, you are welcome in the first instance to 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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