**MEDLAR-with-WESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, 19th February 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Committee Room, Wesham Community Centre

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

Councillors: Linda Nulty, Tim Rackham, Kellyann Moreton

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

Ruth Ross (Town Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Pete Desmond and Phil Enright

**ABSENT:**  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 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)

**25/012 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held on 21st January 2025

Proposed: Cllr L Nulty Seconded: Cllr K Moreton

**25/13 MATTERS ARISING**

The bar boiler has now been replaced and up and running.

**25/14 POLICING ISSUES**

Cllr E Bickerstaffe and messaged PCO J Giddins regarding the arranging a meeting Area Sergeant/Inspector at their office for convenience but not had a response as yet.

Town clerk to email to ask if the they are willing to have a meeting. Also to ask for any policing reports to be emailed to us as we have not been updated recently. R Ross to action.

**25/15 PLANNING**

25/0054 – 5 Ravenglass Close. The plan show it is all paved at the rear. We need confirmation of the construction of the surface. It should be permeable or semi-permeable. Also declare that the owner is our Open Spaces Contractor. Email planning to get confirmation of this. R Ross to action.

25/0076 The Council have no objection as long as it does not affect the neighbours. Email planning with our response. R Ross to action.

24/0368 Mill Farm Sports Village, Fleetwood Road - This is going to be passed

**25/16 PLAYING FIELDS AND OPEN SPACES**

**a)Open Spaces Contract** –Bedding plants are still looking nice. R Pickervance have been instructed to go ahead with replacements of trees and works on Doorstep Green, Derby Road

**b)Fleetwood Playing Fields** –

**Signage** – contact Taylor and Pickles for the signs to go on the fence of the play area – ‘No dogs allowed in the Play Area’ – two signs required. Tall sign to go by the bollards opposite the entrance with ‘No overnight parking permitted’. Ensure that Medlar-with Wesham Town Council is on the sign. Ask for proof copies prior to ordering. Take photos of where they are required to go. R Ross to action.

**SLA from FBC regarding play areas** was shown to the council. An annual increase has been applied of 3.6% for maintenance of all play area equipment at Fleetwood Road and Doorstep Green

**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. A Hunter to action

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

It was agreed that trees be planted. Replace broken tree, plinth for the bench and hanging basket on tree at Meadow Park. This has all been agreed on by the Council for actioning. Town Clerk to inform S Pickervance to start the work.

Ask S Pickervance & Son for further details regarding the Dog Run area – need a detailed plan with area to be worked on and materials to be used.

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

**e) Street Cleaning in Wesham** – the street cleaner has been seen on numerous occasions and no concerns at the moment

**f) Allotments –** reminders for renewals to be sent out in end of March 2025 for April renewal

Damaged tree reported at Fleetwood Road Allotments.Rev A Broster at St. Josephs has been contacted regarding the removal and is actioning the request

Land adjacent to Bowling Green – allotment. Decide what to do when distributing allotment letter and tenancy agreements.

**g) Wesham Bowling Club –** no update on toilets– contact D Ogden for updates

**25/17 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. Contact Cllr Stewart Jones and LCC Highways as this is a road safety danger.

An LCC Speed Assessment report received from Cllr Stewart Jones regarding issues raised regarding speed of traffic on roads in Medlar with Wesham but related to A585 not B5192 issues

**Fleetwood Road A585 – M55 roundabout to B5192** – 50mph limit. This has been assessed and no clear speeding issue that would justify measures. Assessed every two years.

**Weeton Road – A5192 – A585 Station Rd** – 20mph limit. Due to speed data received, temporary signage will be erected July to September 2025 an a SpID will be deployed in due course.

**Fleetwood Rd/Garstang Rd North B5192 – 20mph limit.** Will be installing temporary signage now and again July – Sept 2025. A SpID will be deployed end of March 2025.

**Meadow Park – U10854** – 20 mph limit – no clear speeding issues justify any measures.

**Mowbreck Lane – U10894** – 20mph limit - no clear speeding issues justify any measures

Parking issues on Mowbreck Road 2nd February AFC Fylde Match – local resident complained to LCC and Highways as the road was full of parked cars. It was a local Derby Match and more people had driven. They is not enough parking at AFC Fylde. The attendance numbers were not submitted. Contact Andrew Snowdon MP regarding the issue and worries about this continuing if attendance figures increase.

**25/18 GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND INSURANCE**

**a**)Precepts for 2025-26 has been submitted to P Swindells and receipt acknowledged

**b)WCC Bank Account –** to be transferred to Unity - update

**c)Accounts payable and income received report** – January 2025 submitted to all Council and agreed

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

**25/19 EVENTS**

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

**25/20 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

**25/21 WESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Judo group starting every week term time on Fridays 5.30 – 8.30 pm from 08/03/2025

Soccer group to start Saturdays from March (date to be confirmed) 10-12 noon every week term time

Quotes for decorating and flooring received.

New IT Equipment – Meeting Room. Get quotes for Smart TV and installation to present to next council meeting.

Bar bookings for March given to Cllr E Bickerstaffe

**25/22**

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

**25/23**

**Payphone** will be removed 1st May. Write to BT to say as it has been used it might be an idea to keep it and not everyone has a phone

**25/24**

**ICO Registration** – GDPR. R Ross to action

**25/25**

**Wesham Fire Rescue** are to do an area exercise at the Community Centre and car park on 6th May with 4 fire engines. Coming to the centre to meet Town Clerk 27/02/2025 to explain what they will be doing

**DATE OF NEXT WTC MEETING: Tuesday, 18th March 2025**