

Minutes 02/16

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday, 21st July 2016
at 7.00 p.m. in
Whitnash Community Hall, Acre Close, Whitnash.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr Mrs J Falp Chairman
A Barton
G Cancilla
R Margrave
S McFadden
J Short
B Smart
R Sparkes
S Vaughan

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

Police: 0 Press: 0 Public: 1

In attendance Mr Stuart Poole WDC
Mrs Linda Price Whitnash Community Survey

Cllr Mrs Falp was elected to chair the meeting in Cllr Button's absence.

25/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Birdi, Button, Franklin, Heath and Shepherd. Apologies for absence were accepted.

26/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

27/16 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

28/16 POLICE

There were no police present.

29/16 WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL RESTRUCTURING

Mr Poole is the Business Support Team leader at Warwick District Council since the restructuring of Development Services has taken place. This team supports businesses and events in Warwick District and will support community events. There will also be a website within Warwick District Council website to promote events in the district. Local events in Whitnash can also be promoted via the website as can the use of Acre Close playing field and the community hall.

30/16 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SURVEY UPDATE – Mrs Price

Mrs Price provided an update of the Whitnash Community Development Survey and the report was forwarded to all Members. *Copy of the report is attached to these minutes.*

Linda said there has been a good response and very positive comments about the Whitnash Tymes. The zip wire seems to be the most popular choice with children for new play equipment.

31/16 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the absence of Cllr Button, the report was read by Cllr Mrs Falp

I am sorry that I cannot be here to chair this meeting, but I have had an appointment in my diary since this time last year. Thank you to Judy for sitting in for me.

It has been an interesting month, especially with the Brexit vote and the initial turmoil that it caused, including the change of Prime Minister.

Hopefully things will improve and the country can get some form of stability and move forward in a positive way.

I am pleased to say that I was honoured to promote Whitnash on BBC Coventry & Warwickshire, where I had a twenty-minute interview live on air.

I would like to thank Cllr Judy Falp for arranging the Big Tidy Up and the handful of Councillors and public who turned up to help, including our PCSO Steve Sample.

During this month we have attended a massive Cub Scout camp, Myton Hospice, Whitnash Primary School Nuneaton Armed Forces Day, Whitnash Juniors Award Ceremony, two musical Spectaculars, The Lawns, Leamington FC fun day, Kenilworth Civic Reception and Rufus Friends Tea Party.

The Whitnash Fun Day was great fun, well organised and extremely well attended, so well done to Adrian and all those concerned.

We have also had two meetings with our charities, where we have planned some fun events in the future. I will let you know about these when we have more information.

Preparations for the new Community Hub are continuing, but we know it is going to be a long haul, before we see any noticeable progress with this. Let us keep the momentum going though.

Please be reminded of some notable events for your diaries:

- Civic Dinner on Friday, 29th July 2016
Thank you to those who replied, whether yes or no and special thanks to all who provided raffle prizes.
- Civic Service on Sunday, 18th September 2016
- Tree of Light on Saturday, 19th November 2016
- Christmas Lights switch-on on Sunday, 4th December 2016.

Cllr S Button – Mayor

32/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16th June 2016 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

33/16 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

194/16 South Ward – drainage outside St Margaret's School – Clerk will report back on ward reports.

186/16 Whitnash Community Development – Cllr Margrave said survey will be put online.

184/16 War Memorial Names – no reply has been received from the family so will not pursue this until family reply.

18/16 North Ward - Cllr Barton will find out if there is any indication as to who owns the road outside St Margaret's House.

34/16 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Warwickshire County Council Report:

There was no report as Cllr Kirton was not present at the meeting.

Warwick District Council Report:

Since the last town council meeting I have attended meetings at the district on planning, standards, scrutiny, the executive, full council and a panel hearing where three taxi drivers were before us for not undertaking the disability awareness course that is mandatory for taxi drivers.

I have also put a notice of motion to the full district council asking that all council meetings are recorded and it be looked into to broadcast these meetings.

I believe it is important that our residents can access the details of debates and decisions especially if they cannot attend the meetings. Planning meetings in particular are important to people. It was agreed that a report be given to the September executive meeting on what is possible now and in the future.

