

Minutes 01/17

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday, 15th June 2017
at 7.00 p.m. in
Whitnash Community Hall, Acre Close, Whitnash.

PRESENT

Councillors: T Shepherd Deputy
A Barton
S Button
B Franklin
S McFadden
D Sage
J Short
B Smart
R Sparkes
S Vaughan

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

Police – 2

Public - 4

A minute silence was held for Jane Byford and the victims of the fire on the west London estate.

01/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cancilla, Mrs Falp, Heath, Kirton and Margrave. Apologies for absence were accepted.

02/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

03/17 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

04/17 POLICE

Standing orders were suspended to allow PCSO, Jessica West, to speak.

There have been 14 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 1 business burglary; 2 motor bike thefts; 1 push bike stolen from Acre Close and 2 incidents of damage.

Speeding down Golf Lane and other areas in Whitnash was mentioned again. This is a persistent problem and it was proposed that Cllr Mrs Falp be asked for a speed monitoring device to be installed.

Jessica told Members that they all been issued with mobile phones and that she would forward their contact telephone numbers to the Clerk to distribute.

Standing orders were re-instated.

05/17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Read by Cllr Shepherd:

Please accept my apologies for not being with you this evening. Since the Mayor Making I have attended three events, Whitnash Combined sponsored walk on probably the hottest day of the year so far, the African Children's Choir at the Spa Centre and Solihull Civic Service on Sunday last and tonight at the Loft Theatre for a Charitable Youth Theatre production of a Disney musical.

I have received complaints about children chasing the horses at the field by the brook at Black Bridge and the police are looking into this.

Cllr T Heath

06/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 27th April 2017 and Annual Meeting and Mayor Making held on 25th May 2017 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

07/17 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

27th April 2017:

178/17 Minutes of the previous meeting – List of Accounts question – this was discussed with the internal auditor and an explanation note was sent out with the agenda and minutes. She was happy with the way this was presented. Kerry and I have looked at this again and determined that, for greater clarity, a schedule of Approved Payments will be reported to members for information. Any comments or points made at the Council meeting will be recorded in the minutes. The Schedule of Approved Payments will be sent out with the Town Council Agenda and noted at the Town Council meeting.

185/17 Heathcote / Whitnash Road update – Cllr Mrs Falp is looking into this.

25th May 2017:

There were no matters arising.

08/17 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Warwickshire County Council Report:

The report was read by Cllr Shepherd.

I send my apologies to you all for not being at the meeting and for not sending this report in advance.

This is the first report from me as County Councillor. Although I have been a Councillor for 22 years on the Town Council and 14 years on the district Council I believe it is important to attend training sessions put on for you. In May, I attended one welcome reception, two training sessions and the first full council of the municipal year. You are allocated a committee depending on the size of your party and on the decision of the Leader of the Council. I am pleased that I have been allocated a seat on the Resources Committee which covers Libraries and Fire and Rescue along with H.R and I.T. In June, I have seven training/briefing sessions to attend. I have started to meet up with Officers of the County to see what support they can give me and Whitnash. I have met with Alistair Rigby from Communities, who helps run our forums.

I met with Jo Edwards from Highways who Cllrs Button, Shepherd and Kirton met with over concerns about Golf Lane. She explained that each County Councillor has budget to spend in their area on highways improvements that must help accident reduction. The budget can be carried over for one year but if not spent by end of year two then the money goes back into the general pot. Schemes have to cost over £6000 but a number of schemes undertaken together that add up to £6000 will be considered. There is a training session on this budget stating what you can spend it on taking place in July. Schemes also have to meet certain criteria as well. Jo gave me some ideas on costs. Traffic Lights £250,000! Refuges in roads £15,000, 20 miles per hour speed signs, not sure how many but approx. £10,000 and that would not be for all roads. You can pay for bus shelters as well, but I did not get the cost of them. My budget is £35,000 a year so you can see it will not go far. I have asked her to price up some traffic calming measures for Golf Lane.

I am meeting David Cross from Highways this Friday. David is the person who we report highways maintenance issues too. I may be able to spend some of my budget on road and path improvements on top of what county will do.

