**MEDLAR-with-WESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, 15TH July 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Committee Room, Wesham Community Centre

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Elizabeth Bickerstaffe (Chair) L Nulty, I Nicols Hogg, A Hunter, P Enright, K Moreton

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Ruth Ross (Town Clerk) member of the general public

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors A Short, P Desmond, T Rackham

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

**25/84 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held on 17th June 2025

Proposed: Cllr L Nulty Seconded: Cllr I Nichols Hogg

**25/85 MATTERS ARISING**

Any item not covered by agenda or action list

**25/86 POLICING ISSUES**

No policing reports available. Website Police.uk was last updated April 2025. Write to the Crime Commissioner about concerns that there is no contact information and hand in to the Police Station in Kirkham. Town Clerk to email Andrew Snowdon MP

**25/87 PLANNING - 25/0355 Land to North of Weeton Road/West of A585 Kirkham Bypass, Medlar with Wesham**

Cllr E Bickerstaffe thanked Cllr T Rackham for putting together a response to the planning application above. The Town Clerk forwarded this to planning@fylde on 26/06/2025. Cllr E Bickerstaffe has spoken to councillors at Fylde Borough Council meeting for support regarding the request for affordable housing.

**PLANNING - 25/0324 - Pennine View**

Planning application for 4 houses has been received. Concerns that house no 14 in the road behind the proposed development is very close to the proposed HT-04. The properties are large and detached and do not meet the housing requirements of the area. Also need to take into account residents comments. The Town Clerk to write to planning@fylde with concerns.

**25/88 PLAYING FIELDS AND OPEN SPACES**

**a)Open Spaces Contract** -

Hanging baskets and tubs all look good and are being watered regularly. Ask Pickervances to fill in the gaps in the shrubbery at the front of the Community Centre and Car Park.

**b)Fleetwood Playing Fields** – Bench replacement. Town Clerk to look into this.

**Signage** – Town Clerk to make amendments to signage as discussed and go ahead with the order or a 900mmx 900mm and installation of the sign. All council voted in favour of going ahead with this without delay.

**Bollards and fencing**. – looking for replacements.

**Guttering on the pavilion –** waiting for a quote for the replacement guttering and labour costs. Cllr E Bickerstaffe trying to obtain this.

**Kirkham Junior Football Club** –

Town Clerk to send the SLA and invoice to KJFC and obtain copy of public liability insurance and DBS check register. Also ask for fixtures list.

**c)Doorstep Green, Derby Road –** solar lighting update. Town Clerk has found a local firm to quote for solar light replacement. Get information regarding warranty, service plan and lead time - circulate to council once received.

Town Clerk to contact Open Spaces Contractor for ideas on replacing rotting wood that is used to block access to playing fields at Doorstep Green.

**d) Street Cleaning in Wesham** – no update

**e) Benches** - Town Clerk to contact Glasdons for quotes for benches constructed of recycled material.

Benches required by Fleet wood Playing Fields as it is broken. On Derby Road Dog Walk. Outside the Community Centre. It was mentioned that one might be needed on Mowbreck Lane. Obtain quote for 4 benches. Ask Open Spaces Contractor if they would fix them into the ground.

**25/89 Allotments**

Land adjacent to Bowling Green. It was proposed by council that the land be used as a Community venture/garden. Town Clerk arranged meeting regarding the Community Pride Trust on 22nd July. A Clayton will attend to explain how the Community Pride Trust was set up.

**25/90 HIGHWAYS AND RAILWAYS**

Town Clerk to contact LCC regarding Thomson Street and double yellow lines requirement due to unsafe parking. WTC have received concerns from a resident. Railway station car park is not sign posted. Contact Network Rail.

The Town Clerk to contact LCC regarding possibility of putting disabled parking spaces outside the Coop and hairdressers on Weeton Road. Council are supportive of this.

**25/91 GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND INSURANCE**

J Priestley to terminate the Sage Accounting subscription in August

Arrange meeting to discuss detailed accounts with J Priestley

The Accounts for June were checked and approved by Council. Proposed by Cllr L Nulty and Seconded by Cllr P Enright

The Sum up funds for bar to be transferred to WCC account - Cllr E Bickertaffe to sort this out.

**25/ 92 HUMAN RESOURCES**

Town Clerk Employment Contract and Pension is now signed and confirmed. No more action required.

**25/93 WESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

A Community Centre meeting is arranged for Tuesday, 22nd July at 7 pm

**25/94 PATHWAY BY SCOUT HUT AND BACK OF GARDENS AT CHURCH WALK –**

A local resident attended the meeting regarding the pathway. Council are looking into the historical facts about the origin of the pathway. The C of E school bursar has been contacted and they are looking into finding records regarding the original planning permission. The Town Clerk to contact Fylde Borough Council for information.

**25/95 WEBSITE** – Email addresses. Easywebsites will need to contact those Councillors who are waiting for their council email address

**25/96 MAYORAL CHAIN AND REGALIA**

Cllr E Bickerstaffe has identified a local jeweller who would be able to help in adding new links and obtain pendants required.

**25/97 BOWLING CLUB**

Email received from the Bowling Club. They have not been able to secure grants yet to build the toilet facility and wish to carry on with current arrangements. The Town Council need to discuss this and respond

**DATE OF NEXT WTC MEETING: Tuesday, 23rd September 2025 at 7.00pm**