

Meeting held on Tuesday, 15th November 2022
at 7.50pm in the Committee Room, Wesham Community Centre.

Minutes

PRESENT: Councillor L Nulty (chair)

**Councillors: P Ball, M Rawcliffe, G Dixon, P Desmond,
L Bickerstaffe & L Walker.
LCC Councillor Stuart Jones**

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk – Angela Hunter

APOLOGIES: Cllrs D Nowell

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 Nulty - an interest in items relating to Planning

Cllr Bickerstaffe - an interest in items relating to School.

No further declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

The TC has forwarded via e-mail the FBC code of conduct information to all the councillors on 9th November. These are very comprehensive. Also the Nolan principles on which these code of conducts are based was shared via e-mail by Cllr L Nulty on 10th November 2022.

It was proposed that a succinct version of the code of conduct should be created for use by WTC. Cllr Pete Desmond volunteered to summarise a Code of conduct for WTC to consider.

[Action: Cllr P Desmond to summarise Code of conduct for WTC.](#)

22/056 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18th October 2022:

TC advised that following some feedback from councillors these minutes had been updated.

A further amendment was identified that as there are Long Term agreements in place for Energy suppliers to remove this from the minutes.

Proposer: Cllr G Dixon Seconder: Cllr L Walker Vote: All attendees in favour

LCC Cllr Stuart Jones (unscheduled visit to WTC meeting)

Cllr Stuart Jones advised that there was a Community fund available which WTC could

apply for upto £3K.

Cllr Stuart Jones was aware of WTC proposal to obtain a SPID and he advised that he believes that this could be funded via the Community fund

He advised that he has been campaigning for an NHS Dentist to be included into the planned Doctors/Health Centre on Derby Road and that he has voiced his objections to a Pharmacy being included as Kirkham & Wesham already has some pharmacies within the Towns.

WTC queried for any information on the Doctors. This was proposed approx. 8 years ago. At the time there was a large meeting to discuss the proposal of merging & moving the Doctors to the Derby Road location. The Plans proposed at the time included a terminus for buses.

Some of the delay is due to Ash Tree house not having been purchased from the Doctors who are financially invested in it.

Cllr Linda Nulty reminded the meeting that NHS has sold land & that some of this money was intended to be used as part of the new doctors development. Where is that money – is it still available or has it been re-assigned?

[Action: Cllr Stuart Jones advised that he would get an update on the New Doctors proposal for WTC.](#)

Cllr Stuart Jones advised that a re-routed extended bus service going down Mowbreck Lane through Park Road and down Derby Road was agreed. This included 6 new bus stops 2 of which are going to be located on Mowbreck Lane, Park Road and Derby Road. He also advised that he has campaigned for Mowbreck Lane to be resurfaced but that this would not be until 2023/24.

WTC advised him that Mowbreck Lane is not really suitable for a bus service & that the Bus service should be going through Sanderling Way as per the Planning proposals when the Estate was approved. WTC also reminded Cllr Jones that previous surveys had indicated that Park Road was not a sturdy enough road surface for buses. It was acknowledged that as smaller buses are being used the road may be adequate enough to accommodate these. Derby Road is also not suitable for Bus route due to the amount of traffic & parked cars which regularly make this a single flow road as there is not sufficient room for cars to pass each other. Additionally some of the councillors advised that since the Sanderling Way Estate construction that the Park Road/Derby Road route has become a "Rat Run" and that traffic calming measures should be installed EG: speed bumps. Cllr Liz Bickerstaffe advised that several residents have suffered vehicle damage due to this "Rat Run" usage & mentality of the drivers.

22/ 057 MATTERS ARISING – nothing identified

22/058 POLICING ISSUES

Crime Reports – reports are available on [police.co.uk](https://www.police.co.uk).

The police reports available on the website do not indicate any unusual areas for concern by Wesham Councillors.

Policing Issues – No additional policing issues identified at this meeting.

WTC to invite the Kirkham & Wesham Police to a meeting early in the new year.
Note since this meeting WTC received an e-mail on 30/11/2022 from PCSO Anna Morris. She has been sent the dates of the Jan/FEB & Mar 2023 WTC meetings. She has advised that she is intending to attend the Jan 2023 one.

22/059 PLANNING -

Planning Applications - FBC updating Planning system issues

22/0812 – rear extension @ 22 West View, Wesham

Wesham Council have no comments on this application & will respond to FBC with the caveat that petitions of neighbours should be taken into account when reviewing this application.

