

Minutes 06/20

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **remote** Town Council meeting held on 12th November 2020
at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Barton
B Franklin
Mrs L Burkinshaw
S Button
G Cancilla
B Colledge
Mrs J Falp
R Margrave
S McFadden
W Pickett
T Shepherd
B Smart
R Sparkes

Mayor
Deputy

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

85/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Heath. Apologies for absence were accepted.

86/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

87/20 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

88/20 POLICE

The Police report was forwarded to Members.

This month's crime figures, up to and including 10th November, are as follows:

ASB – 7 calls to the police for anti-social behaviour related incidents.

Burglary – 0 calls to the police in relation to residential burglaries.

Damage – 1 call to the police in relation to criminal damage.

Drugs – 1 drug related call this month.

Vehicle crime – 9 vehicle crime related calls in the Whitnash beat code. A suspect has been identified and has been charged to court for offences in the local area.

In total there have been 110 reports to the police in the last month, which is down from the 134 reports received last month.

Local policing is still different to how we would like it to be at this time, especially now we are currently within the second national lockdown. As a team and individually we will still be out patrolling and focussing on the agreed Whitnash Forum priorities;

1: Anti-social behaviour

2: Speeding

3: Intelligence led drugs patrols

Anti-social behaviour impacts on the community in many ways so as a team we will patrol all of our known ASB hotspots, as much as possible, and respond to reports as quickly as possible when reported to the team. As stated last month community speed watch will be acquiring new volunteers so hopefully you will also see more speed checks being conducted in the future but this may now be impacted by the new lockdown regulations. Intelligence led drug patrols relies on intelligence being generated by the team and also from information being supplied to us by the community. We encourage the public to report anything they believe to be suspicious in relation to drug activity.

Good News

Police Surgeries

We have completed two police surgeries in October and November has two surgeries planned for;

Home Farm Crescent shops: 20th November 2020 2pm-3pm

Acre Close shops: 26th November 2020 7pm-8pm

We must all adhere to the most up to date Covid19 regulations.

Tyre Safety

As a team and as planned we completed two tyre safety operations along Tachbrook Road resulting in two tickets being issued for tyre related traffic offences and light faults and one arrest for drug related offences.

Road Safety Week

The 16th-22nd November as a team we will be carrying out an operation in relation to road safety and we will be focussing on speeding vehicles and parking offences (particularly outside of schools).

Knife Crime

As a team we will also be part of an operation to help educate and reduce knife related offences, particularly amongst younger people. The operation has been impacted by the most up to date Covid19 regulations but we will still be in Whitnash in some capacity as part of this operation.

Other business

Covid19 car

There is now a dedicated vehicle / team dealing with all reports of potential Covid19 regulation breaches which has reduced the impact on the team being used for these calls to the police.

Warwick Police Station

The team is still working from Warwick and will be, as previously stated, for the foreseeable future. It is a dedicated SNT office which benefits us as a team and allows us to be fully Covid19 compliant.

Please keep reporting any issues to us via the team e-mail or individually if all team members can be included or by phone and we will respond as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Jess, Steve & Mark

89/20 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Mayor's announcements.

90/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15th October 2020 as circulated were

approved and will be signed as a true record when face to face meetings are held again.

91/20 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

61/20 Police – Members asked if the incident in Palmer Road involved a PCSO from Whitnash. Cllr Mrs Falp said that it was not a PCSO from Whitnash.

52/20 Dobson Lane Community Allotments – Cllr Mrs Falp and the Town Clerk have sent emails enquiring as to what is happening and two months later there has been no response from the officer at Warwick District Council. Cllr Mrs Falp will follow up on this.

46/20 Mayor's Report – the digital switch on will now take place in isolation to avoid public participation. Cllr Barton expressed his dismay regarding the Remembrance Day wreath laying ceremony and hoped that the digital switch on will be better organised. The Police informed us that we had to cancel the Whitnash wreath laying ceremony or face being fined. An event took place in Leamington where there was no social distancing and not many masks were worn. The Police were 'observing' at this event. A letter was sent to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner requesting an explanation regarding the event. A reply was received from the Deputy Chief Constable.

92/20 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Warwickshire County Council Report:

Cllr Mrs Falp reported that covid19 cases were recorded in Whitnash and there has been a jump in cases in Warwick District. North Warwickshire has seen a lot more cases. Speeding is still an issue in Golf Lane and Brunswick Street. Cllr Mrs Falp is working with Cllr Chilvers from Brunswick Ward to try and find a solution. There is still a parking problem at Heathcote Hospital and implementing a parking permit system for residents will hopefully sort the problem.

The East Whitnash planning application was in the electronic Courier on Thursday and County Highways had not objected.

Cllr Judy Falp County Councillor for Whitnash

Warwick District Council Reports:

Cllr Mrs Falp has received calls regarding a rat problem, noise nuisance and an increase in domestic violence during lockdown.

Cllr Mrs Judy Falp, Whitnash District Councillor

The new Sherbourne Resource Park recycling facilities that Warwick District Council is buying into and on progress with the new recycling contract, due 2022, which will likely mean a change to combined recycling in a single bin and separate food and green waste collection.

Cllr R Margrave, Warwick District Councillor.

93/20 CIVIC CENTRE AND LIBRARY UPDATE

The contractors are on site. Cllr Mrs Falp will be meeting the MP, Matt Western, site. A remote meeting regarding the doors, door locks and access was held on Wednesday as the doors and locks need to be ordered. Funding for Publicity (£1000), a dedicated website and name for the website needs to be decided. This will be discussed at the next Finance and

General Purposes Committee meeting. A Civic Centre and Library Finance meeting will be held next week with contractors. Cllr Mrs Falp, Town Clerk and Finance Assistant will be attending.

94/20 CIVIC CENTRE AND LIBRARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report for the Civic Centre and Library as at 3rd November 2020 was emailed to Members and noted.

95/20 CONSULTANT

A meeting with the HR Consultant and Mr Underhay has been arranged for next week. The outcome of the meeting will be approved by Mayor, Deputy, Chair of Finance and Clerk. A service level agreement will be drawn up by the HR consultant.

96/20 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

97/20 SCHEDULE OF APPROVED PAYMENTS MADE

The Schedule of Approved Payments from 7th October 2020 to 3rd November 2020 was noted.

98/20 WARD REPORTS

Bushes on the junction of Erica Drive and Holyoke Grove need to be trimmed back. The steps to the Embankment Slide at Acre Close need to be re-instated. There were dogs in the fenced off toddler area. There used to be a 'No Dogs Allowed sign'.

Suspect there may be a car business being run in Golf Lane / Mullard Drive – Trading Standards will be asked to investigate.

Foliage from a tree is still covering lamp column 10 on Coppice Road near mini roundabout. Bollards on the grass verges between Cypress Lane and Morris Drive was requested again.

99/20 REPORT OF COMMUNITY HUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Mrs Falp proposed that a receipt (in the form of draft minutes) of the Community Hub Committee meeting held on 29th October 2020 are received.

100/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 21st January 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

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

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