

Meeting held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023  
at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Wesham Community Centre.

## **Minutes**

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

**Councillors: P Ball, M Rawcliffe, G Dixon, D Nowell  
& L Bickerstaffe.**

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

**APOLOGIES: Cllrs P Desmond & L Walker**

### **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

Cllr Nowell - an interest in items relating to Allotments.  
Cllr Bickerstaffe - an interest in items relating to School.  
Cllr Nulty - an interest in items relating to Planning

No further declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

### **Code of conduct**

Councillors were reminded of the Code of Conduct for meetings

Late apologies were received for this meeting

It was advised that there are guidelines on acceptance of apologies for Council meetings.

**Action:** TC to research these guidelines & include on the next WTC agenda

### **23/012 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023:**

After a review of the final version minutes for 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 meeting were approved.

Proposer: Cllr G Dixon  
favour

Seconder: Cllr L Bickerstaffe

Vote: All attendees in

### **23/013 MATTERS ARISING – any item not covered by agenda or action list**

Cllr Nulty noted that no further progress has been made regarding the Wet Pore quotes

for the play equipment area at Doorstep Green.

**Action:** Cllr TC to contact the Wet Pore contractors & obtain quotes. – one for under the equipment & one for the whole of the play area.

### **Parish Town Council Elections Spring 2023**

FBC information re elections has been shared with councillors.

Letters for application for election as councillors have not yet been received from FBC Elections dept.

An advert for Wesham Council elections will be required

A copy of the electoral register will be useful

**Action:** TC to obtain an electoral register & obtain details re election letter dates issue.

### **Mayor for 2023–24**

Cllr D Nowell advised of his intention to fulfil the role of Mayor for 2023-2024 as the next in seniority on the list of councillors

Following the closure of both outlets of the previously used jeweller, Cllr L Bickerstaffe advised that she has sourced another local jewellers who should be able to update the Mayoral chain.

A test run will be needed to check the links go through the engraving machine.

Cllr D Nowell also advised he would share the name of the jeweller he was aware of that was used by other Fylde councils as an alternative option.

### **23/014 POLICING ISSUES**

PCSO Anna Morris & two of her colleagues attended this meeting.

The Police briefed Wesham Councillors

The recent issue of thefts from Cars in the Kirkham & Wesham area continues and are from unlocked vehicles.

Cllr L Bickerstaffe Walker advised that there are still the issues with 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.

The White Van has parked in an alternative place on Mowbreck Lane for a short time but had now reverted back.

Wesham Councillors raised the issue of parking in Wesham particularly on AFC Fylde match nights.

Emergency vehicle access is potentially impeded to residential properties by all these extra vehicles.

When asked about why Coronation Way is coned off the Police advised that it is for emergency access which has been required on occasion at some matches.

When WTC councillors asked about parking ticket issue as a deterrent the Police advised that Parking tickets are not issued by them due to there being more urgent issues for

them to deal with. LCC Safe Parking system is the route to raise parking concerns.

Police advised that they would request the deployment of the CCTV unit in Wesham for use as a visible deterrent.

## **23/015 PLANNING -**

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

#### **22/00915 – Solar Panels @ Three Nooks**

Wesham Council are supportive of this application & will respond to FBC with the caveat that petitions of neighbours should be taken into account when reviewing this application.

Proposed: Cllr D Nowell      Seconded: Cllr L Bickerstaffe  
All other attendees in favour - Cllr L Nulty abstained from voting

#### **22/00887 – Scout Hut @ Mowbreck Lane**

Wesham Council are supportive of 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 L Bickerstaffe  
All other attendees in favour - Cllr L Nulty abstained from voting

## **23/016 PLAYING FIELDS and OPEN SPACES**

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

#### Grounds Maintenance

Cllr Pete Desmond has done a final version of the SLA which WTC reviewed on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan & finalised 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023.

Advert has gone into K&W advertiser

It was agreed to put the advert onto WTC Website & Facebook page

Cllr D Nowell offered to contact Myerscough for potential contractor recommendations

Intent to tender from the existing Grounds Maintenance contractor has been received

No further information on whether FBC will wish to tender for this work

Bowling Green Tender from the existing contractor has been received

**Action:** Cllr Nulty/TC to check re FBC tender

Cllr D Nowell to enquire contractor options via Myerscough

Winter Work quotation – Robert Pickervance. Some of this work is subject to the decisions of WTC for future of bedding & planting areas within Wesham so for some of this listed work no decision can be made until this is resolved.

Leafy Lytham have not contacted WTC since the last council meeting.

Cllr P Ball has contacted Matt Giddins. Matt Giddins submitted a quotation for shrubs & planting in November 2022 which was shared with WTC 18/11/2022.

Cllr L Nulty queried the amount of shrubs in the November quotation  
Matt is revisiting this quote & updating it.

Wesham Council discussed the option of utilising Matt Giddins for future supplies of Bedding Plants/shrubs/hanging Baskets . He has facilities to store & keep plants until they are required to be collected for planting. Cllr P Ball also advised WTC that ordering direct will allow recovery of VAT which could be beneficial to both WTC & grounds contractor.

