

Minutes 07/18

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday, 15th November 2018
at 7.00 p.m. in
Whitnash Community Hall, Acre Close, Whitnash.

PRESENT

Councillors: T Shepherd Mayor
 R Margrave Deputy
 A Barton
 S Button
 G Cancilla
 Mrs J Falp
 B Franklin
 S McFadden
 B Smart
 R Sparkes

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

Public: 2

Police: 1

97/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

98/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

99/18 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

100/18 POLICE

Standing orders were suspended to allow the PC Rachel Smith to speak.
There have been 4 reports of anti-social behaviour, 8 burglaries, 1 report of damage.
There were 11 Vehicle thefts of which 5 were 'keyless' thefts. Vehicle theft has increased and this is due to vehicles not being locked or broken into because of items that are visible.
Night patrols are being increased. It was suggested that an article is put in the Whitnash

Tymes to raise awareness about vehicle theft and not leaving valuable items in vehicles. Parking continues to be a problem especially around the schools. St Joseph Church has offered their car park to try an alleviate the parking issues in the town. Parking on the yellow lines in South Terrace / Heathcote Road is causing traffic disruption because busses cannot get around that corner. Parking at Acre Close is getting worse and is not enforced. The Mayor met with Sergeant Wiggins regarding the increase in vehicle thefts and the numerous complaints from residents that they are unable to get through to 101 to report crime and suspicious behaviour. Cllr Barton thanked PC Smith for arranging for two young offenders to help improve the Town Green in Whitnash.

101/18 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last Town Council meeting, we have represented Whitnash at the opening of the annual Warwick mop along with the Mayor of Warwick and other Civic heads. Attended the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal launch in the Royal Priors. We held our Whitnash Drum Head service in conjunction with Whitnash Charitable trust on Friday the 9th November 2018 at St Margaret's Church which was a lovely evening. All the guests that came commented on the wonderful poppy displays that our ladies from Whitnash Women Institute had done in the phone box and around the trees that really enhanced the War Memorial area. We attended Warwick District Remembers at the Spa Centre on Saturday 10th November and of course our own service of remembrance on Sunday 11th November and to finish off this special weekend we represented Whitnash at the Beacon lighting at Newbold Common on Sunday evening.
Cllr Terry Shepherd Mayor

102/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on 18th October 2018 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

103/18 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

40/18 WCC Report – The traffic light filter will not be progressed.
91/18 Whitnash Community Hub – Clarification - Finance Assistant, Kerry Samperi explained what the increase in the precept would be if the Town Council applied for a Public Works Loan of **£250,000.00**.

104/18 OUTSTANDING PROJECTS / ACTIONS / DECISIONS LIST

Community Map – waiting for Warwick District Council to update their maps to indicate

roads on new estates and also to update imagery.

Church Close – Cllr Barton has spoken to Simon Greaves at the Church asking him to follow up on this request.

105/18 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Warwickshire County Council Report:

I have been working on a number of Issues raised by our residents. I raised issues with the G1 bus to Stage Coach. Both the removal of the gold line buses and the fact that they travel in two's and threes! Apparently, the replacement gold line buses from the original ones have had problems. Stage coach stated that issues with the time table was due to staffing problems and the amount of traffic through Warwick and Leamington and problems if there were accidents on the M40. I fear this will mean another cut to the amount of buses we get each hour. Do spare a thought for some communities who are having their services cut to very few or no buses.

I have also been trying to help a family with support for a child under three. I have been surprised how little help there is for this age group in terms of development needs.

I continue to push for the passageway between Landor Road and the new Mallory Grange (Woodside Farm) estate to be tarmacked. The money and request for it to be done have been completed I just cannot get a date when. I am also still waiting for the raised mini Island at Franklin Road to be completed and for tarmacking pavements in parts of Masters Road to be done. As I have said before with 57 Councillors all trying to get schemes completed as well as the regular work, delays are inevitable. I hope to look at dropped kerbs especially important for our residents in wheelchairs and motorised scooters.

