

# WTC Meeting – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022

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I am the only Councillor in Whittlesey who has made regular reports on Council, Public and Community Group meetings. I have done so for more than 12+ years both as a member of the public and as a Town Councillor.

I report on the more salient aspects of the meeting(s).

Members of the public present :- 4 Members of the Council present: - **10**

Apologies from Cllr's Mayor, Whitwell, Laws & Miscandlon..

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



**Reports:** - from Street Scene & Police Stats in Councillors Pack – and these have already been published on this |Web-blog.

**Crime Stats February 2022 :-** Crime Statistics for Fenland have already been previously published on this Web-blog. The Neighbourhood Sergeant highlighted that the PCSO has been very pro-active in handing out 'Parking Tickets' to those who park 'illegally'. St Mary's Street was targeted for those parking on double yellow line.

Total Calls for Service			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/02/22 - 28/02/22	Current Month 01/03/22 - 31/03/22	Difference
Benwick	10	10	0
Chatteris	123	109	-14
Doddington	30	16	-14
Manea	14	16	2
March	316	371	55
Whittlesey	175	198	23
Wimblington	23	12	-11

Total Crimes Reported			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/02/22 - 28/02/22	Current Month 01/03/22 - 31/03/22	Difference
Benwick	1	3	2
Chatteris	39	47	8
Doddington	4	6	2
Manea	11	9	-2
March	132	118	-14
Whittlesey	78	73	-5
Wimblington	9	4	-5

Rowdy/Nuisance Calls			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/02/22 - 28/02/22	Current Month 01/03/22 - 31/03/22	Difference
Benwick	0	0	0
Chatteris	6	3	-3
Doddington	1	1	0
Manea	0	0	0
March	12	17	5
Whittlesey	5	5	0
Wimblington	1	1	0

Vehicle Nuisance Calls			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/02/22 - 28/02/22	Current Month 01/03/22 - 31/03/22	Difference
Benwick	0	1	1
Chatteris	5	8	3
Doddington	0	1	1
Manea	0	0	0
March	8	13	5
Whittlesey	3	7	4
Wimblington	0	0	0

Poaching Calls			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/02/22 - 28/02/22	Current Month 01/02/22 - 28/02/22	Difference
Benwick	0	0	0
Chatteris	4	2	-2
Doddington	0	0	0
Manea	0	1	1
March	2	0	-2
Whittlesey	3	0	-3
Wimblington	1	0	-1

Residential Burglary Crimes			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/02/22 - 28/02/22	Current Month 01/03/22 - 31/03/22	Difference
Benwick	0	0	0
Chatteris	2	1	-1
Doddington	0	0	0
Manea	0	0	0
March	4	2	-2
Whittlesey	2	1	-1
Wimblington	0	0	0

Criminal Damage Crimes			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/02/22 - 28/02/22	Current Month 01/03/22 - 31/03/22	Difference
Benwick	0	1	1
Chatteris	7	4	-3
Doddington	0	0	0
Manea	2	2	0
March	10	7	-3
Whittlesey	10	9	-1
Wimblington	2	0	-2

Theft from Motor Vehicle Crimes			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/02/22 - 28/02/22	Current Month 01/03/22 - 31/03/22	Difference
Benwick	0	0	0
Chatteris	0	1	1
Doddington	1	0	-1
Manea	1	1	0
March	3	3	0
Whittlesey	5	5	0
Wimblington	1	0	-1

**Presentation:** - From Ms. Nicola Speechley Handy Person Team Leader – Age UK Cambridgeshire.

Our main office: South Fens Business Centre, Fenton Way, Chatteris, Cambs PE16 6TT AND AT Pinnacle House, Newark Rd, Peterborough PE1 5YD

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A very informative presentation on the multi-services that the charity is able to offer the more senior citizen, there is a charge for many of these services.

Find out more by visiting : <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/cambridgeshireandpeterborough/>

**Public Forum:-** 4 members of the public present – no one wished to make an address/comment.

### **Agenda Items for Discussion:-**

**Cllr Mason:-** Councillor Surgery – Since being reintroduced, not that many residents taking up these once a month engagements. There are some concerns over security at such events.

After some debate, it was decided to keep the once per month surgery ongoing until further notice, Residents need to make an appointment via the Town Clerk in advance and will be limited to 15 minutes per person.

**Cllr Gerstner:-** Flagpole – For Council/Peel House This was/is not my project however I have taken ownership of it from another Councillor – informed the rest of Councillors attending that a costing of approximately £250:00 which includes fixing and installation as opposed to another quote in excess of £2200;00 By a majority vote it was decided to go with the lower quote.



**Cllr Mrs Mayor:-** The Town Clerk had investigated Jubilee Bunting and 250 hand-flags at £350:00 and this was voted as acceptable.

(picture is for illustration purposes only).

**Cllr Mason:-** Travelling Fair @ Whittlesey have requested an extension of Sundays to run the popular Fairs, this would enhance the Fair Operators to have an extra day for the events. The conscientious was in favour providing that the Fairground Operators vacate the Car Park by 9am on the Monday.

**Cllr Gerstner:-** A605 and Barr Street. The A605 (not including Kings Dyke works and Railway Crossing) in in a very poor state of repair, County Councillor Connor is in agreement, the road is in need of being surveyed as to what is required to be fit for purpose. Cllr Boden highlighted drains and gully issues. Barr Street being a 'Rat Run' is a small piece of road that is also in a bad state of repair. Requested that WTC contact Cambs Highways for input. I have also been informed that there is not planned budget or major works planned for the A605 in the current financial year, even though Cambs CC had an **underspend of £7 million** on last year's Highways budget.

**Other Business :-** Financial reports considered and budgets looked at.

**Date of future Council Meetings: - to be held at Peel House (WTC Offices)**

**Community Projects 18:00 – Planning 19:30 Wednesday 04<sup>th</sup> May**

**Full Council 19:30 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**(Dates subject to change)**



**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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