

WTC Meeting – Thursday 16th December 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.

I will report the more salient aspects of the meeting.

Members of the public present :- **6**

Members of the Council present: :- **8**

Apologies from Cllr's Mayor, Laws, Dorling, Gerstner, Munns, Mockett.

The agenda for this meeting has been previously published on this web-blog.

I was unable to attend this meeting as am self-isolating awaiting test results.

The report is from member(s) of the public who attended the meeting.

Reports :- from Street Scene the Councillors Pack – These will be published in part 2 of my report later today or tomorrow.

Police Report :- The Police who were on the agenda to attend, were unable to do so. Fenland Neighbourhood Police are to get 4 more Police Constables joining the team. The NP PCSO has been carrying out parking enforcement at schools. There will be a dedicated day on the A605 on speeding enforcement.

Saxon Pit – Mr Stephen Rice (SB Rice Ltd) Update :-

Mr Rice began stating that the pit is currently heavily monitored and complying with the EA.

He confirmed that he had picked up an odour when driving over the level crossing from Peterborough. As the smoke from the chimney stacks at Must Farm was blowing towards Whittlesey, i.e. the wind was from the west or north west, it is highly unlikely that the odour was emanating from the pit.

Whittlesey Science & Technology Park.

Mr Rice advised that his client has now bought Victory Pit which now means there is one owner so there will not be any issues re development.

Only part of the restored area will be open to the public. The restoration is also designed to deliver significant biodiversity and ecological enhancement and it will not therefore be possible to allow open public access which would include dog walking, etc over areas that are designated for biodiversity.

There are 20 acres which have previously been included in CCC waste and minerals plan for waste related development and this cannot change it is in force until 2034

Victory works is where there is a plan for a Science and Technology Park. They will fill in $\frac{2}{3}$ of the pit which is 13 metres deep and has no ecological value this will leave $\frac{1}{2}$ hectare water as a feature subject to planning permission a company currently based **Brandon Suffolk** - Mace Tech, they make concrete tech blocks in module form to eventually create high rise flats. The manufacturing of these concrete blocks will create 100 jobs. Planning will be submitted in Jan and will be fully operational 2023

They are also currently designing the Southern face buttress, minimum materials to be used for this. Mr. Rice is currently in discussions with the new Peterborough University and will be working with them in order to attract high skill employment to the park.

The planned Science Park will have to be carbon neutral.

Snoots Road –

We will discuss with the Town Council an appropriate name for the area of public access, it may or may not be termed country park. Walkers and cyclists will have access through to the employment areas and the area for public access, we are also intending to make provisions for access for other types of transportation which may include electric scooters.

The Combined Authorities' Minerals and Waste Local Plan which sets out minerals and waste planning policies until 2036. The Local Plan identifies the 20 acres for waste related development, this is therefore fixed until 2036.

There is already an application in with FDC for the regeneration of the site.

This was a lengthy presentation

Cllr Davies; - Pointed out this is a waste site and has been illegally filled your employer and the EA have let the residents of Whittlesey down. EA are failing nationally this proposal looks like a very good camouflage to what has gone on down there.

Mr Rice:- Waste was permitted by ccc because of previous permission to ASR Recycling.

Public Forum: -

Mr Stephen Hodson raised questions on the constituent parts to the illegal waste at Saxon Pit and the potential issues for future generations.

Other Items for discussion.

1/ LHI – Local Highways Improvements, the Ramsey Road/Church Street LHI has now been altered from the original planned 20mph speed limit, to the possible installation of Speed Bumps – as the suggestion of Cambs Highways Engineer. A letter has now been drafted and will be delivered to residents on Ramsey Road/Church Street to seek their views on the proposal.

2/ Heritage Centre ongoing, consultants in place and near a planning stage of what the building may look like.

3/ Ottermans Corner, the building is to be made safe and the fencing then to be removed, this should be happening in the near future.

4/ Nat West Building – Owner has been contacted and advised of the issues. Give a time frame to fix problems.

5/ Whittlesey Emergency Food Aid – Will carry on from existing premises until new premises are found.

6/ Phoenix Youth Group is up and running, constitution and initial finance in place, operating from the Scaldgate Club. See Phoenix Facebook page for updates.

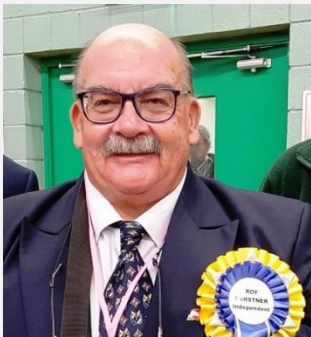
For the past few years, Connie and I have been trying to half our number of Christmas Cards sent out, instead we sponsor 4 to 6 large native trees via our membership of the Woodland Trust. I appreciate may people like to send and receive Christmas Cards and that is their choice. Please do not be offended if you do not receive a card from us.

A Merry Christmas to everyone, a Healthy, Wealthy, and Safe New Year.

Roy & Connie

The date of future Council Meetings: - to be held at Peel House (WTC Offices) Thursday 20th January 2022 (Subject to Government advice on holding meetings)

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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