**MEDLAR-with-WESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, 18th March 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Committee Room, Wesham Community Centre

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Linda Nulty, (Chair) Tim Rackham, Kellyann Moreton, Pete Desmond

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

 Ruth Ross (Town Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Phil Enright and Liz Bickerstaffe

**RESIGNED:**  Councillor Jordan Ledger

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

**25/023 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held on 19th February 2025

Proposed: T Rackham Seconded: Cllr L Nulty

**25/24 MATTERS ARISING**

None

**25/25 POLICING ISSUES**

There have been car thefts but no direct reports received from the police. Travellers have been seen trying to sell services i.e. drive resurfacing in ‘no cold calling’ areas. Make contact with PCSO Jake Giddins to ask for a report

**25/26 PLANNING**

25/0054 – 5 Ravenglass Close. The plans show it is all paved at the rear. Received email from Andrew Stell that the entire rear garden is to be paved and work has commenced. The rear of the garden was previously paved so extra drainage arrangements have been made.

25/0084 **Land south of Weeton Road, Wesham, Preston, PR4 3NA**

Contact planning@ fylde to ask for extension to the end of April to enable the council to check the details of the plan to be discussed at the next Council Meeting in April.

**25/27 PLAYING FIELDS AND OPEN SPACES**

**a)Open Spaces Contract** – R Pickervance have been instructed to go ahead with replacements of trees and works on Doorstep Green, Derby Road. The molehills are still an issue. Contact mole control company.

**b)Fleetwood Playing Fields** –

**Signage** – contact Taylor and Pickles for the signs to be erected by the bollards opposite the entrance – ‘No dogs allowed on the playing fields’ and no overnight parking allowed. Put Medlar-with Wesham Town Council is on the sign. Ask for proof copies prior to ordering. R Ross to action.

**Bollards and fencing**. Look for replacements. Contact FBC for contractors they use. Check other companies for quotes for installation too. R Ross to action

**Guttering on the pavilion –** looking for someone to do the job. Check companies in the advertiser.

**Kirkham Junior Football Club** – arrange meeting.

**c)Doorstep Green, Derby Road –** solar lighting update. E Bickerstaffe to update

S Pickervance informed to commence work on Dog Walk at Doorstep Green and put in plinth for bench. Town Clerk informed S Pickervance to start the work.

**d)Provision for repairs/replacements** – J Priestley to provide us with an update following the Precepts meeting.

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

**25/28 Allotments –** reminders for renewals to be sent out in end of March 2025 for April renewal

Land adjacent to Bowling Green – allotment. The allotment holder has paid and is clearing the plot which will be vacant in the next few months.

**25/29 HIGHWAYS AND RAILWAYS**

Chase up who owns the Crossing Gates estate land owned by Greenbelt the Management Company. The hedges have not been cut yet. Contacted Cllr Stewart Jones and LCC Highways as this is a road safety danger. Awaiting response.

**25/30 GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND INSURANCE**

**a)WCC Bank Account –**  opened new Unity account. They are transferring old account to new ones and should be completed by end of April 2025

**c)Accounts payable and income received report**  - February 2025 submitted for approval at meeting

**d)Accident and Incident Reporting –** none reported

**25/31 EVENTS**

**Community Fund Raiser –** Brass Band Concert on Saturday 26th April 2025 at the Community Centre.

**25/32 HUMAN RESOURCES**

NEST Pension for the Town Clerk to be looked into – Cllr E Bickerstaffe to contact them

Employment contract template forwarded to Cllr P Desmond - update

**25/33 WESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

New IT Equipment – Meeting Room. Smart TV installed in upstairs meeting room

The council agreed for the work on removing old seating from the bar to commence.

P Enright had kindly offered to do this work. A skip required for removal of old furniture. The tables are being kept as they can be used.

Bar bookings for March given to Cllr E Bickerstaffe

**25/34 Wesham Bowling Club –** no update on toilets. Email sent to committee. The council have requested that they actively look into building toilet facilities and seek grants available. We have stated that they can use the Community Centre toilets until the end of this season but then it will end. We are also invoicing them monthly for use of facilities until the end of the season. The Bowling Club have requested a meeting.

**25/35**

**Website** – working with Easy Websites to get the website up and running in development stage and awaiting documentation to be forwarded to them

The website is now up and running. Trying to remove the old website. Town Clerk has had training on making amendments and adding information to the website.

**25/35**

**Payphone**. Written to BT via FBC who have forwarded our response regarding keeping the payphone as it has been used. Consultation ends 3rd May. A decision will be made after that.

**25/36 NEW COUNCILLOR APPLICATIONS**

**DATE OF NEXT WTC MEETING: Tuesday, 29th April 2025**