I have received complaints about the bollards around the shopping area at St Margaret's Road. This is not in Whitnash although the Courier newspaper continue to say it is. Those of us who have lived there a long time know it as the Whitnash Estate and it was our land once!

A traffic survey has been undertaken at St Joseph's School and the school does not qualify for a crossing.

The lollipop man on Landor Road is retiring at the end of December and another traffic survey will be carried out before replacing this service. It was proposed that the Town Council send a letter to him thanking him for his services.

Cllr Mrs Falp is waiting to hear back from WCC regarding the raised island at the junction with Heathcote and Franklin Roads,

My County email address judyfalp@warwickshire.gov.uk or Cllr.falp@warwickshire.gov.uk and phone number 07771339183

Cllr Judy Falp

Warwickshire County Councillor for Whitnash

Warwick District Councillor's Reports:

Since the last Town Council meeting, I have attended a briefing on the Cultural Quarter, an Overview and Scrutiny meeting, an Executive meeting, the shadow portfolio meetings for Housing and Environmental Health and Community protection. I substituted for Councillor Heath on planning and as this report is written a week before our meeting, I hope to have attended a briefing on Universal Credit, the new H.Q. and a full District Council meeting.

The District Council have introduced a Plastics Policy and I know the County Council are working on one. Events will in the future be encouraged to use as little plastic as possible. Help and suggestions will be made to assist event organisers to do that. I know we have many policies at the Town Council and I wanted to propose we also look to have a policy on minimising wherever possible our use of plastic and ways of encouraging others to also do so.

It was proposed that the Town Council writes a Plastic Policy as well and that in future all events held on the playing fields are 'plastic free'!

The weeks up to Christmas are busy with a range of meetings and I will report on them for the January Full Council.

Cllr Judy Falp

Warwick District Councillor for Whitnash

We will update you with Yesterday's (13th November) meeting of the District Council at the meeting which contains a proposal by Labour to call a referendum on the relocation of the District Council.

I attended the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee meeting in October, at which the main issue is once again the DC not yet being in a position to sign off their accounts. You will notice this is the same statement as per the last meeting report. Since the previous meeting the Chief Executive Officer has filed an investigative report which essential contains an action plan to ensure it doesn't happen again. This topic was discussed for 1½ hours.

No residents have contacted me regarding any District Council issues.

The Community Map is waiting on the availability (to WDC) of a suitable map which includes the roads of the new estates. I have chased this with WDC officers, but not received a reply still.

Cllr Robert Margrave

Warwick District Councillor for Whitnash

106/18 COMMUNITY HUB INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The income and expenditure report for the Community Hub was forwarded to all Members.

107/18 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2018

I am doing my usual appeal for wine and chocolates for the raffle & tombola stalls, along with my request for Santa's Little Helpers.

So, if you can help please can you get whatever you are able to provide, to Jenny as soon as possible.

Also, if you know of anyone who would be prepared to help out with Santa this year, please let me know.

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

Any help on the day is always appreciated and I will be there from about 10h00. Come along and help, it is great fun!!!!

108/18 CORRESPONDENCE

1. WCC Regulation 19 Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012: Warwickshire Minerals Plan Public Consultation (2018) was forwarded to all Members on 29th October 2018.

109/18 SCHEDULE OF APPROVED PAYMENTS MADE

The Schedule of Approved Payments from 10th October 2018 to 7th November 2018 was noted.

110/18 REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

East: Nothing to report

North: Members have noticed a lot of water in the gulley's between Acre Close shops and

Plough and Harrow Pub since the road has been tarmac'd.

South: Residents on Mallory Grange may need to pay for their broad band installation. The footpath between Mallory Grange and Landor Road has still not been surfaced.

West: The speed sign on Tachbrook Road between Heathcote and Ashford Roads is not working. There is currently a program to replace the speed signs.

111/18 REPORT OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP

Cllr Button proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Christmas Lights Working Group meeting held on 1st November 2018 are received.

112/18 REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Franklin proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1st November 2018 are received.

113/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 17th January 2019 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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