The local plan examination that had been suspended will now reconvene starting at the end of September. While not agreeing with parts of it, especially in Whitnash, an adopted plan will also have an adopted CIL (community infrastructure levy) that will see any monies from development in Whitnash or on its borders come to us at 25% not 15% as we have a Neighbourhood plan.

I have been contacted by residents on issues involving housing and trees.

I must thank Cllr Margrave for agreeing to step in to attend the planning meeting this week for me, especially as it had a busy agenda. Cllrs from all parties at the district council have sent their best wishes to Cllr Heath for a speedy recovery, both by e mail and at the full council meeting

Cllr Mrs Falp also reported that WDC Executive meeting next week will be discussing concurrent services payments to Parishes and Whitnash. This will be going out to consultation as well

Judy Falp Warwick District Councillor

Cllr Margrave attended a Planning Meeting on behalf of Cllr Mrs Falp and said very few plans are objected to at these meetings and it is becoming more difficult to object to planning applications.

Cllr R Margrave Warwick District Councillor

35/16 NOMINATIONS FOR JOINT WARWICK DISTRICT STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The nominations for two representatives on the Joint Warwick District Standards Committee have been received.

Cllr Clarke (Royal Leamington Spa Town Council)

Cllr Bates (Kenilworth Town Council)

Cllr Smart (Whitnash Town Council)

Cllr Guest (Warwick Town Council)

Whitnash Town Council's nominations are:

Cllr B Smart and Cllr Guest

All Members present voted in favour of these nominations.

A short statement as to why we feel our representative should be appointed to the Committee will also be forwarded to Mr Leach.

Cllr Smart declared an interest in this item.

36/16 COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

Cllr Mrs Falp reported that the next Community Hub Working Group Meeting will be held on 28th July 2016. The Business Plan should be done by October 2016 and then funding options will be considered. Sports England is keen to engage in other sports to get people active not just football so sports like basketball, netball, table tennis etc. should be considered.

37/16 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Public Consultation of the revised Statement of Community Involvement has been forwarded to all Members.
2. Email received from WALC re flying the flag on Commonwealth Day on 13th March 2017 was discussed. The Clerk will look into the cost of a flag etc and this will be discussed at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting in September 2016.

38/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

(17/16 - Accounts for payment accepted subject to receipts.)

No	Payable	Details	Amount £	Cheque No
2800	J C Merralls & Sons	Repair bolt gate at Acre Close	54.00	BACS
2803	Severn Trent	Hall water rates	81.10	DD
2804	Jenny Mason	Pens for civic dinner	2.49	BACS
2805	Jenny Mason	Line marker for measured mile	5.99	BACS

2806 a	SAGE	Payroll support annual renewal	216.00	BACS
2806 b	SAGE	Accounts support annual renewal	282.00	BACS
2808	Jenny Mason	Stationery	1.49	BACS
2811	HB Creative	Civic dinner menu cards	36.00	000079
2812	HB Creative	Signs Acre Close & Washbourne	206.40	002577
2813	Jenny Mason	Postage Grant Thornton	7.25	BACS
2814	Jenny Mason	Commonwealth flag	3.25	BACS
2815	Jenny Mason	Hall cleaning	12.00	BACS
2816	Titan	Titan mail secure annual renewal	36.00	DD
2818	Boss HR	HR	135.00	BACS
2822	Countrywide	Mowing August 2016	338.80	BACS
2823	Oakwood Security	Alarm callout hall	36.00	BACS
2824	EON	Street lighting July 2016	33.94	DD
2825	Midshire Telecom	Calls, line rental & broadband	134.44	DD
2826	EON	Hall electric	179.56	DD
2827	EON	Hall gas	178.00	DD
2829	D Herbert	Strimmer head & fuel for mowers	48.74	002578
2830	Kate and the Mooncats	Civic dinner entertainment	60.00	000084
2831	Jenny Mason	Stationery	2.50	BACS
2833	Land Registry	Church Close query	4.00	002579
2834	Land Registry	Church close Deeds	14.00	002581
2835	D Herbert	Concrete for bins	33.41	002582
2836	EON	Street lighting August 2016	33.94	DD
2837	Countrywide	Mowing September 2016	338.80	BACS
	Post office	100 x 2 nd Class stamps	55.00	002576
	Leamington Mayor	Charity quiz night	20.00	000078
	Coleshill Mayor	Mayor's musical evening	30.00	000080
	Warwick Mayor	Charity Fashion show	20.00	000083
	Cancelled cheque	Cancelled cheque	CXD	200574

