

103/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the extraordinary and Town Council meetings held on 22nd October 2015 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

104/15 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

30/15 Police – Cllr McFadden was thanked for organising to have the Bogus Bugle included in the winter edition of the Whitnash Tymes. Cllr Smart was thanked for getting the Bogus Bugle folded.

39/15 ID Cards – The photographer was present at the meeting and has now done the photos so and the Identity Badges will be sorted once the photos are received.

87/15 Measured Mile – The launch is on 4th December 2015 and WREN will be attending.

92/15 East Whitnash – Cllr Mrs Falp said we need to order additional copies of the Whitnash Tymes for the new housing developments as completed homes are now occupied.

105/15 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr B Kirton WCC – reported that the recent spending cuts announced by the Chancellor will have major implications on the services that Warwickshire County Council provide. The state of the parking area at Acre Close was raised and there were concerns about safety of pedestrians as there are numerous potholes. Cllr Kirton would follow up on this issue again. Cllr Cancilla reported that the repair work carried out on Coppice Road outside the school has resulted in large puddles when it rains and pupils and the lollipop lady are getting wet when vehicles drive through these puddles.

Cllr R Margrave WDC - This past month the District Council voted to fund a £12m refurbishment programme for the leisure centres in Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth. The Executive ignored strong opinion and recommendation to not privatise the operation of those same leisure centres. However, that decision has been “called in” which means it now goes back to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for further consideration next Tuesday. After that it will go back to full council.

The labour group also organised a petition which did meet its 500 vote minimum count to get brought back for further consideration.

My opinion is that WDC should complete the upgrades, run them in house of up to 2 years before making a decision on outsourcing. 1 in 7 of WDC employees work in the leisure sector.

The details of District’s Local Plan to cope with the requirement for additional housing is going to be considered on the 27th Jan.

Cllrs Mrs Falp, Heath and I met with WDC’s Mike Woollacott and Andy Jones to have an initial discussion regarding funding options. From a WDC funding point of view we are still waiting on the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review (25/11) and will still need the support from the ruling conservative group if we are stick any chance of getting a substantial grant from WDC.

From yesterday WDC changed the way they advertise properties in its Homechoice system, it is going to a weekly and they have a new website. They hope this will make the system more responsive.

They are planning to enhance their online digital service, expanding it to enhance online payment capability and as part of that they will be reviewing the requirement for One Stop Shops about 12 months after that.

Cllr Mrs J Falp – Met Mike Woollacott at the Community Hall and showed him the Whitnash Sports and Social Club site to move the Community Hub forward. Funding will depend on new homes bonus scheme. A report will be submitted to Warwick District Council’s Executive in January 2016. The new Housing Bill will have major implication with new regulations in place.

Warwick District Council have been unable to get support from the Local Councils for the idea of a Joint Standards Committee which would allow representative from Local Councils to have a vote on matters and form part of a hearing panel if required. There are about 10 parishes that have not adopted a code or have not replied to the Monitoring Officer at Warwick District Council. There are also some Councillors in the

district who have not completed declarations of interest forms. This means that there are no parish representatives on the Joint Standards Committee.

106/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT

The Whitnash Neighbourhood Plan Referendum is underway today, 26th November 2015 and the count will start at 10.00 p.m. tonight.

107/15 APPROVE AND ADOPT AMENDED STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders were amended to reflect that a 'REPORT' (in the form of draft minutes) of Committee Meetings would be presented at Town Council meetings in future. This amendment is reflected in Standing Order 5 Ordinary Council Meetings (section k ii). These minutes can then be approved and adopted at the next Committee Meeting.

Use of Non Council Email Addresses was included in the Standing Orders. Members should not use a non Whitnash Town Council email address to conduct official Council business as this is prohibited. The primary reasons for prohibiting this practice is to ensure transparency, information assurance and community confidence.

All Members voted in favour of the amendment and additional Standing Order.

