

Minutes 06/16

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday, 17th November 2016
at 7.00 p.m. in
Whitnash Community Hall, Acre Close, Whitnash.

PRESENT	Councillors:	S Button	Mayor
		T Heath	Deputy
		G Cancilla	
		Mrs J Falp	
		B Franklin	
		R Margrave	
		S McFadden	
		T Shepherd	
		B Smart	
		R Sparkes	
	Town Clerk:	Jenny Mason	

94/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Kirton and Short. Apologies for absence were accepted.

95/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

96/16 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

97/16 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last meeting, we have carried on representing Whitnash in both our own town and in the surrounding neighbourhoods, albeit a bit low-key in the past month.

We have been privileged to attend 2 brilliant Drum Head Services, in aid of the Poppy Appeal. One at the Spa Centre and one at St Margaret's Church, both of which were fantastic to attend and must take an enormous amount of planning.

We of course had the Remembrance Service on Sunday and it is sometimes a little disappointing that ALL Councillors do not attend, although they really should.

We also attended a fascinating celebration at the Spa Centre for the Diwali switch-on. On Monday, my charity, Rufus' Friends held a Christmas Fair, which raised over £1600 for both of the Charities. After that I attended a talk by our own Barry Franklin and his mate Tom Lewin at the Whitnash Society, on the history of the shops from Clemens Street to the top of the Parade. It was really interesting and brought back a load of memories.

I must say, I have now attended 3 talks at the Whitnash Society and would recommend this to everyone. Membership is now starting for the forthcoming year and at just £10 this is a bargain.

I think the Trees were planted on the bund today and we have to thank the Whitnash Charitable Trust for this. A note for your diary is Friday 16th December, where the Cubbington Silver Band are playing the Whitnash Sports & Social Club on behalf of the Whitnash Charitable Trust at £7.00 this is great value.

This weekend we have the Tree of Light Switch-on at St Margaret's Church at 5.15pm. Try to get there if you can. On Saturday, 3rd December 2016 there is a quiz night at Bishops Tachbrook Club, on behalf of my charities. I will send an email out about this.

We are now full-long into the Christmas Lights switch-on, which is on Sunday 4th December. You will notice that we have some new lights along Heathcote Road, which should brighten things up this year. Unfortunately, our good friend Dave Stocks is not very well at the moment, therefore we are looking for someone to be Father Christmas for 2 hours. If you or any of your friends are up to this, please let me know.

I am also doing my usual appeal for wine and chocolates for the raffle & tombola stalls, along with my request for Santa's Little Helpers. I will be sending another email about this. Yes, I know.... boring!

I had a bit of a boost yesterday when Vic Minnett from BBC Coventry and Warwickshire said she would attend and help out. Hopefully we will also get some publicity from them on the radio.

As an extra we are having a "Give a Teddy a Home" stall, in aid of my charities, so if you or anyone else has any soft toys that you no longer need, please feel free to donate them to this good cause.

Thank you in anticipation, as well as thanks to those who have already contributed.

Cllr Button – Mayor
(Cllr Heath arrived at 19h05)

98/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 20th October 2016 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

99/16 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

73/16 Community Consultation Report – Cllr Mrs Falp contacted winner from the draw and he was unable to attend the meeting this evening. A meeting will be arranged in the new year for those residents who were interested in being Community Champions and Linda Price has offered help at this meeting.

74/16 1st Whitnash Scouts – did an excellent presentation.

78/16 Reports from County and District Councillors – Cllr McFadden asked if there was an update about the gypsy / traveller sites? Cllr Mrs Falp did not attend the entire session on the Local Plan so no update was given.

84/16 Stagecoach – a letter was sent to Stagecoach on 24th October and to date no reply has been received.

87/16 Reports from Ward Councillors – The road area outside St Margaret's School where there was a puddle of water has been repaired. Medley Grove sign has been replaced at last!

100/16 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Warwickshire County Council Report:

Cllr Kirton tendered his apologies so there was no WCC report.

Warwick District Council Reports:

Two important items affecting Whitnash have been on agenda at Warwick District Council. Firstly, the concurrent services cut in funding. Despite the Finance and Audit recommending that the cuts be spread over a longer period of time as recommended by WALC the Executive recommendation to full council on Wednesday 16th November is as per the original paper. I write this report before the meeting on the 16th November and so will update the town council with my fellow Whitnash District Councillors on the 17th November verbally.