Expenditure over £500:

Invoice Date	WTC Ref	Payable to	Detail	Net	Vat	Gross	Paid by
15/07/16	2801	Woodberry	10 x new plastic flower tubs	1,160.00	232.00	1,392.00	BACS
22/07/06	2809	Bagington nurseries	Fill 10 x new tubs	580.00	116.00	696.00	BACS
22/07/16	2810	WALC	Annual subscription	1,017.00		1,017.00	BACS
29/07/16	2819	Kings Road Catering	Civic dinner	1,680.00		1,680.00	000081
03/08/16	2820	Leamington & County Golf Club	Civic dinner	424.83	84.97	509.80	000082
31/07/16	2828	Burgis & Bullock	Sage accounts & payroll internal bi- annual inspection	500.00	100.00	600.00	BACS
31/08/16	2838	HB Creative	Supply & print Whitnash Tymes autumn 2016 edition	1,466.00	293.20	1,759.20	002580
01/08/16		WDC	Hall rates August 2016	653.00		653.00	DD
01/09/16		WDC	Hall rates September 2016	653.00		653.00	DD

Grant income & expenditure exceeding £500:

				Net	Vat	Gross	Paid by
Grant received:							
15/07/16	Community Forum Grant		Red telephone box refurbishment	3000.00		3000.00	

Grant spend:

Invoice Date	WTC Ref.	Payable to	Detail	Net	Vat	Gross	Paid by
WCC Localities & Communities - Community consultation							
30/07/16	2821	Linda Price	Community survey July 2016	365.43		365.43	BACS
31/08/16	2839	Linda Price	Community survey August 2016	297.60		397.60	BACS

Community Forum Grant replacement flower tubs

15/07/16	2802	D Herbert	Skip for old flower tubs	210.00		210.00	002575
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18/04/04	2809	Bagington nurseries	Fill 10 x new tubs purchased with grant monies (17/06/16)	580.00	116.00	696.00	BACS
Community Forum Grant for refurbishing phone box							
15/07/16	2807	Remember When	Deposit to secure date for phone box refurbishment	200.00		200.00	BACS

39/16 REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

South Ward: Grass mowing outside shops in Coppice Road was shoddy and this has been reported to Warwick District Council. The tree at the bus shelter opposite the Medical Centre in Coppice Road has also been reported. The sunken storm drain at the flats in Verdun Close* has not been fully repaired. *(Cllr Sparkes declared an interest)*. There is a sunken manhole cover outside 32 Coppice Road and this is dangerous for pedestrians and residents using mobility scooters. Persimmon Homes development is using Leamington Spa to advertise the homes when the development is actually in Whitnash. The Bear in the Spa did the same a few years ago. Cllr Margrave will look into this again. Cllr McFadden reported sunken manhole covers on Othello Avenue on Warwick Gates and these have since been repaired. Golf Lane speeding is still an issue and parking on the bend near the Home Farm junction is dangerous as the vision splay for oncoming cars is obscured. The sunken manhole cover on Golf Lane has been repaired and the overhanging trees cut back.

East Ward: Nothing to report

North Ward: Nothing to report

West Ward: Medley Grove street sign has still not been repaired properly. Tree at traffic lights at the junction of Tachbrook and Heathcote Roads has still not been cut back and is obscuring the light. The bin outside the Whitnash Sports and Social Club should be installed in the next six weeks. The mini roundabout on Heathcote Road and the zebra crossing are safety issues and improved signage may help. Peak hour traffic is also an issue on Heathcote Road.

The Clerk read a progress report on items reported at the June 2016 Town Council meeting. Cllr Cancilla will do a report on the litter bins around Whitnash at the next Town Council meeting.

40/16 REPORT ON FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING:

Cllr Smart proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 9th June 2016 are received.

41/16 REPORT ON HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE MEETING:

Cllr Mrs Falp proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Hal and Playing Fields Committee meeting held on 23rd June 2016 are received.

42/16 REPORT ON PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING:

Cllr McFadden proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Planning Meeting held on 7th July 2016 are received.

43/16 WHITNASH TWINNING ASSOCIATION REPORT

There was no report for the twinning association.

44/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 15th September 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no other business the Cllr Mrs Falp thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

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