

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2024 at 6.30pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY.

Present: Cllr Arman, Bibb, Boden, Dorling, Gerstner, Laws, Miscandlon, Nawaz, Sennitt-Clough, Singh-Gill, Wainwright, Wicks.

Officer in Attendance Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

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

F119/2024 To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.

Cllr Mockett & Dickinson (Personal)

F120/2024. 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 F136/2024.

- Commercial Offices and Residential Flats.
- Confidential Minute from F & P 15th July 2024.

Cllr Gerstner & Wainwright members of NQS PPG.

Cllr Laws – Portfolio Holder for Planning at FDC, and only at the meeting to observe or give clarification on policy issues.

F121/2024. Street Scene Officer Report.

Members received the Street Scene Officer Report

F122/2024. Police Report – Councillor only.

Illegal parking – was this raised at the last meeting. PCSO'S will be taking a more robust action, this was advised by Sgt Arnold.

F123/2024. To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Full Council Meeting on Thursday 18th July 2024.

Ratified: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

F124/2024. Update by Jessica Bawden – Chief Executive & Dr Dhanushan - Lakeside Healthcare Group.

Mrs Bawden furnished members with a presentation that answered all the questions that had been posed to Lakeside.

Cllr Wicks – Could there be better education giving early symptoms for critical illnesses. No posters in waiting room. Social prescribers have been given leaflets on two types of cancer. Mrs Bawden will take this away and find out more putting posters up, Dr Dhanushan advised there are so many cancers around that they do not want to scare people.

Cllr Boden – Not a fan of Queen Street and Stanground being joined, this has made a difference to many people who feel they have been disadvantaged. When it comes to the administration side, he does have issue as Stanground is not in Cambridgeshire, it is in Peterborough City Council and Whittlesey is in Cambridgeshire, his understanding is that because Stanground is deemed to be the centre of the practice, the whole practice is deemed to be under PCC, are far as public health is concerned, do Stanground receive funds from PCC and NQS receives funds from CCC or does it work in a different way. Mrs Bawden advised that NQS is the practice and Stanground is the branch, the contract is with NQS, therefore funding is from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, this is the same

for public health. Dr Dhanusha advised the payment from the government is £107.00 per patient for unlimited contact. Cllr Boden there needs to be a refocusing of funding from the central government.

Cllr Gerstner – CQC – Have all issues been addressed. Mrs Bawden confirmed they have.

Cllr Gerstner – Recent patient survey came out as poor in comparison to other surgeries in the area, the Jenna also did not come out brilliantly, but NQS was below Jenna on most questions. Mrs Bawden advised the majority of these concerns have now been address and they are working on other items she is not happy with the patient survey hence they have an action plan in place.

Cllr Gerstner – Whittlesey population is increasing. Can NQS cope with the increase? Dr Danushan advised Cardea built two thousand houses, no difference to Stanground surgery. Dr Dan asked if there is anyway that WTC can request that developers consider doctors etc when proposing new developments.

Cllr Gerstner – Recently access has been poor Access poor – contact with several elderly people to who have had to have private consultations as they could not get appointments. Mrs Bawden asked if this had been in the last three months, Cllr Gerstner advised it was in the past three months.

Cllr Laws – £107.00per patient, is that for all registered at NQS. Yes, they do. Could we have a breakdown of how many attends, number of contacts with patient. Mrs Bawden advised on average a person attends seven times a year. Cllr Laws requested a more detailed breakdown.

Cllr Laws – When NQS practice opened, the surgery and consultation rooms were fully used, for hearing test, podiatrist, optician, these have now all gone and it seems to be an administration centre and not used for clinical purposes, Jenna has recently taken on GP's, why are they not using the building for what it was designed and built for. Dr Dhanushan advised some of these services stopped during and for example Aces eye clinic are now based in Bretton and Wisbech. Cllr Laws advised the podiatrist wanted to come back but was refused. She recommends people to go to Jenna.

Cllr Laws also has been contacted by elderly patients who have to attend routine appointments in but are having to go to Stanground, some of these people cannot use Anima and have queued at NQS to be told when they opened and was told they cannot book it but was given instructions on how to get onto the system.