Secondly at a recent Regulatory meeting the changes to district boundaries recommended for Warwick Gates was confirmed. This will be hopefully implemented before the next district elections. This has made more logical boundaries and not some houses in one road in one ward and some in other wards. Also raised was the wish to make wards the same as County boundaries at District and Parish levels. There was a close vote on this matter as some of the committee including myself said local connections should be considered as well. The concerning matter for Whitnash is that East Whitnash is not in the County ward of Whitnash. So once again we have to fight to keep representing our area around the Brook Valley. This will not be discussed and agreed before next year's County elections but may be in place for the District and Parish election in 2019

Judy Falp, Warwick District Council and Whitnash Town Council

I attended the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting which had an hour-long presentation about Shakespeare's England with Q & A, plus a discussion.

We were also updated on the Task & Finish Group update regarding HMO's

Reaffirmed that One Stops and Forums will be reviewed by the end of the Financial year.

Yesterday's full Council ignore our plea with respect to Concurrent Services as you have already heard from Judy.

WDC are budgeting to spend around £100000 regarding the covenant on the Leamington FC ground.

Cllr R Margrave

101/16 CO-OPTION

Cllr Mrs Falp proposed the co-option of Mr David Sage an ex Councillor from Ryton on Dunsmore who lives on Warwick Gates. Cllr Button seconded this proposal. All Members present voted in favour.

102/16 COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

After the last Hub meeting where it had been agreed by both the Sports and Social Club and the Town Council that option three would be taken forward the consultants went away to continue work on the business plan.

I had some concerns that some sports and social members had concerns still and asked our consultants to have a further meeting with one group in particular. Information on a previous planning application and funding the sports club had for changing rooms and new hall was shared at this meeting though the time span for starting the building plan after plans had been approved had elapsed. In view of this the consultants came up with an option four. This involved implementing the original plan the sports and social club had but placing it in Acre Close next to the community hub, keeping the Petanque terrain in place but

still allowed for parking for both venues.

At the last meeting of the joint group the possibility of funding for option three with the sports hall was discussed and it was said that it was unlikely we would get £3.5 million at this time. It was recommended that option one be continued for a Community Hub as funding for that was extremely positive, with the sports hall being phase two of the project, for the future. Whitnash Sports and Social Club were asked to set up their own working group, look at getting a business plan for the buildings they want to do and to let the combined group know if they wished to go with option four. It is disappointing that we are not in a position to continue with the sports hall, but the need for the new hub as soon as possible outweighs the time we have to gather in a lot more money for option three. We also hope the Whitnash Sports and Social Club will continue to be part of the project, but we need to get our business plan completed and applications for funding in as soon as possible. We can do this with option one or four. We continue to work with Whitnash Primary school and Warwickshire County Council to seek ways to help the school's future needs.

Councillor Judy Falp

Chairman Whitnash Community Hub working Group

Cllrs Button and Sparkes declared an interest in this item.

Members proposed that option one is pursued in the interim while Whitnash Sports and Social Club move forward with their vision / business plan for the future. Eight Members voted in favour and two Members who declared an interest did not vote.

102/16 TRAFFIC ISSUES

The traffic issues at Golf Lane / Whitnash Road and Franklin and Heathcote Road junctions was discussed again. The response received from Jo Edwards regarding the issues raised was not a satisfactory reply. No response was received from Joanne Archer (Development Group) neither was a copy of the recent traffic survey done for the junction of Golf Lane and Whitnash Road received from Roger Harding. Members also asked why the survey was only carried out between 14h50 and 16h05 and not at the busiest time of the day which is early morning? Cllr Shepherd suggested sourcing a quotation from an independent company to conduct a survey at this busy junction between 07h30 and 09h30 in the morning and again from 15h00 to 18h00 during school term. A reply would be sent asking for the date the survey was carried out and also requesting a copy of the survey undertaken.

103/16 EMERGENCY PLAN

The Whitnash Community Emergency Plan needs updating and need to establish which Councillors are willing to be part of the Emergency Committee apart from the Mayor and Deputy who head the emergency team.

The following Members volunteered: Cllrs Cancilla, Margrave, Shepherd and Smart.

104/16 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Copies of the WALC Annual Report for 2015 - 2016 was received.

105/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

(86/16) - Accounts for payment accepted subject to receipts.)