I now have my County email address judyfalp@warwickshire.co.uk and phone number 07771339183.

Cllr Judy Falp, County Councillor, Whitnash

Warwick District Council Reports:

Reports from Cllrs Mrs Judy Falp and Heath were read by Cllr Shepherd:

The District Council Annual meeting took place on the 11th May.

Cllr Alan Boad, who represents Lillington, one of the longest serving Councillors took over as Chairman. Andrew Mobbs continues as Leader of the Council. Cllr Heath has taken over as Leader of the Whitnash Residents Association from me on the District Council and I have once again been appointed as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. I hope we will be challenging in holding the Executive to account. I will also serve on the Health Scrutiny, Employment and People Steering Group, and keep my shadow portfolio roles on Housing and Health and Community Protection.

I have been on the District Council now for 14 years and find that planning Issues, Housing and Environmental Health Issues are still the main concerns residents contact me about.

The plans for the new Offices for the District Council have now been shared and will go to the planning committee of the district soon. The new contractors to run the Leisure Centres has also been notified to the public.

Cllr Judy Falp, Warwick District Council

This year I am serving on the Peoples Strategy Steering Group with Cllr Falp, The Planning committee, Licensing and Regulatory Committee and Shadow Port Folio Holder for Leisure which is very busy at the moment with the revamp of the leisure centres at Newbold and St Nicholas Park. I have also taken over from Cllr Falp as Group Leader not she is on the Country Council.

The Executive Committee on the 28th June will be, hopefully, be approving the Community Hub Scheme for Whitnash.

Cllr Tony Heath, Warwick District Council

No Warwick District Council report was received from Cllr Margrave.

It was proposed that the new Member of Parliament is invited to a Town Council meeting in the near future.

09/17 APPROVE AND ADOPT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (SECTION 1)

Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2016 – 2017 was approved, adopted and signed at the Town Council Meeting.

10/17 APPROVE AND ADOPT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (SECTION 2)

Section 2 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2016 – 2017 was approved, adopted and signed at the Town Council Meeting.

11/17 NOMINATION FOR DEMENTIA CHAMPION

This item was deferred to the July Town Council meeting.

12/17 SCHEDULE OF DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS

A schedule of direct debit payments for 2017 – 2018 was forwarded to all Members and approved.

13/17 NEW ALLOTMENT SITE

An email was received from Warwick District Council regarding a new allotment site being provided as part of the AC Lloyd development at Land South of, St Fremund Way (W/12/0027).

It's been a long time since any new allotment sites were provided anywhere in the area, but there are a number of them coming forward as part of the large-scale development now in progress across the district. The usual process for these sites is for the District to adopt the land, and then offer it to the Parish / Town Council for a peppercorn rent.

Members proposed that a more definite proposal is required before an informed decision can be taken.

14/17 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Warwick District Council CIL Consultation emailed to all Members on 19th May 2017
2. Warwick District Council Unmet Demand Survey emailed to all Members on 19th May 2017.

All correspondence was noted.

15/17 SCHEDULE OF APPROVED PAYMENTS

The Schedule of Approved Payments from 20th April 2017 to 6th June 2017 was noted.

16/17 REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

South Ward: Nothing to report.

East Ward: No report

North Ward: Recycling team was praised for the fast removal of rubbish from Verdun Close.

West Ward: Franklin Road footpath has markings on so will hopefully be resurfaced soon and Murcott Road has been surface dressed. There are vehicles racing up and down Chandlers and Washbourne Roads. The Police are aware of this.

17/17 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 June 2017 are received.

18/17 REPORT ON FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18th MAY 2017

Cllr Smart proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 18th May 2017 are received.

19/17 REPORT ON HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE MEETING:

Cllr Button proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Hal and Playing Fields Committee meeting held on 11th May 2017 are received.

20/17 REPORT ON PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Cllr Franklin proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Planning Meetings held on 4th May 2017 and Cllr Smart proposed the 1st June 2017 are received.

21/17 WHITNASH TWINNING ASSOCIATION REPORT

Various events have been planned for the German Twinning Visit in July 2017.

22/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 20th July 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

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

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