Cllr Bibb – As NQS have two more GP's is their data on the quantity of appointments. Dr Danushan confirmed appointments have gone up.

Cllr Nawaz – At NQS previous visit the same frustrations were expressed. What is the point of all the contact information when there is not enough doctors Mrs Bawden advised there is now a new full time Practice Manager. The two new GPs should increase the appointments. A new online platform has been introduced, but it is not mandatory, she also agreed they need more staff. They have just 19300 patients. Mrs Bawden is not happy about the patient doctor ratio, but funding prevents an increase as the present time. The BMA are speaking to government about additional funding. Dr Dhanushan advised that unless the government allocates more funding the to the primary care sector, he would not see a massive increase in appointments.

Cllr Singh-Gill – Can they obtain funding to bring in locums, for example, driver medial tests used to be at NQS, but ceased during covid, could this be restarted as this would bring in some revenue.

Cllr Wainwright – The survey results paint a poor picture, but statistics say they are doing very well. Mrs Bawden advised the wait time for appointments has been reduce the phones are better, they are offering a few additional apps, they need to promote the services they do offer. And ensure people realise they do not have to use ANIMA.

Cllr Boden – Lakeside aware of the issues, however nothing mentions about the quality of clinical care, and people think the quality of healthcare is very good.

Dr Dhanusha thanked WTC for inviting NQS to the meeting and advised than you for inviting them and they realise that access is not good enough. Locally they need to get better.



To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time allowed 15 minutes in total to be split equally between the total amount wishing to speak.

Ten members of the public present.

Mr Steve Robertson – He is becoming increasingly frustrated and annoyed, as are other members of the public, with being ignored and fobbed off by some councillors who will not answer his questions concerning the Leader of the Council.

He has been asking for information for a considerable time now. On July 15th He emailed Councillor Nawaz and asked him "What did you actually do during your tenure as Leader of the Council?". He replied to the same day and said, "I have been informed that this will be on the August agenda." Further, prior to July's council meeting Councillor Mockett told me that my queries would be addressed at the August meeting.

Although they both mentioned the August meeting, he assumed that they were referring to the next council meeting, which would be this one.

Also, at the F&P meeting on 15th July Cllr Mockett advised he will give a brief presentation at the Full Council meeting in September giving details of what he expects the role to be for the next 12 months."

Again, there is no agenda item tonight about this issue and Cllr Mockett is not present. That would not prevent the Deputy Leader making a statement on his behalf.

Mr Robertson asked the following three simple questions.

1. What is actual purpose of the Leader of the Council, other than giving two members of the Conservative group an honorific title?
2. What duties did Councillor Nawaz undertake during his time as Leader of the Council?
3. What plans does Councillor Mockett have for his tenure in this role?

Please can the public be given some answers.

Alan Bessant – Saxongate – Johnson's aggregate –only five days were given to allow Saxongate to respond to this planning application, he would ask that WTC request the consultation be held in Whittlesey and not Alconbury. He did advise that transport had been offered to get to Alconbury by Cllr Singh-Gill and Cllr Nawaz.

Irene Henson – Secretary of PPG Queen Street, she did have questions but will direct them to NQS at the next PPG meeting.

F126/2024 Agenda items for Discussion.

1. The Bower – Proposition from Cllr Gerstner to ensure that WTC/CCC work together to ensure regular maintenance. Annual safety audit report from CCC to be sent to WTC, ask for signage at either end, warning people of uneven surface. Bank is Middle Level, trees on south side Fenland District Council, towpath Cambridgeshire County Council. Cllr Boden suggested that the Head of Highways are contacted immediately to conduct the audit. (Cllr Boden to furnish the Clerk with details).

F127/2024. To receive Councillor & outside body reports.

There were no councillor reports.

F128/2024. To receive the minutes from the Finance & Policy Meeting on Monday 15th July and report the minutes from Monday 16th September 2024.

Ratified: The Minutes from 15th July were approved and signed as true record and the draft minutes from 16th September were reported.

F129/2024 To report the financial documents.

