

Minutes 05/18

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday, 18th October 2018
at 7.00 p.m. in
Whitnash Community Hall, Acre Close, Whitnash.

PRESENT	Councillors:	R Margrave A Barton S Button G Cancilla Mrs J Falp B Franklin S McFadden B Smart R Sparkes	Deputy Mayor
	Town Clerk:	Jenny Mason	
In attendance	Finance Assistant	Police: 0 Kerry Samperi	Public: 1

69/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

70/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

71/18 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

72/18 POLICE

The Police sent apologies and the report was read by Cllr Margrave
This month's crime figures are as follows:
ASB – 9 in total, 5 are linked to neighbour disputes. The remaining 4 are random events

Burglary – 5, 2 of which are garage burglaries, bikes taken (Albert Bean Close & Tachbrook Rd). One where entry was gained while building work being done on the house and cash, jewellery taken (Tachbrook RD). Two breaks through back doors/bathroom windows (Brunswick St & Heathcote Rd) bank cards taken.

Damage – 3 in total, 1 kicked wing mirror, 2 relating personally targeted.

Drugs – 0

Vehicle crime – 9 in total, 1 personally targeted. The remaining 8 are a mix of damage and thefts. This has been an issue across Leamington and there is a force operation on, Op Diorite to tackle the issues.

Priorities for the next six months

- **Inconsiderate Parking** – Targeting school parking and other problems
You may have heard that a member of the public nearly got ran over on the crossing by Acre Close shops. CCTV was checked and the camera was facing in the opposite direction.
- **Drug Patrols** - targeting hot spot areas obtained via intelligence.
We have identified a couple of hot spot areas and will be focussing on those for the time being.
Please encourage people to report any suspicious sightings, vehicles etc
- **ASB in parks** – minimum of two patrols per week
We have had further damage at Acre Park. There are three people involved but unfortunately cannot identify from CCTV.

Regarding the criminal damage to the park, church and telephone box. One of the suspects is currently signed up to a Youth worker (they are not police officers but work within the police and do weekly sessions with them educating them on the wrong they've done and getting them so see the impact it may have on the victims). The other we are working to set up Community Resolution by means of letters of apology and help amongst the community but we are being let down by lack of co-operation from his parents, so watch this space. The third suspect has written letters and is helping Cllr Barton tomorrow morning putting in posts with Steve. If you have any questions just email or call us.

73/18 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Read by Cllr Margrave

Since the last Town Council meeting I have represented Whitnash at the WW1 Commemorative day held at Leamington Football club, an excellent day enjoyed by all. Welcomed our visitors from Villebon -sur-Yvette at a reception at the Whitnash Sports and Social Club.

As you all probably know we have been granted planning permission for the new Hub.

Cllr Terry Shepherd

Mayor

74/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 20th September 2018 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

75/18 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

40/18 WCC Report – Cllr Mrs Falp said there was no update on the filter for the traffic lights at Heathcote / Tachbrook Road junction as it may cause problems, but WCC are looking at easing the traffic somewhere else. The higher kerb stones for Washbourne and Chandlers Roads are very expensive.

76/18 OUTSTANDING PROJECTS / ACTIONS / DECISION LIST

Updates to Community Map and Church Close.

77/18 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Warwickshire County Council Report:

During the six weeks school holidays last year I met with a member of the Safer Routes to School team. Each Councillor can put forward a scheme to be considered to help improve safety around a school in their area. We have three primary schools in Whitnash and I felt that St Josephs was in most need for improvements. The staff member came back when all the children were all back in school to observe at the start and end of the school day. I was pleased to be told the scheme was going forward and was selected to be delivered in this financial year. I met with two members of the team and the Head teacher in September to finalise details. The work will be undertaken either February or April next year (during a school holiday). St Joseph's and St Margaret's are both having new fencing and these improvements with the scheme for St Joseph's mean safety for our children and schools are being improved. If we could only now get parents to walk children to school or park at the suggested car parks, (The Plough, Methodist Church and St Joseph's Church) children would be even safer.

The first Community Forum of this financial year was held at St Joseph's Church Hall at the end of September. I am trying to move around and use all the Hall's in Whitnash so residents have a chance to attend a forum near to them. We had a range of speakers from the Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Secombe, a gentleman from the county who looks after anything to do with water courses and a lady from the County promoting the Switch and Save energy scheme. Grants were given to the Whitnash Society, Whitnash Youth Club and the Town Council for a noticeboard for Mallory Grange new estate in Whitnash. I also awarded a grant to Whitnash Primary from my fund for a pilot Art Project for Whitnash Primary.

The police priorities were voted on and will be for the next six months. They are:

School parking, to undertake visits on a regular basis to stop inconsiderate or dangerous parking

To undertake patrols to tackle Drug usage in public spaces

Patrols to help prevent and deal with anti- social behaviour, especially in our local parks.

Our crime rate is one of the lowest in the County, but crime does happen and needs all to work together to keep it low.

Cllr Mrs Falp also reported that some County Councillors are using their allowance to employ someone to do jobs in the area i.e. cutting hedges etc. Cllr Mrs Falp will find out what can and cannot be done.

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

Cllr Judy Falp

County Councillor for Whitnash

Warwick District Council Reports:

The Overview and Scrutiny meeting in September was a long meeting that covered Christmas Lights, the Events Strategy Review, the Leisure developments in Kenilworth, a start to look into the renewal of the recycling contract 2019/2020, a review of the work of Neighbourhood services and an update on the task and finish groups on H.M.O's and the role of the District Chairman. Speakers from save Kenilworth Lido Group came and expressed their wish to keep the Lido. It was agreed for the consultation on the two options being presented to go ahead and all were urged to send in comments.