No	Payable	Details	Amount £	Cheque No
2889	Midshire Telecom	Office call charges Oct 16	143.44	DD
2890	HB Creative	Supply & print grit bin stickers	31.20	002597
2891	HB Creative	Christmas lights banners	246.00	002597
2892	HB Creative	Mayor's Christmas cards	114.00	000095
2893	GC Print	Christmas raffle tickets	40.00	BACS
2895	Information Commissioners Office	Data protection annual renewal	35.00	DD
2897	Chesford hotel	2nd Instalment Mayors Charity ball	400.00	BACS
2899	Jenny Mason	Raffle book Christmas lights 2016	2.99	BACS
2900	Jenny Mason	Roof & gutter seal hall	17.24	BACS
2901	Sureway heating	Boiler repair hall	42.84	BACS
2903	Titan internet	Professional hosting & backup	168.00	DD
2904	Viking	Toner & stationery	139.15	BACS
2905	John Gordon	Magician Christmas lights	150.00	002600
2906	Jenny Mason	Padlock & keys Acre Close Gate	34.95	002598
2907	Jenny Mason	Banqueting roll Christmas lights	8.75	BACS
2908	Jenny Mason	Raffle list Christmas lights	0.96	BACS
2909	Jenny Mason	Cable ties Christmas lights shields	14.90	BACS
2910	Eon	Street lighting Nov 2016	38.14	DD
2912	Fortress	Hall bins Dec16 to March 17	248.39	BACS
2913	Jenny Mason	Calendar office	1.00	BACS
2916	British Telecom	Hall telephone	80.28	DD
2917	Midshire Telecom	Office call charges Nov 16	11.80	DD
2919	Boss HR	HR Services	90.00	BACS
2922	24/7 Service	Hall shutter repairs	158.22	BACS
2923	Midshire Telecom	Office call charges Dec 16	5.51	DD
2924	Warwickshire County Council	Office rent Jan - Mar 17	495.85	BACS
2925	EON	Street lighting Dec 2016	39.41	DD
2926	Jenny Mason	Screws for new notice board	12.18	BACS
2927	Jenny Mason	USB finance computer	9.99	BACS
2928	Titan	Domain registration	120.00	DD
2929	WALC	Training – End of year Finance	60.00	BACS
	Post Office	Stamps, Twinning postage	57.10	002602
	V Kingsley	Christmas raffle 1 st prize	100.00	002603
	Cubbington Silver Band	Charity Concert	21.00	000096
	Coventry City Council	Mayor's Charity Ball	80.00	000097
	Myton Hospice	Camel post	8.00	000098
	Cllr S Button	Refreshments Civic Heads	17.40	000099
	Mayor of Leamington	Civic dinner	80.00	000100
	Mayor of Solihull	Civic dinner	50.00	000101

Expenditure over £500:

Invoice Date	WTC Ref	Payable to	Detail	Net	Vat	Gross	Paid by
09/11/16	2894	WCC	Convert lamp columns	576.36		576.36	BACS
16/11/16	2896	Countrywide	Mowing April-Oct 16	1,411.65	282.35	1,694.00	BACS
31/10/16	2897	Chesford Hotel	Deposit Mayors Charity Ball	800.00		800.00	BACS
20/11/16	2902	Andrew Green	Flail mow bund Acre Close	600.00	120.00	700.00	002599
02/12/16	2911	Eventmen	Stage, Stalls & Marquees	1,930.00	386.00	2,316.00	002601
30/11/16	2915	NS Booth	Install Christmas Lights	3,930.00	786.00	4,716.00	BACS
12/12/16	2921	Shelley Signs	Notice Board	1,380.00	276.00	1,656.00	BACS
01/12/16		WDC	Hall rates December	653.00		653.00	DD
01/01/17		WDC	Hall rates January	653.00		653.00	DD
Grant income & expenditure exceeding £500:				Net	Vat		
Grant received							
	None						
Grant spend							
	None						

106/16 REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

East Ward: Cllr Mrs Falp reported that there are 90 houses completed and the current phase would probably be completed in the next 3 – 6 months.

South Ward: There are trees around the town that need pollarding. A list is needed to send to WCC. The footpaths in Coppice Road leading to Cypress Lane and Murcott road need resurfacing as the surface is deteriorating. There is a sunken drain cover outside 32 Coppice Road that is a trip hazard and needs attention. The footpath along Franklin Road leading to Moorhill Road is also breaking up and needs attention. There has been a spate of anti-social behaviour in Morse Road and cars have been damaged. The footpath in Erica Drive adjacent to the Golf Club is overgrown and needs urgent maintenance.

West Ward: Medley Grove street sign has been replaced. Mallory Grange trees have been replanted around the substation.

North Ward: There are some grass verge signs on the ground near Spa View. The footpaths in Green Close are breaking up as is the road surface in Curran and Rectory Close.

107/16 REPORT ON FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Cllr Smart proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings held on 22nd September and 27th October 2016 are received.

108/16 REPORT ON PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING:

Cllr Franklin proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Planning Meeting held on 3rd November 2016 are received.

109/16 WHITNASH TWINNING ASSOCIATION REPORT

There was nothing to report.

110/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 19th January 2017 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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