

Minutes 08/20

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th March 2020
at 7.00 p.m. in
Whitnash Community Hall, Acre Close, Whitnash.

PRESENT

Councillors: R Margrave Mayor
Mrs L Burkinshaw
S Button
G Cancilla
B Colledge
B Franklin
S McFadden
W Pickett
B Smart
R Sparkes

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

173/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Barton, Mrs Falp, Heath Shepherd and Vaughan.
Apologies for absence were accepted.

174/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sparkes declared an interest as a member of the Whitnash Sports and Social Club.

175/20 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

176/20 LEADER WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL - CLIMATE CHANGE

Cllr Day, Leader of Warwick District Council, was welcomed and addressed the Council regarding the proposed referendum for an increase in the council tax to fund the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

The Council has developed a Climate Emergency Action Programme with the aim of being carbon-neutral by 2025 and to help the wider district to be carbon neutral by 2030, as well as making necessary local preparations for climate disasters such as flooding.

Each household is being asked to increase their Council Tax contribution to fund the Climate Emergency Action Programme. This will amount to an increase of £57 per year per household (for

a Band D property). £52 of this increase (per year per household) will be put into a £3m annual 'ring-fenced' Climate Action Fund. The Council Tax Referendum will be held on Thursday 7 May 2020.
Cllr Day answered various questions from Councillors.

177/20 POLICE

In the absence of the Police the report was read by Cllr Margrave.

March 2020 crime figures are as follows:

ASB – 9 reported. An increase on last month. Three were from Vineyard, four were neighbour disputes. Two were reported of a house on Spa View being targeted by unknown youths, knocking on the door and running away.

Burglary – Two reported. Dawson Close, unsure of how entry was gained, small jewellery items taken and bank cards. Tachbrook Rd, entry gained through Kitchen window – nothing taken.

Damage – Two reported. Ashford Gardens, report of neighbour chopping down tree and the One Stop reporting a damaged car parked in one of the bays.

Drugs – None reported.

Vehicle crime – None reported.

Overall, we have had 108 incidents reported this month, which is a slight increase.

Our new Policing Priorities are:

- a. ASB in Parks- high vis patrols.
- b. School Parking Patrols.
- c. Protecting Vulnerable People

178/20 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last meeting I have attended a number of functions: Mayor of Leamington's Civic Dinner, Short Bowls Annual Dinner, Wags Gang Show, Banbury Civic Dinner, Warwick Civic Dinner, Kenilworth Civic Dinner, Warwickshire County Council Civic Dinner.

Cllr R Margrave - Mayor

179/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th February 2020 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

180/20 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

181/20 OUTSTANDING PROJECTS / ACTIONS / DECISIONS LIST

Cllr Margrave said there has been no further update on the Whitnash Community Map leaflet.

182/20 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Warwickshire County Council Report:

The budget session of the County Council took place on the 18th February. This meeting took over six hours (we did get a break for lunch!). The Labour and Green parties did suggest amendments to the Conservative's budget, but none of the amendments were accepted by the administration. I along with the Liberal's did not vote for any of the budgets presented. As one member stated there were good suggestions in all those presented and it was a shame that good ideas from all parties had not been taken up.

I was pleased when chairing the latest Whitnash Community Forum to see so many of our rainbows, brownies and guides being given grants. As I said on the night, we are very lucky in Whitnash to have residents wishing to be leaders so our young people can go to these groups.

As part of looking at what the Road Safety Group at the County Council deliver, I went into Whitnash Primary School to watch an assembly. The officer delivered the message to the whole school and also went to St Margaret's school where she delivered the message to year five pupils. We so often spend our time trying to stop parking and can forget that children need to learn how to cross roads safely and be aware of the dangers around paths and roads. I am hoping all the Whitnash Schools will take up the challenge of the Stroll n Roll campaign the Road Safety Group will be promoting with all the Whitnash Schools when the weather is better.

Cllr Judy Falp, Warwickshire County Councillor for Whitnash

I have been very busy at the District since the last full council meeting. I have attended the budget debate at full Council. The debate around the Climate Emergency referendum was one of the most interesting I have heard in the chamber for many years and it was a shame that Channel Four news called off broadcasting it as they had planned to. I have also attended Executive briefings and meetings, two planning meetings plus a site visit in the pouring rain that included a very wet and muddy walk along a tow path by the canal (covering for Cllr Heath). I opened the information briefing meeting on County Lines held at the Spa Centre and chaired the second meeting of a number of County, District and Town Councillors from Warwick, Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook who were looking at specific concerns and Issues around Warwick Gates.

In my role as Portfolio Holder for Health and Community Protection I have spent a day attending health meetings in Coventry and attended a two-day course on Licensing at Warwick University. My department is responsible for the licences for Taxi's both drivers and operators, venues that sell alcohol, animal premises such as kennels, some types beauty treatments and sex establishments!

Cllr Judy Falp, Warwick District Councillor for Whitnash

Not too much to report from me that hasn't been covered by Judy's report. I seconded the vote to increase the council tax for the Climate Change Action Plan.

Cllr R Margrave, Warwick District Councillor for Whitnash

183/20 CIVIC CENTRE AND LIBRARY UPDATE

The application to Severn Trent has been submitted.

The planning application for the minor amendments will be submitted next week.

The Library Agreement is sorted our end and we are just waiting for the final bits that the Library were asking for. They wanted sub metering so we are waiting for them to reply to our request to pay for the installation.

We are aiming to be able to sign the contract at the April Town Council meeting.

Cllr Mrs Judy Falp

184/20 CIVIC CENTRE AND LIBRARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report as at 3rd March 2020 was emailed to Members.

185/20 LEGAL DEEDS AND DOCUMENTS

Members proposed that the Deed of Agreement for MLM Consulting Engineers Limited be signed. Members proposed that the Professional Appointment as a Quantity Surveyor with Pulse Associates Limited be signed. Both these documents have been signed retrospectively. All Members voted in favour.

186/20 MALLORY GRANGE ALLOTMENTS

Persimmon Homes replied to the Town Council's request to provide proper fencing, water taps, paths between the allotments and adequate parking. They confirmed that the allotments would be laid out in accordance with the approved plans and no additional features would be provided. Members proposed that Whitnash Town Council does not accept these allotments. All Members voted in favour.

187/20 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

188/20 SCHEDULE OF APPROVED PAYMENTS MADE

The Schedule of Approved Payments from 5th February 2020 to 3rd March 2020 was noted.

189/20 REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

East: Nothing to report.

North: Nothing to report

South: The grass verges on Coppice Road between Cypress Lane and Morris Drive have been churned up. Could new bollards be placed on these verges. Cllr Mrs Falp is looking into this. *Cllr Cancilla declared an interest.*

West: Hopefully the two potholes reported in Heathcote Road have been repaired.

190/20 REPORT OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Button proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Community Hub Committee meeting held on 6th February 2020 are received.

191/20 REPORT OF COMMUNITY HUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Franklin proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Hall and Playing Fields Committee meeting held on 6th February 2020 are received.

192/20 REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Franklin proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6th February 2020 are received.

193/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 16th April 2020 at 7.00 p.m.
The Annual Parish Meeting will also be held on 16th April 2020 at 6.00 p.m.

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

Minutes were approved at the remote Town Council meeting on 16th April 2020 and will be signed at the next face to face meeting.

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