

later on.

A positive challenge relates to the Community Hub. We have had agreement from the Whitnash Sports & Social Club to go ahead with our plans and this was ratified by our Councillors at an extraordinary meeting. All good news, now we have to move forward with this.

We are looking forward to our Civic Service at 2.30pm on Sunday, at St Joseph's and thank you to those of you who replied.

We are currently looking forward to some interesting events over the forthcoming months, starting with a Race Night at Bishops Tachbrook on Saturday 1st October, this is a free-to-enter event and will be raising funds for our charities. I will tell you about others nearer to the time.

Please be reminded of a couple of notable dates for your diaries and they are Tree of Light on Saturday 19th November and the Christmas Lights switch-on on Sunday 4th December.

Cllr S Button

53/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21st July and extraordinary meeting held on 15th August 2016 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

54/16 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

21st July 2016:

30/16 Community Development Survey – Cllr Mrs Falp read the report submitted by Linda Price. The completed report will be presented at the Town Council meeting on 20th October 2016.

18/16 North Ward – We are still trying to ascertain who owns the road and are awaiting some documents from Land Registry.

34/16 WDC Report from Cllr Mrs Falp – Cllr Short asked what WDC Executive said about concurrent services at their meeting and apparently they were dismissive about it.

35/16 Nominations for Joint Warwick District Standards Committee – no formal notification has been received from Warwick District Council regarding the successful applicants. Cllr Mrs Falp said that Cllrs Guest and Smart had been nominated.

39/16 Ward Reports – South Ward - Cllr Margrave said he had not looked into the post codes for Persimmon Homes and Cllr Franklin said that post codes have no legal standing.

West Ward – the litter bin outside the Whitnash Sports and Social Club has been replaced.

The Medley Grove sign has still not been repaired. The traffic island at the junction of Heathcote and Franklin Roads is still of concern as people do not realise there is a zebra crossing so close to the traffic island.

15th August 2016:

There were no matters arising.

55/16 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Warwickshire County Council Report:

No report as Cllr Kirton was not at the meeting.

Warwick District Council Reports:

The Overview and Scrutiny meeting at Warwick District Council was cancelled and that the bin outside the Whitnash Sports and Social Club has been installed.

Cllr R Margrave – Warwick District Councillor

Since the last town council meeting I have attended 14 meetings at the district on Planning, Standards, Scrutiny, The Executive, Full Council, Group Leaders meetings, Peer Review meetings, Health Scrutiny, Shadow Portfolio Holders meetings, Licencing and Regulatory full meetings and panel meetings and The Plato Trust meeting where I represent W.D.C. The Finance and Audit committee on which I now sit while often lasting more than three hours does really scrutinise well any financial matters that are on the agenda.

I try at these meetings to make sure that Whitnash and any impact the discussions will have on the resident are looked at and mitigated wherever possible. As a group while it is impossible to out vote the current administration we should and do wherever possible hold them to account for their actions. Sometimes we agree with them, such as this council wish not to join in a combined authority but often we do not especially when it impacts negatively on Whitnash such as the removal of concurrent services. The forward plan issued by the council is a good way for opposition groups to look at what they can start to look at to hold the administration to account rather than just address current matters.

I continue to have residents contact me on a range of issues, with homelessness being a real issue at the moment. Private landlords are reluctant to take on residents receiving benefits, often want large deposits, charge high rents and when they sell homes can mean a resident having lived in Whitnash many years, with children at local schools having to go some distance to find another home. W.D.C. has a duty to provide a home for many but it is a difficult time for all and with less stock what is available at the time is often not what would be hoped for. Private rented homes are an important part of the housing market and we need our landlords with less social housing available.

Cllr Mrs Judy Falp - Warwick District Councillor

Cllr Mrs Falp was asked about the new Stagecoach bus depot and if the impact on this additional traffic had been considered when the application was received? At this is on our border Whitnash was not consulted at the time of the application.

Cllr Mrs Falp also encouraged Members to attend the planning meetings at Warwick District Council if the Council has objected to any planning applications.

56/16 WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL SUPPORT TO TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

Warwick District Council are proposing changes to the funding provided to town and parish councils this relates to Concurrent Services and Count Tax Reduction Grants. The proposal is to reduce Concurrent Services Grants by 50% for 2017 – 2018 and stop the grants from 2018 – 2019. The Council Tax Reduction Grant will be cut by 50% for 2017 – 2018 and the grant will stop from 2018 – 2019. Whitnash Town Council has submitted a Freedom of Information request to Warwick District Council to find out how much money is spent on the parks in Leamington, Kenilworth and Warwick. Comments need to be submitted to Warwick District Council by Friday, 30th September 2016.

A draft of letter sent to all members for consideration. Once the Freedom of Information request has been received additional comments will be included in the letter.

Members suggested that Kenilworth, Leamington and Warwick take over the running of their parks from Warwick District Council.

57/16 WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

This involves minor amendments to the boundaries between Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council, Warwick Town Council and Whitnash Town Council.

Members voted in favour of this review.

58/16 SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT ACRE CLOSE REPORT BACK

Cllr Mrs Falp read out the detailed report.

Whitnash Town Council funded Sky Blues in the Community to deliver 9 summer camp sport sessions at Acre Close Community Centre between July – September 2016. The primary purpose for this community investment was to use sport and physical arts to promote health and wellbeing and to provide a range of sporting opportunities for young children in the local area.

A total of 9 sessions was delivered which took place during week 2, 3 and 5 of the summer holidays. Both the indoor and outside area of the Community Centre was used depending on the weather. Sessions delivered included an introduction to boxing, street dance and multi-sport which included a range of sports and activities including fundamental movement skills (throwing, catching, jumping), dodgeball, football and team games.

