

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL - Finance & Policy Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th September 2024 at 600pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY.

Present: Cllr Boden, Arman, Dorling, Mockett, Nawaz, Sennitt-Clough, Wicks (18.11).

Officer in Attendance: Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

Recording: The recording is made as an aide memoir for the Clerk.

FP72/2024. To receive apologies from absent Members.

There were no apologies.

FP73/2024. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda items discussed later in the agenda and the Council to decide which items are to be discussed as confidential under agenda item number FP82/2024.

FP77/2024 Item 4 – Cllr Dorling is the Chair of Street Pride and Treasurer of Friends of the Manor

FP77/2024 Item 4 – Cllr Sennitt Clough is a committee member of friends of the Manor.

Confidential Item

Residential Flats & Commercial Offices - JM

FP74/2024 - Public Forum – 15 minutes

3 members of the public present.

Mr Robert Windle – Christmas Extravaganza – asked the council to look favourably at the resubmission of their application, sadly they had been unsuccessful in obtaining funding from the National Lottery who advise it would have helped their application if there had been some impact statements advising who was benefiting. Mr Windle advised they may look at pursuing the application to the National Lottery, but for the security and safety of the event, they would need some funding hence the resubmission to WTC.

FP75/2024 - To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Finance & Policy Committee on Monday 15th July 2024

Ratified: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Dorling, seconded by Cllr Nawaz, with a unanimous vote in favour.

FP76/2024 – Financials.

1. Bank Reconciliations to 31st July 2024 and 31st August 2024 – Members received the balanced bank accounts to 31st July and 31 August 2024.
2. Year to date Figures – members received the year-to-date figures, the Clerk advised she had noticed a mistake on figures in two cost centres and would rectify this.
3. Payment List for approval - members received the list vouchers 65 to 122 £47801.73. proposed Cllr Dorling, seconded Cllr Mockett with a unanimous vote in favour.

Cllr Wicks joined the meeting at 18.11.

FP77/2024 - Agenda Items for Discussion

1. Communications (deferred from the last meeting) – Cllr Dorling, concerns by members of the public over (Facebook) which continues to be used, the issue being who is responsible for monitoring what goes out on social medial, Cllr Mockett advised the unofficial page is not an issue

and can be used. Cllr Dorling advised the media from the council is either phone, email or letter Cllr Boden advised we do use the website. Cllr Dorling suggested if the council wish to engage in all areas of social media there should be further discussion. Cllr Sennitt-Clough advised the issue arose during the pre-election period when information was put on the unofficial page and should not have been, prior to and after this period the 'Unofficial Facebook page has worked well. Cllr Boden suggested Cllr Dorling put a motion forward to the next F & P for further debate.

2. Notice Board – SP – The Clerk had supplied members with details of a new notice board, there are two at Peel House and both are broken. The cost of the board that will hold 16 A4 sheets is £419.00, plus £48.00 delivery, proposed by Cllr Wicks, seconded by Cllr Arman with a unanimous vote in favour, members were advised that the Clerk will contact a maintenance contractor to undertake the work.
3. Phone System – SP – The Clerk had supplied members with details of new phones as the lease on the existing handsets will end very shortly. The cost has been reduced due to the changes in technology. Cllr Wicks asked if further investigation could be made. The Clerk will report back to the October F & P meeting.
4. Dog Waste Bins (Corner of Yarwells Headland / West Delph DL & The Manor RG) proposed Cllr Sennitt-Clough, seconded Cllr Arman (standing order suspended to allow Cllr Gerstner to confirm location near the moorings), they must not exceed £200.00 per bin for purchase and installation. The Clerk to check with FDC to confirm costs and that locations are been agreed.
5. High Causeway Benches CB – Advised members that until we find a resolution to the problems on High Causeway it would not be a good idea to install benches. The Clerk to speak to Mr Fuller and advise the idea for benches has not been ignored, but a solution to the problem is needed first. Cllr Wicks questioned the legality and wording of the signage at the entrance to High Causeway, stating that if the LHI was approved for the automated bollard, the signage would need to be correct.
6. Response to Biodiversity Duty (2021 Environment Act) – The Clerk will investigate this further and will include on the October agenda.

FP78/2024 – Information

There was no information.

FP79/2024 - Donation Requests

Whittlesey Christmas Extravaganza – resubmission (see previous minutes FP68/2024 (2) – Cllr Dorling proposed £2000.00, seconded Cllr Wicks. Majority vote in favour, 2 abstentions.

FP80/2024 - Date of Next Meeting - Monday 14th October 2024 at 6.00pm

FP81/2024 Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.

FP82/2024. To discuss those items previously agreed at agenda item F73/2024.

Meeting ended: 19:09



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Cllr Chris Boden
Chairman
Finance & Policy Committee