Proposed: Cllr D Nowell    Seconded: Cllr P Ball    All other attendees in favour  
WTC noted that the ordering of plants for summer beds, hanging baskets, troughs etc will need to be done within a few weeks.

Planting up troughs & barrels etc around the Memorial area, a trough at the Railway station & WCC entrance by RP

Proposed Cllr L Nulty    Seconded Cllr L Bickerstaffe    All other attendees in favour

## **Fleetwood Road Playing Fields**

Moles problem – RP has advised that he would like to flatten the Mole hills & roller the area if possible as these mole hills are causing issues with his mowing machinery. WTC have no objections to his proposal provided that there is no additional charge to existing agreement.

## **Doorstep Green, Derby Road**

### Dog walking area repairs

Urgent repairs to the dog walking area fencing – RP has submitted an estimate for approx. £250 for this work. This was part of the winter work he has listed for review by WTC in November 2022

Proposed: Cllr L Nulty    Seconded: Cllr L Bickerstaffe    All other attendees in favour

### Playground equipment Cleanliness

Cllr L Nulty advised of complaint which had been forwarded to her in her FBC capacity

**Action:** TC to ask FBC to check this on their weekly inspection & arrange for cleaning

Cllr P Ball queried why this had gone to FBC - Cllr L Nulty has informed the individual that WTC owned the equipment & not FBC.

## **Street Cleaning in Wesham**

### Wesham Residents complaints – WTC action & FBC response

Cllr L Nulty advised of a recent complaint regarding litter which had been forwarded to her. She has forwarded the complaint to FBC re street cleaning for an update. Cllr L Nulty advised this meeting of FBC response. In this response FBC have asked if a post could be included on WTC Website to remind dog owners to pick up after their pets.

Cllr D Nowell queried if this information should have been shared prior to the meeting

## **Allotments**

TC advised that annual reminders are being issued Feb 2023 re allotment rents (£33.00 for 2023)

## **23/017 HIGHWAYS AND RAILWAYS**

On-going traffic issues were discussed with the Police – refer to 23/014 section of these minutes

## **23/018 GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND INSURANCE**

### **Accounts payable and income received report –**

Finance reports up to Jan 2023 reviewed – no comments

### **Accident and Incident Reporting – none**

### **WTC/WCC equipment – purchasing methods**

Town Clerk advised that incorrect application forms had been initially used for a credit card but after further enquiries with NatWest Bank Line the correct forms had now been completed

## **23/019 EVENTS -**

Potential Community Club Day Field Event

Wesham Council support the idea of the Annual Field day event continuing for Wesham Residents.

They acknowledged that SH has experience of this & has contact information for the usual stall holders etc. The liability issues were considered but further information needs to be considered to establish how this will be covered.

Wesham council asked for SH to submit a formal proposal re the Field Day event to them.

**Action:** TC to ask Cllr L Walker to ask SH to submit a formal proposal re Field Day to WTC

## Coronation Event

Wesham Council reviewed the events held for the Platinum jubilee. It was proposed that as there will be many other local events being held for the Coronation that Wesham Council are not intending to hold/host an event.

## **23/020 HUMAN RESOURCES**

Cllrs D Nowell updated WTC on the response so far to applications for the WCC Manager role.

Cllr L Nulty queried just the CV submissions for this position & requested completion of an application form.

Proposed: Cllr L Nulty      Seconded: Cllr L Bickerstaffe      All other attendees in favour

**Action:** TC & Cllr D Nowell to source a form

## **23/021 WESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

### **New Tills**

Cllr L Bickerstaffe has spoken to the original supplier of the tills that are currently in WCC. These can be taken back to Factory settings & re programmed for WCC requirements for a cost of between £60-100 – North West Tills.

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

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

Cllr G Dixon advised that Gary had not turned up , so he has sourced an alternative plumber in order to progress the issued with the heating system & an electrician to sort out the replacement thermostat.

Cllr G Dixon advised that he has re-set the heating thermostats in the meeting room as this influences the heating in the Main Hall area.

## **23/022 OTHER ITEMS**

### **Web site**

Grounds Maintenance SLA advert on website  
FBC have asked if a post could be included on WTC Website to remind dog owners to pick up after their pets.

### **Action List**

TC advised that notes (in red) have been included on the action list in red for WTC to comment on.

**There being no other business the meeting ended at 22:45hrs**

### **DATE OF NEXT WTC Monthly MEETINGS:**

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

**Angela Hunter**

February 2023

Date: 24th

### **WTC Additional Meetings**

Date	meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb (2pm)	Allotment Inspection
2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	Wesham Bowling Club
9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Review of SLA Grounds Maintenance bids – 1 <sup>st</sup> review
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Review of SLA Grounds Maintenance bids- 2 <sup>nd</sup> review
TBA	KJFC SLA 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	WTC Monthly meeting
TBA	HR Sub Committee mtg
TBA	WCC Manager interviews

## **MEDLAR-with-WESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

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