The Christmas lights item was a verbal report and the support given to the events was mentioned. I explained to our Christmas Lights committee what support there is supposed to be for events. We run our own event but the District Council help run the other lights switch on in the other towns (previously the Town Centre managers role but now undertaken by the District events team as part of their work). The Events Strategy review that was going to the Executive was also scrutinised.

The Neighbourhood services team were starting to look at what would be required for the new contracts from 2020. As it is one area that most Councillors and residents have views on the committee felt that it was important

to start to look at this now. Regular updates were asked for as this important service covers activities such as recycling, street cleaning, emptying bins and much more.

Cllr Judy Falp

Warwick District Council for Whitnash

I am sorry I cannot be with you for this meeting. No, I am not really as the sun beckons me.

There has only been a short while since the last Town Council meeting in September. Therefore, not a lot has happened at the District.

The boundary for East Whitnash has been amended and approved by the council taking the whole of Campion School into Whitnash now.

Europa Way improvements. The District council has agreed to loan the developer £4.4 million to complete the dual carriageway from The Asps roundabout to Myton Road junction. The interest rate is very good and must be paid back within four years.

Following a training session on planning last week it was revealed that the government have changed their methodology to calculate the number of houses required to be built per year. In this area it was 600 per year but, surprise, surprise, it is now 350 per year. However, there is always a sting in the tail. The methodology for calculating this is under review and will be published in December so we cannot jump up and down yet. Hopefully it will still be considerably lower than 600.

We have had a close encounter with travellers again on Harbury Lane pitches but thankfully the police, using section 61 powers due to them vandalising the fence to enter, managed to move them on but only as far as Parker Engineering land. The good news is that there will be no more horse fairs in Kenilworth after the last one. The land has been sold for development.

Cllr Falp will update you on the Community Hub project at the end of the meeting. Suffice to say after a lot of hard work by all concerned we have obtained Planning Permission at last but this comes with conditions. Some of which must be implemented before building can start.

See you in November

Cllr Tony Heath

Warwick District Council for Whitnash

I was on holiday for the last Town Council and Full District Council meetings.

I attended the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee meeting in September, at which the main issue is the DC not yet being in a position to sign off their accounts due to some significant findings by the auditor, however everyone wanted to point out that this is mainly due to incorrect accounting practice, there is nothing wrong with their finances as such.

The next meeting of the WDC is 14th November.

No residents have contacted me regarding any District Council issues.

I followed up with WDC about the request for new bins on the new estates; as these are unadopted it is up to the developers.

The Community Map is waiting on the availability (to WDC) of a suitable map which includes the roads of the new estates.

Cllr Robert Margrave

Warwick District Council for Whitnash

79/18 ADOPT SIGNED AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

The External Auditor has issued a certificate for the year ended 31st March 2018. Members proposed that the signed Audited Accounts are approved and adopted.

Council Staff were thanked for completing the audit.

80/18 APPROVE GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

The (LGA 1972 section 137) grant applications for 2018 submitted by the Finance and General

Purposes Committee were approved.		
Organisation	Application for	Grant Approved
Whitnash Short Mat Bowls Club	Public Liability Insurance	£350
Whitnash Youth Club	Hall Hire Costs	£390
Whitnash Fun Day	Hall and Field Hire, Insurance, Health & Safety	£880
Whitnash Twinning Association	Public Liability Insurance, 30 th French Anniversary visit and Administration	£680

*Cllrs Smart and Cancilla declared an interest in the Short Mat Bowls grant application.
Cllrs Mrs Falp and Margrave declared an interest in the Youth Club Grant application.
Cllrs Barton and McFadden declared an interest in the Fun Day Grant application.
Cllrs Cancilla, Smart, and Sparkes declared an interest in the Whitnash Twinning Association Grant application.*

81/18 APPROVE AMENDED DEMENTIA POLICY

The amended Dementia Policy was approved and adopted.

82/18 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – BOUNDARY BETWEEN WHITNASH AND LEAMINGTON SPA

Whitnash Town Council approves Warwick District Council's recommendation that the boundary between Whitnash and Leamington Sydenham in the Champion School Area be as set out at Plan 5 of the review received on 17th October 2018.

83/18 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

84/18 SCHEDULE OF APPROVED PAYMENTS

The Schedule of Approved Payments from 13th September 2018 to 9th October 2018 was noted.

85/18 REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

South Ward: Apparently WCC are only going to adopt Lancaster Way on the Mallory Grange development and open spaces, grass cutting will be carried out by a private company. Cllr Mrs Falp will look into this.

East Ward: Cllr Mrs Falp attended the governor's meeting at Champion School and everyone seems really enthusiastic. Bollards have been erected at Black Bridge and will only be used for

emergency access. The digger that has been is carrying out an archaeological survey.
North Ward: The tree outside the shops in Home Farm Crescent has been damaged by the wind and will have to be removed.
West Ward: There are two manhole covers near the shops on Warwick Gates that were repaired, but are now breaking up again. There are parking issues in St Catherine's Crescent and also in Acre Close and Brunswick Road.

86/18 REPORT OF 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 4th October 2018 are received.

87/18 REPORT OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Barton proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 27th September 2018 are received.

88/18 REPORT OF HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Barton proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Hall and Playing Fields Meeting held on 13th September 2018 are received.

89/18 REPORT ON PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Cllr Franklin proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Planning Meeting held on 4th October 2018 are received.

90/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 15th November 2018 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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