108/15 HOSPITAL PARKING

Cllr Cancilla raised concerns about the parking at Warwick Hospital. The barriers don't always work, it is difficult to find a parking place and A & E parking should be separate. When the parking is full vehicles trying to find a parking place cause congestion at the exit barrier. The cost of parking is very high and the hospital does not publicise 'concessionary passes' for parking if relatives and friends are in hospital for a long time. Members propose a letter is sent to Mr Glen Burley asking him to address these issues and suggest an article is submitted to the Whitnash Tymes to publicise the 'concessionary passes'.

109/15 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2015

Councillor Button updated Members about Christmas lights 2015. Co-operative Energy is the main sponsor and sponsorship has also been received from Persimmon Homes. Members were reminded about donating wine and chocolates for the raffle and chocolate tombola. A plea for more Santa's little helpers and help on the day especially after the event would be a help. Cllr Vaughan will ask the One Stop Shop for a donation / sponsorship. Cllr Button was thanked for all the work he has done to date.

110/15 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

1. Letter and map showing the primary gritting routes for 2015 – 2016 winter season.
2. Thank you letter from Whitnash W.I. for grant received.

3. Thank you letter from Whitnash Short Mat Bowls Club for grant received.
4. Thank you letter from Whitnash Youth Club for grant received.
5. Thank you letter from The League of Friends for grant received.

111/5 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

(91/15 - Accounts for payment accepted subject to receipts.)

No	Payable	Details	Amount £	Cheque No
2647	Jenny Mason	Re-instate notice board at Margaret's House	43.28	BACS
2649	HB Creative	Christmas lights banners	228.00	002542
2650	Jenny Mason	Refreshments measured mile	6.00	BACS
2651	Jenny Mason	Measured mile launch	4.00	BACS
2652	Fortress	Hall wheelie bins 27/12/15 -26/03/16	248.39	BACS
2654	MSG Cleaning	Hall cleaning Nov 2015	105.00	BACS
2655	John Gordon	Christmas lights magician	150.00	002551
2657	Spa Computer Centre	2 X Computer monitors	190.00	BACS
2658	Gritbins.net	4 X grit bins	259.15	BACS
2659	EON	Street lighting Nov 2015	32.83	DD
2660	Nuneaton Signs Ltd	Road closure signs	456.96	BACS
2661	Jenny Mason	Postage	2.00	BACS
2662	Jenny Mason	Cable ties Christmas Lights	7.02	BACS
2666	Midshire Telecom	Office phone Nov 2015	8.96	DD
2667	Jenny Mason	Marker pens	2.64	BACS
2668	British Telecom	Hall telephone	75.56	DD
2671	ESPO	Salt for grit bins	110.70	BACS
2672	BOSS HR	HR Services	90.00	BACS
2673	WPS Insurance	Insurance measured mile	420.34	BACS
2674	WCC	Office rent 01/0116/-31/03/16	495.85	BACS
2675	MSG Cleaning	Hall cleaning Dec2015	120.00	BACS
2676	EON	Street lighting Dec 15	33.94	DD
2678	Midshire Telecom	Office phone Dec 15	8.98	DD
	Dave Stocks	Father Christmas suit (part)	24.00	002543
	Cllr Button	Re-imburse printing costs	25.00	002544
	Cllr Cancilla	Re-imburse printing costs	25.00	002545
	Cllr McFadden	Re-imburse printing costs	25.00	002546
	Cllr Shepherd	Re-imburse printing costs	25.00	002547
	Cllr Smart	Re-imburse printing costs	25.00	002548
	Cllr Sparkes	Re-imburse printing costs	25.00	002549
	Post Office	100 x 2nd class stamps	54.00	002550
	Mr Grimsley	Christmas raffle 1st prize	100.00	002533
	Sonia Wilkinson	Refund hall booking	30.00	002554
	Myton Hospice	Civic Christmas cards	5.00	000051

