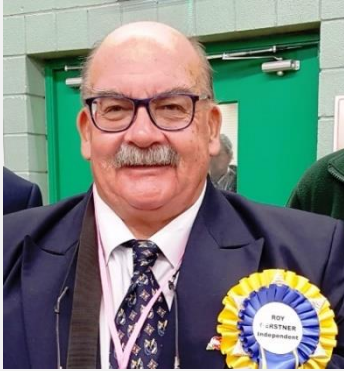


WTC Meeting – Thursday 20th January 2022

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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 :- 7

Members of the Council present: :- 11 + CCC David Connor

Apologies from Cllr's Windle & Whitwell.

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



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

Police Report :- The Fenland Neighbourhood Police Acting Sergeant, Punton and PCSO Walker introduced themselves. Sgt Punton is here in Fenland whilst Sgt Lugg is on secondment. Since PCSO Walker has been regularly patrolling the town and villages, she has addressed parking issues around schools and within the town centre. One shift she gave out 8 parking tickets – park illegally at your peril!

Cllr Boden, informed he had a long dialogue with Sgt Lugg in respect of safety concerns of traffic using High Causeway – Sgt Punton informed he was aware and would look into what could be done.

CCTV :- Several Councillors questioned (again) whether the setup we have is good value for money. The contract still has some time to go.



Public Forum: - Mr Stephen Hodson :- Highlighted the continuing concerns of the A605, volume of traffic, the impending increasing housing being built now and plans for the future and questioned Cambs CC Highways to demonstrate how they came to the conclusions that the A605 is not surcharged/overloaded now or in the future.

He also gave his support, for the 'Heritage Centre' having been involved at the early stages of the project.

(See report later)

LHI's: - (Local Highways Improvements) – Cllr Miscandlon presented a case for a 30mph through Kings Delph.

Cllr Gerstner, questioned the practicality as Cambs CC Highways have just applied for a 40mph speed limit over the 'Kings Dyke/Ralph Butcher Causeway' – this is an inconsistency of 30/40/30/40/30mph from Kings Delph through to Coates. Cllrs were sympathetic for the residents of Kings Dyke having a lower speed limit.

There was debate of the costs that Cambs CC implement for this project.

Cllr Boden explained the extending of 'Bollards' at the end of High Causeway to stop mainly delivery drivers from accessing High Causeway from the A605 which has been witnessed on a number of occasions and is a danger to the public.

Heritage Centre :- Cllr Mason (Chair of the committee) informed that the project would be delayed by some 6 months, this is due to a shortfall in funding the project. The Combined Authority (P'boro & Cambs) have committed to £500,000 out of the £1,000,000 allocated to each Market Town.

Cllr Mason informed that various options and applications were actively being pursued.



(indicative illustration only)

NatWest Building :- Cllr Laws informed that there were legal actions being pursued with the owner(s) of the building, they had until Mid-April to respond.

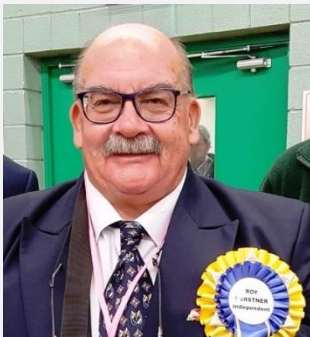
Other Items for Discussion :- Whittlesey Emergency Food Aid (WEFA) Cllr Mason said that there would be an article in the Whittlesey Magazines (Discovering Whittlesey & The Fens) with updates for the wider community. The WEFA program will move to a new location – The rear of Whittlesey Library/Community Hub.

A new constitution/committee is being formed. A new phone number/access is now live.
(I will publish this when available to me)

Armed Forces Covenant :- Cllr Wicks asked for WTC support for this initiative, which was passed by the members attending.

Finances :- Cllr Boden (Chair of the Finance & Policy Committee) gave Councillors the opportunity to ask questions on the proposed budget 2022/23, there is a proposed very small increase in the WTC precept of £985 for the whole of the WTC (Less than 0.6%).
At present WTC finances were in good order.

**The date of future Council Meetings: - to be held at Peel House (WTC Offices)
17th February 2022**



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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