

WTC MEETING THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2024

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AGENDA (PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED ON THIS WEB-BLOG)

To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.

Cllrs Sennitt-Clough, Nawaz, Armen
5 Members of the public present.



Cllr Mockett – Had previously been asked by a member of the public as to what the role of 'leader of the council's requirements are.

A somewhat short report focused on the day-to-day running of WTC Office...
Dealing with complaints from residents about Councillors? and that was about it.
(RG Note) I understand after several requestes from the member of the public, Cllr Mockett did contact him and had a lengthy conversation which was appreciated.
A similar request was made of Cllr Nawaz on numerous occasions when he was leader of WTC – alas no response or engagement.'





Public Forum – Mr. Stephen Hodson asked why the Police Report had to be confidential. The Chair (normally would not answer) stated the Police Sergeant had specifically asked that the report was not to be placed in the public domain as it contained sensitive ongoing information.

Mr. Robert Windle stated that the Leader of the Council should be anyone and not 'politically aligned to any one group' and that the best person and best practice should be applied. There had been no projects meetings for some considerable time. He thanked the Council for their organising the Remembrance Day events along with The RBL. He also thanked Cllr Boden for trying to keep the public informed on various Road Closures.

Cllr Boden – Informed that the Bower Footbridge is to be replaced in the year 2025/26 and it will take approximately 6 weeks to carry out the project.



Cost will be at Cambs CC Highways. When the best time to close for 6 weeks.?

Local Highway Improvements – Cllr Mockett suggested a priority should be given to safety measures along New Road besides the school, he had meetings with Highways Officers and Schools Representatives and a solution would be for the school to initiate a privately funded LHI – this seemed the best way forward to get the project off the ground.

Cllr Gerstner brought back to the Council the unsuccessful LHI bid for Bollards at the top end of High Causeway – our bid came very low scored.

Cllr Boden explained that the bid submitted had been wrongly categorised at Cambs CC and this is probably why the bid failed, he had tried to correct the situation – but it had gone too far for it to be changed.

Cllr's Wicks & Mockett suggested safety enhancements to the Layby coming into Coates on the A605 before the school.

It was decided (as only one bid per year allowed) that WTC write to the CEO of Cambs CC explaining the mistake made this year and ask for it to be reconsidered under the correct criteria/category, and that we should be allowed to make a secondary bid for this coming year.

Cllr Boden has sent out Version 1 of the draft budget proposals for the year 2025/26 and asked Councillors to consider and respond by the next meeting so that it can be further discussed at Finance & Policy committee.

Not on this agenda but for information :- The A605/B1040 petition currently has 854 signatures; 3000 needed in order to have it debated by CCC



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I am aware that some Councillors post on Social Media.

I have done so for more than 14+ years both as a member of the public and as a Town and District Councillor.

I have made 8,500+ postings on this site.

I had over 5,000,000 hits on this site.

I have been elected as the **Independent** Fenland District Councillor for The South Ward of Whittlesey along with Gurninder Singh Gill (Conservative).

I have been elected as an **Independent** Whittlesey Town Councillor for the South Ward of Whittlesey South along with Cllr Diana Dickinson (Conservative)

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 Whittlesey 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 it to them. **e&oe** ©Roy Gerstner.

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