

WTC Meeting – Thursday 17th February 2022

Disclaimer: These observations are **not** the 'official' minutes of the meeting, these are supplied by Whittlesey Town Council, normally (1) month following this meeting and can be viewed on their website. Decisions and Voting at this meeting may be ratified and confirmed at the following months meeting.



I am the only Councillor in Whittlesey who has made regular reports on meetings.

I have done so for 11+ 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: - 12

Apologies from Cllr's Munns & Davies.

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



Presentation by Charlotte Chittenden Social Prescribing Link Worker @ The Jenner Health.

Charlotte explained her vast array of roles and responsibilities for providing help and a pathway to those in the community who need support in various forms. I and some other Councillors are part of group(s) which Charlotte and other County Council support workers have set up, an example being those in the community who suffer from loneliness and isolation.

She helps people with well-being and hopes that many will then become self sufficient in their needs.

There is a similar role at the New Queen Street Surgery.

If you think someone needs Charlotte's assistance call The Jenner - they have a link on their website.



Reports :- from Street Scene & Police Stats in Councillors Pack –
The FDC Environmental Report will follow after this posting.

Police Report :- The Crime Statistics for Fenland have already been published at 10:00 today Saturday 19th February, – A lot of praise from a number of Councillors in the effectiveness and communication with the new (interim) Neighbourhood Sgt Punton and his team. Some excellent results within Fenland and drug related offences with Whittlesey. After many years of inactiveness regarding ‘illegal parking’ the PCSO has issue some 30 FPN (Fixed Penalty Notices) since the beginning of January.....hopefully these 30 offenders will know where NOT to park in future. A report from Sgt Punton is in the Councillors pack, unfortunately this is not for publication in the public domain.

CCTV :- No CCTV report, however Sgt Punton has stated he will allow time for the PCSO to review CCTV images in order to identify suspects.



Public Forum: - Mrs Lynda Day Ongoing concerns/issues regarding the Saxon Works re noise and smells, many residents not aware who to contact.

Mr. Robert Windle Informed Councillors that the 2nd BIG BASH event will take place this year at the Whittlesey Manor Field on the 26th June, he stated there would be many other events during the week leading up to the BIG BASH.

Last year’s event was very successful and enjoyed by those who attended.

Other Items for Discussion :- Cllr Dee Laws – The Whittlesey Heritage Walk – is progressing well and it is hoped that all will be in place for it to be opened for the public late spring/early summer. Besides physical signage there will be an ‘App’ to interface with the route and signage. There will be 21 noticeboards along the route, dropped kurbing and some improved pathways.
Cllr Gerstner – asked whether there would be any improvements in The Bower Towpath, as this is one of the most used and enjoyed walkways within the town area.

NatWest Building :- Cllr Laws informed that legal actions are still in place with the owner(s) of the building, they had until Mid-April to respond. The recently opened Coffee shop, did not need a change of use permission.

A605/Eastrea Road/Supermarket :- Cllr Laws an agreement between planners and the developer to install a 'Safe Crossing' zone nearby the Supermarket project had been agreed and funded by the developer. Two new Bus-Shelters will be built, however both County and Fenland Councils will not undertake responsibility or maintenance of these shelters, a grant of £20,000 would be given to Whittlesey Town Council to undertake the responsibility of the shelters, a vote was taken and was unanimous taking over the Shelters once built.

Whittlesey Emergency Food Aid (WEFA) Cllr Windle informed that a new committee comprising of Cllr Mason, Windle and Jennings had been formed along with committee member Mrs Piergianni.

Finances :- Cllr Boden (Chair of the Finance & Policy Committee) the up to date financial paperwork was in the Councillors pack - WTC finances were in good order.

Mayors Charity Duck Race :- Cllr Mayor, informed that the race had not taken place for some two years because of the COVID pandemic, it is planned to be held on Easter Monday 18th April, tickets will be available shortly.

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

e&oe ©Roy Gerstner.

