

WTC Meeting - Thursday 16th February 2023

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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 have made more than 6,000 postings on this site.**

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

Members of the public present :- 5

Members of the Council present: - 8



Apologies from Cllrs Mockett, Davies, Mason, Laws, Dorling & Mayor

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

Well chaired by Cllr Haq Nawaz Deputy Mayor.

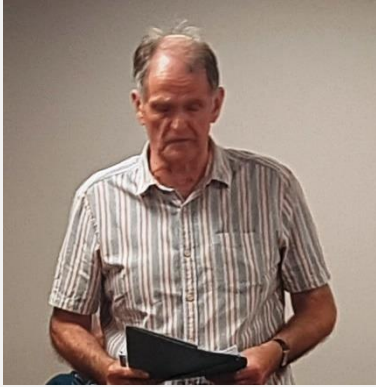
A short Agenda – and a short meeting for a change!

A separate Post has been published for Street Scene and CCTV Reports.



No Police report as a change of Neighbourhood Sergeant has just taken place.

Public Forum.



Mr. Stephen Hodson, thanked the Town Council on their supporting of the public in relation to the retrospective planning application re – Jenkinson @ Saxon Works.

(RG Note) Well covered on this web-blog.

Mr. Hodson stated he was disappointed in that the Heritage Centre was now cancelled.

(This topic was covered by Cllr Miscandlon later in the meeting who indicated that the project was still being actively pursued and not cancelled).

(RG Note) On reading FDC Cabinet Meeting Paperwork for the February – technically Mr Hodson was correct in his terminology – it clearly states ‘cancelled) –

Update @ 181700z – Cllr Boden informs me that the Paperwork for Mondays Cabinet meeting is wrong and will be corrected.



Mr Robert Windle, stated that the BIG BASH community event will be held on 18th June, progress with bookings are good.

The classic car bookings are looking very good.

He has produced a community Calendar which can be updated.

Cllr Boden :- Updated on the Local Plan referendum and clarified that this could NOT be carried out on the same date as local elections in May.

New boiler installed and fully working with hot water where required.
4 old radiators from the original install need to be replaced and this was agreed.

Hanging Flower Baskets :- Further discussion deferred until next month.

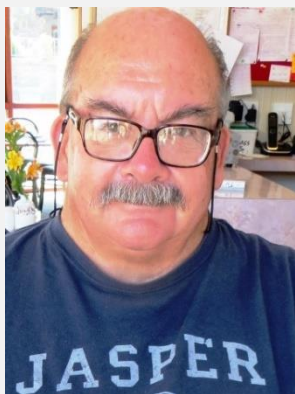
Heritage Centre :- Cllr Miscandlon – ‘Not cancelled’ was the term he used, which I understand is correct at this present time. The steering group are looking at help for a bid at National Lottery Funding....ongoing.

Cllr Gerstner – Question to Cllr Boden :- Please update Councillor and members of public on progress of Civil Parking Enforcement and any increases in costing.
*“A lot of delay because of Cambs County Council issues, every sign and road lineage has to be checked in order they are compliant – initial reports indicate 86% are not enforceable – the costs to correct should be CCC – however they are looking at FDC to fund?
Although the Combined Authority will fund some of the costs – the remainder could be down to FDC. The earliest implementation of Civil Parking looks likely 2024/25.
So for the time being our Cambridgeshire Police remain the authority for Parking Enforcement.*

Electric Vehicle Charging Points :- Not being replaced. A complete risk assessment and costings was taken, and the decision was not to replace.

CAB :- The Rural Citizens Advice attend Whittlesey every Friday and this is funded by Whittlesey Town Council.
At a recent open day – The CAB Advisor managed to secure benefits of £17,000 for one couple. £16,000 and £3,000 for two individuals.
There is planned another open day in the future, the normal procedure is to make an appointment slot.

Date of future Council Meetings: - to be held at Peel House (WTC Offices)
Full Council Thursday 16th March 2023



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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The only area in the whole of Fenland to 'plant' a 'Queens Canopy Wood'