Wages, pension and Inland Revenue contributions:

	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Total
Gross Wages	5069.90	4972.53	4172.21	
SSP		229.97	406.87	
Employers NI	132.90	132.90	132.90	
Employers Pension	415.28	415.28	415.28	
Total Staff Cost	5618.08	5750.68	5127.26	16496.02

Income Tax	265.40	261.20	244.60	
NI Employer & Employee	272.76	272.76	272.76	
Inland Revenue Contributions	538.16	533.96	517.36	1589.48

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE EXCEEDING £500							
INVOICE DATE	WTC REF	PAYABLE TO	DETAIL	NET	VAT	GROSS	Payment
02/12/15	2656	EVENTMEN	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS STALLS ETC	1,790.00	358.00	2,148.00	002552
03/12/15	2665	N S BOOTH	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS STALLS ETC	3,835.00	767.00	4,602.00	BACS
30/11/15	2669	OAKWOOD SECURITY	CARETAKER COVER NOV 15	575.00	115.00	690.00	BACS
31/12/15	2679	OAKWOOD SECURITY	CARETAKER COVER DEC 15	425.00	85.00	510.00	BACS
01/12/15		WDC	HALL RATES DEC 15			648.00	DD
01/01/16		WDC	HALL RATE JAN 16			648.00	DD
GRANT INCOME & EXPENDITURE EXCEEDING £500							
				NET	VAT	GROSS	
GRANT RECEIVED							
09/12/15		WDC	MEASURED MILE PROJECT	9,916.00		9,916.00	
14/12/15		WDC	MEASURED MILE PROJECT	14,411.20		14,411.20	
22/12/15		WREN	MEASURED MILE PROJECT	49,637.00		49,637.00	
				TOTAL	73,964.20		
GRANT SPEND							
01/12/15	2663	SUTHERPARK	MEASURED MILE PROJECT	30,987.50	6,197.50	37,185.00	BACS
23/11/15	2664	URBAN RECREATION	MEASURED MILE PROJECT	45,035.00	9,007.00	54,042.00	BACS
NB. WTC FUNDING CONTRIBUTION FOR MEASURED MILE FROM RESERVES				-2,058.30			
				TOTAL	73,964.20		

112/15 REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

North Ward: Recycling bins and boxes still not being returned to properties. Could the timing of the collection be changed to off peak times especially on main roads through Whitnash?

East Ward: Need to include new homes in numbers for the Whitnash Tymes.

West Ward: Cllr McFadden has reported that residents have noticed an individual frequenting the areas of Evans Grove and Washbourne Playing Field and also at the shelter on Warwick Gates which seems suspicious. This activity has been reported to the Police. Dog fouling is still a problem outside the schools in Whitnash. There are still vehicles speeding along Tachbrook Road.

South Ward: Cllr Smart raised concern that the Town Council did not receive rates from the new properties that were built in Whitnash as few years ago and that we should ensure we receive them this time. The road sign in Mullard Drive is still lying on the ground. There is a graffiti tag on the lamp column that holds the CCTV camera this will be reported.

113/15 REPORT ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON:

Cllr Button proposed that the report (in the form of draft minutes) of the Christmas Lights Working Group meeting held on 5th November 2015 be approved and adopted.

114/15 REPORT ON HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON:

Cllr Mrs Falp proposed that the report (in the form of draft minutes) of the Hall and Playing Field committee meetings held on 15th October 2015 be approved and adopted.

115/15 REPORT ON PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON:

Cllr McFadden proposed that the report (in the form of draft minutes) of the Planning Meeting held on 5th November 2015 be approved and adopted.

116/15 WHITNASH TWINNING ASSOCIATION REPORT

Cllr Mrs Falp reported that the Union and French flags were flown at half-mast after the tragic events in France in November 2015. The Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, 28th November 2015.

117/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 21st January 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

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

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