

Meeting held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Wesham Community Centre.

## **Minutes**

**PRESENT: Councillor L Nulty(chair)**

**Councillors: P Ball, M Rawcliffe, G Dixon, L Walker , P  
Desmond  
& L Bickerstaffe.**

**IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk – Angela Hunter**

**APOLOGIES: Cllr D Nowell**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**

Members are reminded that any direct or indirect pecuniary or other interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

Standard declarations of interest by councillors

Cllrs Walker - an interest in items relating to Allotments.  
Cllr Bickerstaffe - an interest in items relating to School.

No further declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

### **Code of conduct**

Draft version of Code of conduct sent out for review by Cllr P Desmond.  
A full review of this was deferred until a later meeting.

[Action: TC to include on future agenda – Spring 2023](#)

### **Mayor 2023-24**

Cllr Louise Walker re-stated her intentions of not standing for the Mayoral position for 2023/24..

## **23/001 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022:**

After a review of the final version minutes for 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 meeting were approved.

Proposer: Cllr P Ball      Seconder: Cllr G Dixon      Vote: All attendees in favour

## **23/002 MATTERS ARISING**

Leafy Lytham proposals for Wesham Beds.

**Action:** Cllr L Nulty has contacted Leafy Lytham twice & so far no response – she will re-try

**Action:** Cllr P Ball is arranging to meet Matt Giddins again

## **23/003 POLICING ISSUES – nothing was reported**

PCSO Anna Morris & PC Trevor Stirling attended this meeting at the request of LCC Cllr Stuart Jones.

The Police briefed Wesham Councillors

The recent thefts at Sycamore Drive are deemed to be opportunistic. CCTV footage & fingerprint evidence is being reviewed.

Cllr L Walker asked if they could look into the White van which regularly parks at the top end of Garstang Rd Nth as this is causing obstructions of sight for other drivers despite neighbours having asked the owner to be more considerate.

Cllr L Bickerstaffe asked if there was any traffic management measures they could do to curb the speeding cars using the Sanderling Way through to Derby Road as a shortcut thoroughfare. Cllr L Walker also mentioned the speeding as traffic enters Wesham just passing the PlayingFields and Primary Schools on Garstang Rd Nth.

PC Stirling advised that they would ask the traffic management team to monitor these areas.

## **23/004 PLANNING -**

### **Planning Applications - FBC updating Planning system issues**

#### **22/0760 – Storage building @ Mowbreck Caravan Park**

Wesham Council have no comments on this application & will respond to FBC with the caveat that petitions of neighbours should be taken into account when reviewing this application.

Note – this is retrospective approval for this application

## **23/0014 – Single Storey Agricultural worker dwelling on Weeton Road**

Wesham Council have no comments on this application & will respond to FBC with the caveat that petitions of neighbours should be taken into account when reviewing this application.

Proposed: Cllr P Ball    Seconded: Cllr G Dixon

All other attendees in favour except Cllr L Nulty who abstained

## **Meeting on 22/11/2022 with Andrew Stell re Mill Farm applications including 22/0616, 20/0135 & 21/0984**

WTC Reply to FBC Planning - meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to discuss & draft response.

Initial draft response circulated for review by councillors & edits received.

Revised version to be forwarded for review.

## **Planning training (NALC) for Wesham councillors**

Cllrs Pete Desmond, L Bickerstaffe & Town Clerk – A Hunter advised they would like to attend the Planning training.

**Action:** TC to book Planning training with NALC

## **23/005 PLAYING FIELDS and OPEN SPACES**

**Open Spaces Contract** - to discuss any issues raised by Councillors

### Review of Grounds Maintenance

WTC remain happy with Mr R Pickervance grounds maintenance standards.

Cllr Pete Desmond has done a draft version of the SLA for WTC to review. It needs to have some clarification & additional detail (photos) included.

Historical photos format are in a historical PDF format which is no longer convertible without purchasing software.

**Action:** TC to arrange to draft advert similar to Newton for K&W advertiser

**Action:** WTC to review draft SLA at meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

**Action:** TC to enquire if FBC will submit interest to tender for WTC grounds maintenance

**Action:** Cllr L Nulty has contacted leafy Lytham twice & so far no response – she will re-try

**Action:** Cllr P Ball is arranging to meet Matt Giddins again

## **Fleetwood Road Playing Fields**

### **Pavilion and playing surfaces**

KJFC have had the Annual charge & Utilities bill – they have asked for a breakdown of the Utilities charges.

