

WTC Meeting – Thursday 20th April 2023

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Mayor of Whittlesey Cllr David Mason presenting Susan Booth with Citizen Of The Year - 2023

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 13+ years both as a member of the public and as a Town Councillor. **I have made 6,500+ postings on this site.**

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

Members of the public present :- **18**

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

Apologies from Cllrs Whitwell, Laws, Boden & Munns

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

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

(Note, the full Police report we are not allowed to publish in the public domain)

Police Report:-

Councillors discussed the Police report – Cllr Gerstner commented on the increase in Anti-Social and Vandalism over the past few weeks, some incidents have been witnessed by members of the public, who when trying to contact the Police on 101 could not get through. Both private property and public spaces have been targeted.

Cllr Gerstner asked for a letter to be written from WTC to a senior ranking officer pointing out that most incidents are taking place well outside of Neighbourhood Policing shifts and that the Senior Officer authorised some 'Overtime' in order for the NP team be in the vicinity when vandalism appears to be taking place. This was agreed by the rest of those attending.

Public Forum.

There was a 'record' number of attendees from members of the public, including some candidates standing for election on May 04th.

Stephen Hodson :- Asked where the proposed Heritage Centre program was at including a Lottery bid application update. (Cllr Mason has written a letter to Mr Hodson with the update)

Roy Bridson :- Highlighted the public's concerns over increased Vandalism especially in the Manor Field area and Lattersey nature Reserve.

Phil Cumberland :- Stated that Whittlesey had 'Dirty Streets' and asked why there cannot be an employed cleaner for Whittlesey.



Alan Bessant :- Commented about the Saxon Pit/Jenkinson's retrospective planning application being refused. Commented about the restoration of land at Saxon Works and would it be opened for public access.

He requested that a public consultation/meeting be held to discuss the proposed 15 minute 'City and 20-minute Neighbourhood Planning concept.

Peter Baxter :- Spoke at some length with the time remaining on 'Air Pollution' with Whittlesey and in particular the A605. He asked the where-about of the recently fitted Air Pollution Monitor. (RG Note, I have advised PB on the location and how to access the

live information.

(Picture - Peter Baxter)

RG Note I have promoted on several occasions the Air Pollution Monitoring Device, installed near Park Lane School

Fenland District Council Monitoring Data

https://www.airqualityengland.co.uk/site/latest?site_id=scsbgx758

Other Business :- Cllr David Davies – Informed those present of a Whittlesey man who is in receipt of the 'Victoria Cross' (George Robert Scott) – asking whether a 'plaque' to commemorate his achievement. Ongoing – agreed in principal.

Robert George Scott V.C.

Born 22nd April 1857

At the Arms house street now Market street

The 1861 census shows he was living at the Alms Street Bank.

He moved to South Africa between 1861 – 1876

Awarded The Victoria Cross for his action during the attack on Morosis mountain during the Basuto war.

He advance by himself to a stone wall where he attempted to throw time fused shells as hand grenades over the wall

On his second attempt the shell blew up in his hand blowing the right hand to pieces also wounding him severely in his legs

He received the Victoria Cross from Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle on 17th December 1880

After recovering he went on to serve in the Zulu was and 2nd Boar war receiving a M.I.D and later the D.S.O.

Also served iin the 1st world War reaching the rank of Lt Col

Robert died in South Africa on 3rd October 1918.



The Kings Coronation – Events...

Cllr Mockett, informs that all is well organised for the Music Events, (as shown below)

 Present  <i>Party On The Green</i>  The Ragdolls <small>UK's not tribute to Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons</small> Supported By JAMIE WALTON And  3-7PM ON COATES GREEN SATURDAY 6TH MAY <small>PART OF WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL CORONATION CELEBRATIONS</small>	 Present  <i>Party On The Green 2</i>  BLIDE QUEEN Supported By WAYNE DUNCAN And  3-7PM ON THE MANOR FIELD SUNDAY 7TH MAY <small>PART OF WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL CORONATION CELEBRATIONS</small>
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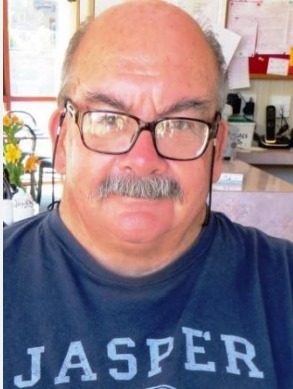
The proposed 15 minute 'City and 20-minute Neighbourhood Planning concept.

In the absence of Cllr Boden the proposal for the concept was proposed by Cllr Dorling, there was no seconder and the item was rejected, one of the principal reasons being it was not within the Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan.

Public excluded - Confidential Items were the discussed.

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

Full Council Thursday 18th May – which will include AGM of The Parish Council.



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.

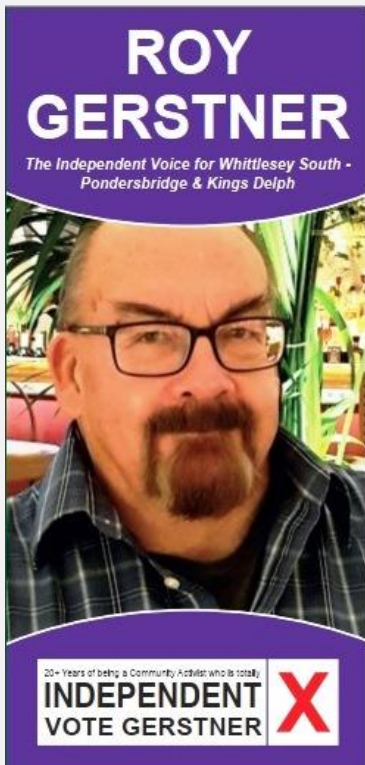
I occasionally make a mistake and more than happy to correct if it pointed out to me.

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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On May 04th you will be electing your Councillors for Whittlesey Town Council and Fenland District Council. I hope you exercise your democratic choice to vote at this election.

I hope you will vote for me....

Please remember I am the only Councillor who gives you regular information and updates on this web-blog