This money donated by Cllr Birdi covered the total cost of the activities provided by Sky Blues in the Community and the cost of the hall hire for these events during summer 2016.

59/16 BUS ROUTE 65 / 66

Warwickshire County Council have notified Whitnash Town Council of the proposed changes to Public Bus Service 65 / 66. This service operated by Stagecoach will cease running after Friday, 17th December 2016 as it is no longer financially viable.

This change has been publicised on Whitnash Town Council's website.

60/16 WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Members discussed this and proposed that Warwick District Council should provide help and financial support to charities that support homeless people to try and alleviate the problem.

61/16 INSPIRATIONAL WOMAN AWARD

The Chairman of Warwick District Council is looking for a woman within Warwick District whom we consider to be inspirational in our Town. Details are requested by 31 January 2017. Members thought a request for an inspirational 'person' would be more appropriate. The email and nomination would be forwarded to all Members again.

62/16 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email about organising snow wardens - sent to all members in August 2016.

Correspondence was noted.

63/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

(38/16) - Accounts for payment accepted subject to receipts.)

No	Payable	Details	Amount £	Cheque No
2841	HB Creative	Supply & print civic service sheets	57.60	000086
2842	Viking Direct	Stationery	48.23	BACS
2844	Fortress	Hall wheelie bin	248.39	BACS
2845	Midshire Telecom	Office call charges August 2016	5.99	DD
2846	British Telecom	Hall telephone	80.28	DD
2847	Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath	17.00	000087
2848	John Cooke Photography	Mayor's portrait	80.00	000090
2849	NS Booth	PAT testing hall & office	115.50	BACS
2850	G C Print	Christmas lights raffle tickets	153.00	BACS
2851	Whitnash Home & Garden	Weed killer bund Acre Close	35.57	002585
2852	Jenny Mason	Fuel for mowers	10.79	BACS
2853	Land Registry	RE Church Close	7.00	002583
2854	Jenny Mason	Fuel for mowers	10.80	BACS
2856	J Dale	Civic service catering	189.00	000089
2857	John Cooke Photography	Framed Mayor's portrait	100.00	000090
2858	MGS Cleaning	Hall cleaning /holiday cover	60.00	002586
2863	Countrywide	Mowing October 2016	338.80	BACS
2864	Midshire Telecom	Office call charges September 2016	6.00	DD
2865	EON	Street lighting September 2016	38.14	DD
2866	I C Fabrication	Lock protector case Washbourne	250.00	002587
	Post Office	Stamps	58.00	002584
	Stratford Mayor's charity	Charity ball	90.00	000085
	Mr T Roberts	Organist civic service	25.00	000088
	Warwick Town Council	Warwick mop lunch	75.00	000091

Wages, pensions and Inland Revenue Contributions

	July 2016	August 2016	September 2016	Total
Gross Wages	6141.10	5410.49	5368.60	
Employers NI	190.44	190.44	190.44	
Employers Pension	565.96	565.96	565.96	
Total Staff Cost	6897.50	6166.89	6125.00	19189.39
Income Tax	265.60	265.80	265.60	
NI Employer & Employee	356.52	356.52	356.52	
Inland Revenue Payments	622.12	622.32	622.12	1866.56

Expenditure over £500:

Invoice Date	WTC Ref	Payable to	Detail	Net	Vat	Gross	Paid by
06/09/16	2843	Grant Thornton	2016 Annual return	600.00	120.00	720.00	BACS
12/02/69	2859	Blachere Illuminations	Christmas lights	2,097.50	419.50	2,517.00	BACS
30/09/16	2862	WDC	Hanging Baskets	3,192.00	638.40	3,830.40	BACS
01/10/16		WDC	Hall Rates October	653.00		653.00	DD

Grant income & expenditure exceeding £500:

			Net	Vat			
Grant received:							
11/10/16	Warwickshire County Council	Community Hub Business Plan	5000.00		5000.00	BACS	
Grant spend:							
30/9/16	2860	Linda Price	Community Consultation	1,040.70		1,040.70	BACS

64/16 REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

North Ward: Members raised concern about the junction at Golf Lane and Whitnash Road. There have been three accidents and a few near misses at this junction. The amount of traffic has increased significantly since the new housing development has been built. There are also concerns about the number of school children trying to cross this road on their way to and from school. Members proposed a letter is sent to Warwickshire County Council asking what can be done to ensure the safety of children and motorists at this junction and also request the outcome of the recent traffic survey at this junction.

West Ward: Cllr McFadden commented on the anti-social behaviour reports he has received from residents living near the shelter on Warwick Gates. Motor cycles are racing along the path and unsociable hours. The fencing around the Whitnash oak has also been damaged. The bus shelter at the bottom of Ashford Road has been painted! Medley Grove street sign has still not been repaired!

South Ward: Trees have been planted around the substation at Mallory Grange.

East Ward: 50 new homes have now been completed in East Whitnash. The Labour Group at Warwick District Council are objecting to any building work on the side of the bridle path. The back entrance to Champion School needs clearing. Cllr Button will ask the Head Teacher at Champion School to report this. It was reported that the fencing at 15 Alibone Close has been kicked in. Cllr Mrs Falp will follow up on this.

65/16 REPORT ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP MEETING:

Cllr Button proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Christmas Lights Working Group meeting held on 1st September 2016 are received.

66/16 REPORT ON PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING:

Cllr Franklin proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Planning Meetings held on 4th August and 1st September 2016 are received.

67/16 WHITNASH TWINNING ASSOCIATION REPORT

The twinning visit to Germany was successful.

68/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 20th October 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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