**MEDLAR-with-WESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, 10th December 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Committee Room, Wesham Community Centre

**PRESENT:** Councillor Liz Bickerstaffe (Chair)

Councillors: Linda Nulty, Pete Desmond, Tim Rackham, Kellyann Moreton

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Angela Hunter (Acting Town Clerk)

Ruth Ross (Town Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jordan Ledger

Jean Priestley (Finance Officer)

Councillor Philip Enright

**CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDING ORDERS**

Members are reminded of the standard of conduct they must adhere to during Town council meetings

**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 Bickerstaffe – an interest in items relating to Wesham C of E School (Governor)

Cllr J Ledger – an interest in planning (Fylde BC committee member)

Cllr L Nulty – an interest in issues relating to Mill Farm being a neighbour and an interest in items relating to Kirkham Food Bank (volunteer)

**24/118 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held on 19th November 2024 with corrections

Proposed: Tim Rackham Seconded: Pete Desmond

**24/119 MATTERS ARISING**

The Defibrillator is flashing red – new servicing or new battery – get Lucy Simpson’s number from L Bickerstaffe. Email has been sent to [shaun.sproule@nwas.nhs.uk](mailto:shaun.sproule@nwas.nhs.uk)

The bar boiler needs a heating engineer to get it working and the leak at the back of the building –

overflow pipe at the back of the building. Nothing identifies where the leak is originating from.

**24/120 POLICING ISSUES**

Nothing new to add.

**24/121 PLANNING**

No new planning applications. Tim Rackham drafting a letter regarding Mill Farm as it needs challenging. Tim has been on the portal and there is no request to report or have consultation.

Action: T Rackham to look in this and put together response.

**24/122 PLAYING FIELDS AND OPEN SPACES**

1. **Open Spaces Contract** – Discussed increase with Pickervance. He is to send a quote in the New year for additional work to Pavilion and outside the Community Centre.
2. **Fleetwood Playing Fields** - An assessment of the Fleetwood Play area and the playing fields was undertaken and a report has been submitted to councillors regarding the findings – R Ross

It was mentioned that there is a camera on the pavilion. Who monitors this?

Top of Fleetwood road, A 585 Crossing Gates land maintained by Greenbelt. An email was sent to them regarding maintenance of the hedges on the roadside. Greenbelt came back to say the land was not theirs. To be investigated further.

Action: R Ross

1. **Doorstep Green, Derby Road**

Nothing further to discuss.

Robert suggested putting in a path on the dog run and a plinth for the new bench. This to be included in the Precepts. The work would not be carried out until the Spring/Summer

Doorstep Green – plinth in quote from Pickervance. L Bickerstaffe phoned regarding solar light.

Need signage on children’s play areas as there are very old worn signs no longer very legible saying “dogs not allowed” – Actioned – R Ross

1. **Provision for repairs/replacements** – J Priestley to provide us with an update following the Precepts meeting.
2. **Street Cleaning in Wesham** – the street cleaner has been seen
3. **Allotments –** reminders for renewals to be sent out in January 2025
4. **Wesham Bowling Club –** no update – contact D Ogden for updates

**24/123 HIGHWAYS AND RAILWAYS**

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Action: R Ross

Highways have now cut hedges on road side from roundabout to Mill Farm going towards the motorway.

Speed awareness – 20 mile per hour signs going up on Fleetwood Road and Garstang Road. A SID is going to be put at the top of Fleetwood and will run for approximately 2 months.

Proposed mural at Kirkham and Wesham Railway Station – Linda spoke to Peter. He’s in tough with Network Rial. He’s looking for a donation of around £250. To be mentioned in Precepts Meeting

**24/124 GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND INSURANCE**

1. **Finance -**Precepts meeting 28/01/2025
2. **Wesham Community Centre Bank Account** – Ask J Priestly regarding progress of transferring to the Unity Account. These were approved
3. **Accounts payable and income received report** - Received income and expenditure reports for November
4. **Accident and Incident Report** – none to report

**24/125 EVENTS**

**Community Fund Raiser –** looking to organise in January - ‘Old Folks Party’

Christmas Tree Switch on was well attended and people came back to Community Centre for refreshments.

**25/126 HUMAN RESOURCES**

J Priestley has password for NEST

**24/127 WESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Hopefully Slimming World will be using the Hall at the end of January 2025 – awaiting formal confirmation.

Bar bookings approved

**24/128 OTHER**

1. **Website** – have received information from Netwise and have been quoted for a website and ongoing support through a company in Kirkham – Property World. There is a distinct difference in price between the two. With Netwise all amendments, inserts, updates and photos have to be done by the council. Property World would do all this for you.
2. A Smart screen is required for the committee room. Would help with bookings going forward and would help promote facilities – R Ross has forwarded prices and size options.
3. War memorial – no update
4. **WCC meeting – arranged for Tuesday, 14th January 2025**
5. Benches – no update. It was suggested to replace some of the old ones requiring maintenance.

It was discussed that the Kitchen could do with upgrading and also the toilets.

**Action:** R Ross – awaiting quotations. To be presenting in the WCC meeting in January

**DATE OF NEXT WTC MEETING: Tuesday, 21st January 2025**