**MEDLAR-with-WESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, 21ST January 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Committee Room, Wesham Community Centre

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

Councillors: Linda Nulty, Pete Desmond, Tim Rackham, Philip Enright

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

 Ruth Ross (Town Clerk)

Tina and Paul Townsend – On tap Bars – Wesham Fun Day event

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jordan Ledger

 Jean Priestley (Finance Officer)

 Councillor Kellyann Moreton

**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)

**25/01 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held on 10th December 2024 with corrections

Proposed: Tim Rackham Seconded: Pete Desmond

**25/02 MATTERS ARISING**

The bar boiler needs a heating engineer or replacement – awaiting quote from EC Boilers to replace existing boiler

**25/03 POLICING ISSUES**

Cllr E Bickerstaffe mentioned that following the burglaries, two people had been arrested.

PCSO Jake Giddins phoned regarding a date for meeting with the Sergeant but it had been cancelled. It was suggested that a monthly or 6 monthly meeting take place where all local councils could attend. Try to arrange a meeting at the Police Station. Cllr T Rackham has said he would be happy to arrange a brief meeting at a time to suit the Sergeant.

Cllr E Bickerstaffe has reported the parking by Seniors and logged it on LCC

An abandoned vehicle on Derby Road has been reported.

**25/04 PLANNING**

HTI Building Coronation Way 25/0023. New amendment – non material - to planning permission 22/0616 relating to erection of employment building. Proposed Amendments being 1) to reposition the building 3M to the South without any alterations to its scale, appearance or orientation 2) make a consequential 3M reduction in the depth of the service yard 3) Relocate 4 parking spaces from the main car park to the service yard to maintain the total car parking provision



Care Home – parking could be an issue. Cllr E Bickerstaffe to object about parking – double yellow lines and reversing in a blindspot.

24/0248 Planning – land south of Weeton Road – Poultry Farm. The Town Council objected as it was too close to houses. An objection was made – Planning has now been granted.

**25/05 PLAYING FIELDS AND OPEN SPACES**

**a)Open Spaces Contract** – Pickervance contract confirmed and plants still look nice. He has been emailed to send a quote for additional work to Pavilion and outside the Community Centre.

Signage for car park and play area – take photos of where they are required and get quote from

**b)Fleetwood Playing Fields** –

**Signage** for car park and play area – take photos of where they are required and get quote from Taylor and Pickles in Preston

**Bollards and Fencing –** give replacement costs to Precept Meeting

**Moles –** review situation in the Spring

**c)Doorstep Green, Derby Road –** hedges have been cut. When the weather gets better we will get the plinth in place for the bench. Dog run-look at this when the weather gets better. Work will have to be carried out Spring/Summer. Need a quote to repair lights.

1. **Provision for repairs/replacements** – J Priestley to provide us with an update following the Precepts meeting.
2. **Street Cleaning in Wesham** –Cllr E Bickerstaffe has reported the grit bins to LCC**.** It is in planned works. Gritting bins are to be refilled. Had a complaint about icy pathways and responded
3. **Allotments –** reminders for renewals to be sent out in January 2025
4. **Wesham Bowling Club –** no update – contact D Ogden for updates

**25/06 HIGHWAYS AND RAILWAYS**

The overgrown hedge at the top of Fleetwood road by the roundabout to Mill Farm going towards the motorway has been cut.

Chase up who owns the estate A 585 Crossing Gates land owned by Greenbelt. If unregistered land should be under LCC – contact John Singleton at LCC. To be investigated further.

No update on proposed mural at Kirkham and Wesham Railway Station – Linda spoke to Peter.

**25/07 GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND INSURANCE**

1. **Finance -**Precepts meeting date TBA. Need information regarding reserves for WCC.
2. **Wesham Community Centre Bank Account** – Angela to transfer WCC account to Unity for December
3. **Accident and Incident Report** – none to report

**25/08 EVENTS**

**Community Fund Raiser – TBA**

**25/09 HUMAN RESOURCES**

NEST to be looked into.

Send contract of employment template to Cllr P Desmond

**25/10 WESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Hopefully Slimming World will be using the Hall currently recruiting. Had interest in exercise classes being run at the Community Centre Hall and Sun Room

**25/11 OTHER**

1. **Website** – All council have agreed to go ahead with using Easy Websites
2. A Smart screen is required for the committee room. Would help with bookings going forward and would help promote facilities – a value has been given to J Priestley for the Precepts
3. War memorial - Lights to be removed from railings – Cllr T Rackham has offered to remove them. The remaining Memorial Soldiers attached to lamp posts and railings to be removed too. The tree was removed by Trinity Hospice in return for a donation of £100.
4. WCC meeting – TBA
5. Benches – no update.
6. Wesham Fun Day Event on Fleetwood Road Playing Fields.

 Tina and Paul Towsend came to discuss the Club Day Event that took place very successfully last year. Great feedback was received and Cllr E Bickerstaffe had received nothing but good reports. It was very well attended. Traders came with stalls and there were also fairground rides.

It was decided by all the council members that this should go ahead again. Arrangements will be made for the barrier to be closed the week before and notice put up. Will need to give codes out for the gate and pavilion

Notify Wesham Football nearer the time

We will assist in advertising for the event on Facebook, website and through the schools etc.

1. Morgan and Morecambe Wind Farms. Proposal to act for Newton with Scales parish Council and others. They are asking for a contribution towards Legal representation for Local residents which will in effect allow Wesham Council the option to have a seat on the committee.

After debate and discussions Wesham Council determined that at this moment in time Councillors did not feel that offering a contribution would be justifiable spend of Wesham public money which would be better utilised in Wesham itself. Wesham Council wish Newton Council & the other Local Councils well in their resistance to the proposal.

Proposed by Cllr E Bickerstaffe Seconded by Cllr L Nulty

1. Scribe accounting - all councillors have agreed this should go ahead – commence in March 2025
2. Replacement of outside lights and PAT Testing. – It was agreed by all councillors to go ahead. Arrange a suitable date with electrician.

**DATE OF NEXT WTC MEETING: Wednesday , 19th February 2025**