

WTC Meeting – Thursday 19th May 2022

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I am the only Councillor in Whittlesey who makes 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 :- 7 Members of the Council present: - **10**

Apologies from Cllr's Mayor, Laws & Munns

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



Annual Meeting of the Parish.

There were no items for discussion.

One member of the public asked a question regarding the upkeep of a lane within the town.

Cheque Presentation by the Mayor.

Representatives from

- 1/ The Whittlesey Community Car Scheme.
- 2/ The Sue Ryder Hospice
- 3/ Whittlesey Sports Association
- 4/ Red Cross (Ukrainian appeal) – sent by post



Cllr Dave Mason informed that next year's charities would be

- 1/ Age UK
- 2/ The Good Company
- 3/ Phoenix Youth Provision

Election of Mayor.

Cllr David Mason, was unanimously elected as Mayor and leader of Whittlesey Town Council.

Election of Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Dr Haq Nawaz was elected on a vote of 5 for 3 against and 2 abstentions.

(RG Note) Should anyone wish to know my reasons for voting against – please contact me and I am more than willing to inform you)

Street Scene & Police Report.

The Street Scene/Environmental report has already been published on this website.

The Police report Statistics, are not readily available because the poor quality print will not transfer.

Our Temporary Sergeant Punton, will be leaving the post in July and we will have Sergeant Lugg returning. We all agreed that Sgt Punton has been very pro-active and has excellent communications with both the Council and Councillors and we wish him well for the future.

The PCSO has been tasked more hours within Whittlesey and has issued a number of Parking Tickets for those who 'illegally park'.

Appointment of Committee's & Working Party

COMMITTEES

Finance & Policy	Cllr Boden - Chair Cllr Miscandlon - Vice Chair Cllr Davies Cllr Dorling Cllr Mockett Cllr Wicks
Planning	Cllr Miscandlon - Chair Cllr Munns - Vice Chair Cllr Whitwell Cllr Gerstner Cllr Davies Cllr Nawaz Cllr Mrs Windle
Community Projects	Cllr Mrs Mayor - Chair Cllr Whitwell - Vice Chair Cllr Munns Cllr Gerstner Cllr Mockett Cllr Davies

WORKING PARTIES

Neighbourhood Plan	Cllr Mrs Laws Cllr Munns Cllr Whitwell Cllr Dorling
Heritage Centre	Cllr Mason Cllr Miscandlon Cllr Dorling
Human Resources	Cllr Gerstner - Chair Cllr Mason Cllr Mrs Windle
Website	Cllr Mrs Laws Cllr Mrs Mayor
Property Working Group	Cllr Mason Cllr Miscandlon Cllr Dorling

Public Forum:-

Mr Stephen Hodson, spoke on the Growing Fenland Forum and the Heritage walk.



Mr Robert Windle, spoke on the success of the Whittlesey Sports Association and thanked the Council for the donation it had received this evening. WSA promoting wellbeing both physically and mentally was very important. WSA leading the BIG BASH 2022 and not just for the day **Sunday 26th June**, there will be events throughout the week leading up to BB Day.

(l) Stephen Hodson (r) Robert Windle

Agenda Items for discussion: -

LHI's:- The major application to have 'Bollards' placed between High Causeway and the A605 to stop HGV's and Vans from crossing over the pathway in order to make deliveries to shops on High Causeway was welcomed.

The application for a reduction of speed limit A605 at Kings Delph has stalled, because of confusion as to what was requested.

Parking @ Peel House:- As previously reported on this web-blog. **Cllr Wicks** highlighted the concerns of the abuse of the 'Free' Electric Vehicle' Charging Points. The Town Clerk has been subject to verbal abuse when she asked someone who had been connected for 7 hours to be more considerate to others. **Cllr Gerstner** suggested a timer be put on the system for example 06:00 to 22:00 or as others may suggest. The cost of a timer will be investigated.

Civil Parking Enforcement: - Cllr Gerstner requested item. **Cllr Boden** (Leader @ Fenland District Council) who are the authority applying for Civil Enforcement of Parking. Cllr Boden informed us that everything at County level is moving extremely slowly and that 2 other authorities are also in the process of applying for Civil Enforcement but under differing schemes.

The complex arrangements will entail 'every street signage/road marking' to be inspected through the whole of the Fenland area to ensure all signage/markings are 'legal' – if not they will need correcting under the local legislation – this process has not begun and will take anywhere between 10 months upwards to complete. Once this has been completed the application has to go Government level to be ratified.

2023/2024 maybe....

Southern Relief Road:- Cllr Gerstner requested item. **Cllr Boden** again gave a very in-depth answer to the request, in that this project has also stalled at County Council level, it appears the 'newly' elected 'Rainbow' alliance are not holding as many meetings as previously and projects are getting more delayed and no decisions being made. There is little or no support from the 'newly' elected Mayor of the combined Authority – Dr Nick Johnson.

RG Note...The longer it takes to get the next stage financed (Stage 2 of 7) the more costly the project will become....50 years to get a bridge built – don't hold your breath.

Letter from Her Majesty:- Thanking the Council for taking part in The Queens Green Canopy.

Date of future Council Meetings: - to be held at Peel House (WTC Offices)
Community Projects 18:00 – Planning 19:30 Wednesday 01st June
Full Council 19:30 30th June
(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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Whittlesey Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Picnic at the Manor (bring your own Picnic)
Sponsored by Whittlesey Town Council
Enjoy a Free afternoon in celebration of HM The Queens Platinum Jubilee

Music By:-
THE CONTACTS
MOTOWN & SOLID SOUL

Sunday 5th June
2-6pm
Supported by:-
Jamie Walton

Jubilee Themed Childrens
Fancy Dress Competition

BBQ available to purchase Provided by
The Falcon Hotel
Liquid Refreshments available to
Purchase at the Manor Function Room
Manor Leisure centre Station Rd, Whittlesey, Peterborough PE7 1UA