WTC have discussed & approved at the Finance meeting (10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023) the recommended cold water diversion & disconnection of the hot water system at Fleetwood Road pavilion.

Ratification of this approval:-

Proposed: Cllr G Dixon    Seconded: Cllr P Ball    All attendees in favour

### **Fleetwood Road Barrier**

Insurance company have asked for WTC bank account details in order to pay the repair costs for the barrier minus the usual excess & VAT.

**Signs** – not discussed at this meeting - on-going

### **Play areas**

Tree contractors re overhanging tree on Fleetwood Road – info supplied by Mick Sumner, FBC. No enquiries regarding prices from these contractors have yet occurred.

## **Doorstep Green, Derby Road**

Wet Pore contractors – info supplied by Mick Sumner, FBC.

No enquiries regarding prices from these contractors have yet occurred.

**Allotments** - no discussions on the allotments at this Dec meeting

WTC have discussed & approved at the Finance meeting (10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023) the increase of the annual charge from £33.00 for 2023 to £35.00 for 2024.

Ratification of this approval:-

Proposed: Cllr G Dixon    Seconded: Cllr P Ball

All other attendees in favour except Cllr L Walker who abstained

## **23/006 HIGHWAYS AND RAILWAYS –**

### **Traffic Incident in Wesham – Cllr L Walker**

A recent traffic incident in Wesham had caused safety concerns these have been discussed with the Police – refer to notes in 23/003

### **New Bus Route in Wesham – Cllr L Bickerstaffe**

Safety aspects of the buses speeding on the Derby Road route have been discussed with the Police – refer to notes in 23/003

## **23/007 GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND INSURANCE**

Accounts payable and income report –

Finance reports up to Dec 2022 reviewed – no comments

Accident and Incident Reporting – **None**

**23/008 EVENTS** - nothing to discuss at this January 2023 meeting

## **23/009 HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **HR sub Committee**

Cllrs P Desmond , P Ball and L Nulty have all indicated their intention to be included in the HR sub-committee.

Subscribing to Pinsular was suggested & TC advised that HR support for Fylde Parish councils is given form Blackpool council & not FBC.

This further discussion for this HR sub-committee to be instigated.

Proposed; Cllr P Desmond    Seconded: Cllr L Nulty    Vote: All attendees in favour  
All other attendees in favour except Cllr G Dixon who abstained

## **23/010 WESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**New Tills** – Cllr G Dixon advised that they are still waiting to hear about 2 Tills that are possibly available from the Willows Club

**Sum Up** – Cllr G Dixon advised that it is installed & tested. It would be used live for an event at the next weekend after which WorldPay could be cancelled.

**Pat Testing** – Cllr G Dixon advised that PAT testing is organised using a firm that Cllr L Bickerstaffe has sourced

**EA visit from FBC appointed inspector on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023** – Cllr G Dixon advised that the visit was successful. One minor action was to repair some slight damage to the bar flooring

### **Ratification of heating system repairs**

WTC have discussed & approved at the Finance meeting (10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023) the proposed repairs to the WCC heating system by Gary @SafeGas.

Ratification of this approval:-

Proposed: Cllr G Dixon    Seconded: Cllr L Nulty    All attendees in favour

## **23/011 OTHER ITEMS**

**Web site** - not discussed  
**Action List** - to be rationalised by TC

**There being no other business the meeting ended at 21:50hrs**

**DATE OF NEXT WTC Monthly MEETINGS:**

**21<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Angela Hunter**

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup>

February 2023

January Minutes approved at 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2023 meeting

**WTC Additional Meetings**

Date	meeting
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Estimates/Finance
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Mill Farm Planning response
17 <sup>th</sup> January	WTC monthly meeting - JAN
19 <sup>th</sup> January	KJFC
24 <sup>th</sup> January	SLA Grounds Maintenance review
<del>26<sup>th</sup> January</del>	<del>Bowling Green SLA</del>
31 <sup>st</sup> January	
7 <sup>th</sup> February	WCC meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> February	
14 <sup>th</sup> February	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Final) Estimates meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> February	
21 <sup>st</sup> February	WTC Month meeting - FEB
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	
27 <sup>th</sup> February	

Inspection of the Allotments - (to be arranged)

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