WTC MEETING THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2024

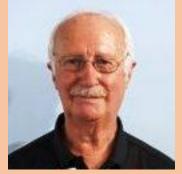
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AGENDA (PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED ON THIS WEB-BLOG)

The Street Scene Officer report had been distributed earlier, Cllr Wainwright highlighted that it was the same as the previous months except the date had been changed? Clerk to make enquiry.



Police Report The Chairman, Cllr Miscandlon stated that the Police had been approached in respect of publishing some parts of the report in the public domain.



Public Forum – John Redding asked whether it wascorrect that the Station Road Recreation Ground is being sold for housing/land development. (RG Note) : At the FDC Cabinet Meeting on Monday this week. Item 7 on the Agenda - *A list of 17 surplus sites have been identified as suitable for disposal at this time.*

One being The Station Road Recreation Ground.

Also on the list is land in Coates - Diagrams below



(larger pictures will be inserted at the end of the article)



Corrine Wooding & Robert Windle Informed of the very successful Whittlesey Extravaganza event held last Saturday and both thanked WTC for their support in the event. A record number of wristbands/children attended.

Feedback from local businesses had been very positive and a good footfall attended the Museum.

Mr Windle went on to inform that Fenland Youth Radio (FYR) is doing well and is a not for profit organisation, supporting events and a disabled person.

A new venture to run in tandem with FYR will be **Fenland Community Radio** Currently FYR is listened in 51 different countries and has over 2,000 listeners tune in periodically.

Other Business It was confirmed that Whittlesey will be able to submit (2) Local Highway Improvement applications for 2025, as the one for 2024 had been mis-prioritised, Therefor the application for Rising Bollard(s) at High Causeway along with a second LHI for the Layby A605 @ Coates.

The Bower Footbridge renewal planned for 2025 was discussed about the best time to carry out the works and that it had been agreed that the current Footbridge (Woodwork) WTC are looking at recycling the material.

The Ralph Butcher/Kings Dyke Crossing/Bridge.



Cllr Boden - Already well reported both here and on several social media platforms, is the County Councillor who deals with Cambs CC Highways and as such is the lead for we Councillors and Members of the Public to obtain information.

Earlier this week at the full Fenland District Council meeting I asked for an update...

Cllr Boden gave a good 8 minute response You can watch the full answer to my question on FDC's YouTube Channel from **16 minutes into the meeting....**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2ckNxZ92aw

At this evenings meeting Cllr Boden managed to elongate the answers to 17 minutes as there was one or two more recent updates having had a meeting after Mondays FDC Full Council with the Head of Highways at Cambs CC.



Along with the many e-mails and letters copied to myself and I think I've only received a relatively small number of those who took up the campaign to contact CCC.....

All we have is that the testing appears to have been concluded and samples taken for analysis with results expected in the new year.

The cracking of the surface tarmac has been sealed in order that water/ice doesn't do any further damages. As stated 'We' all wait for further details – hopefully January.

(Left) Cambs County Council have never been the best at communicating with the public or we Councillors. (Signage update 2020)



Picture shows how 'steep' the support embankment is.

Cllr Sennitt Clough proposed WTC write letter to Network Rail and Combined Authority asking when improvements at Whittlesey Railway Station will be carried out, the new pedestrian footbridge for example.

Cllr Boden replied that he thought the additional car parking would be done first. With the Ely North Junction forever delayed the prospect for our improvements could be decades away.

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I am **Roy Gerstner** the <u>only</u> Councillor in Whittlesey who makes regular reports on Council, Public and Community Group meetings. 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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Please see next 2 pages with map/diagrams of FDC possible asset land desposals