- To report the bank reconciliation to 31st July and 31st August 2024 – Members accepted the balanced bank reconciliation.
- To report the list of payments & uncashed payments Vouchers 64 – 122 £47801.73 Proposed Cllr Boden, seconded Cllr Laws with a unanimous vote in favour.
- To report the year-to-date figures – Members received the YTD figures
- Donation Requests – Whittlesey Christmas extravaganza – the additional request was for 2K, was proposed Cllr Boden seconded Cllr Laws with a unanimous vote in favour.

F130/2024. To receive the minutes from the Planning meeting on Monday 28th August and report the minutes from Monday 16th September 2024.

Ratified: The Minutes from Monday 28th August were approved and signed as a true record and the minutes from 16th September were reported.

F131/2024. Consultations

- Bus Franchise Consultation
- Active Travel Hierarchy Consultation

F132/2024 Information only.

- War Memorials Bulletin
- Fenland CCTV Partner Liaison Meeting (attached for Cllrs Only)
- Healthwatch Summit 2024 – Cllr Gerstner will be attending (Agenda attached)

F133/2024 Invitations.

Mayor of Whittlesey Civic Service invitation – For all Councillors

F134/2024. Date of next meeting –Thursday 17th October 2024.

F135/2024. Exclusion of the press and public

F136/2024. To discuss those items previously agreed at agenda item F120/2024

Meeting Closed: 20:45



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Cllr Alex Miscandlon
Mayor of Whittlesey



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PAYMENTS LIST

11 October 2024 (2024-2025)

Vouche Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
123	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	dd	Phone & Internet	EVAD	S	102.81	20.56	123.37
124	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	dd	Sanitary Units	Pbs Group	S	7.16	1.43	8.59
125	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Pension	Cambridgeshire County Co	E	840.05		840.05
126	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	PAT Testing	Fenland Electrical Services	S	382.50	76.50	459.00
126	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	PAT Testing	Fenland Electrical Services	S	700.00	140.00	840.00
127	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Window Cleaning	H20 Pure Cleaning	E	35.00		35.00
128	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Subscription	Clerks and Councils Direct	E	15.50		15.50
129	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Travel Expenses	Alex Miscandion	E	72.00		72.00
129	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Travel Expenses	Alex Miscandion	E	13.50		13.50
130	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Website SLA	SG Computing Ltd	E	140.00		140.00
131	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Cleaning products	TLC R US LTD	S	8.33	1.67	10.00
132	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Stationery	TLC R US LTD	S	9.99	2.00	11.99
132	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Stationery	TLC R US LTD	S	43.14	8.63	51.77
132	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Stationery	TLC R US LTD	E	42.50		42.50
133	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Office Cleaning	Clare Lynch	E	264.50		264.50
134	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Music on the Market	Barry Wainwright	E	7.16		7.16
135	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Staff Salaries	Sue Piergianni	E	2,331.35		2,331.35
136	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Donation	Whittlesey Christmas xtrav	E	2,000.00		2,000.00
137	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Tax & NI	HMRC	E	902.41		902.41
138	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Platinum Wood	RA Baker	S	105.88	21.18	127.06
139	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	NNDR	Fenland District Council	E	120.00		120.00
140	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Photocopier	Ethos	S	2.71	0.54	3.25
141	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Office Electric	British Gas Lite	L	87.86	4.39	92.25
142	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Office Gas	British Gas Lite	L	96.09	4.80	100.89
143	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Bank Charges & Interest	Barclays	E	8.50		8.50
144	30/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc	so	Phone System Lease	CF Corporate	S	274.00	54.80	328.80
Total								8,612.94	336.50	8,949.44

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RECEIPTS LIST

11 October 2024 (2024-2025)

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
42	02/09/2024		Barclays Reserve Acc		Platinum Wood	Curtis Communications	E	100.00		100.00
43	02/09/2024		Barclays Reserve Acc		Bank Charges / Interest	Barclays	E	176.18		176.18
44	30/09/2024		Metro Bank Current		Bank Charges / Interest	Metro Bank	E	0.25		0.25
45	02/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc		Commercial Rent	Fenland Electrical Services	E	220.00		220.00
46	02/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc		Commercial Rent	ISA-Cam Rent	E	330.00		330.00
47	02/09/2024		Barclays Current Acc		Commercial Rent	Fenland Youth Radio	E	110.00		110.00
Total								936.43		936.43