Meeting on 22/11/2022 with Andrew Stell re Mill Farm applications including 22/0616, 20/0135 & 21/0984

Andrew Stell has been contacted & has requested access to a projector & screen as he has prepared a slide presentation to use to for this information session regarding these planning applications.

Note: Shared with WTC via e-mail on 01/12/2022 Andrew Stell slides & summarised notes by TC on 04/12/2022.

22/0616 – Employment Building @ Mill Farm...Whinfield Commercial Ltd

20/0135 – Car Parking , Mill Farm

21/0984 – North Stand, Mill Farm

There was also the information session with Mr R Nulty held in WCC council offices on 27th September 2022 and Mr R Nulty has issued a summary of the key aspects of this discussion which has been forwarded to Wesham Councillors shared via e-mail 09/10/2022.

Actions: WTC to compile a response to these planning applications for FBC Planning.

22/060 PLAYING FIELDS and OPEN SPACES

Open Spaces Contract - to discuss any issues raised by Councillors

Review of Grounds Maintenance

WTC remain happy with Mr R Pickervance grounds maintenance standards. The Cenotaph area was looking neat & tidy for the Annual Remembrance Service. TC advised that Robert has taken down the hanging baskets that are looking past their best. A few remain. These will be taken down as they deteriorate. He will remove the old bedding plants in troughs/barrels & beds as the autumn progresses.

WTC were expecting to discuss options regarding the future of the beds with the intention of increased shrubbery. Plans/quotes re cost from both Matt Giddins & Greg from Leafy Lytham have not been received.

Robert Pickervance has submitted a quotation for some additional work extra to the SLA but it was determined that this would be considered at a later date along with the shrubs & winter planting when the quotes have been received.

WTC noted that adverts were appearing from other councils for tendering for Grounds Maintenance from 1st April for a 3 year contract the same as WTC intend to do. Cllr Pete Desmond confirmed that he is preparing an SLA for the Grounds Maintenance SLA for the 2023-26 period for WTC to review & comment on.

Grounds maintenance discussions on 22/11/2022 (09:05pm) (Cllr L Walker-apologies)

WTC reviewed both options one from Matt Giddins & the one from Greg @ Leafy Lytham.

WTC determined that the plans & suggestions from Leafy Lytham were the preferred option for Wesham. Cllr Nulty has contacted Leafy Lytham via e-mail twice since this meeting and the TC has also left phone messages but there has been no response.

The ground is now frozen & planting of either shrubs or plants is not possible until the weather once again turns milder.

Bowling Green

Quotation received from Tom Ascroft for winter work WTC approved at £1200 as discussed with WTC in October 2022.

Proposed; Cllr Peter Ball Seconded: Cllr Geoff Dixon Vote: All attendees in favour

Pathways – overgrowth in Wesham areas

Previously WTC noted that the pathways around some areas of Wesham are overgrown & do not appear to have been cut back by either LCC or Farmers. The pathway from Wesham Mill Farm roundabout towards the Black Valais is particularly dangerous as pedestrians have been observed walking in the road due to the amount of overgrown hedges/shrubbery.

Action: TC to arrange with FBC/LCC for hedge trimming - ongoing.

This meeting noted that some more of the Wesham Residents have raised concerns re the safety aspects of the A585 since the initial concern & request to LCC/FBC for hedge trimming/path clearing (EH & PD)

WTC noted that the hedges on Mowbreck Lane are now also in serious need of trimming.

The hedges along Mowbreck Lane belong to several different owners – some who trim & some who don't. Requests for hedge trimming to owners should be sent.

Action: TC to arrange with owners of hedges along Mowbreck Lane for hedge trimming – Note: TC to establish who the owners are prior to trimming request.

Fleetwood Road Playing Fields

Pavilion and playing surfaces

KJFC were advised that the water bill has been received & once an invoice is created they will be advised of the amount for re-imbusement to Wesham Council.

Fleetwood Road Barrier

The damage to Fleetwood Road Barrier is going through WTC insurance company. All been estimates have been received. The insurance company is still asking for further information regarding the individual who caused this damage but WTC are unable to provide any additional information as to that which has already been shared.

Signs — no new information for this meeting - on-going

Play areas

Tree contractors re overhanging tree on Fleetwood Road – no update as Mick Sumner on A/L & no-one else form FBC responded

Doorstep Green, Derby Road

Wet pore contractors – no update as Mick Sumner on A/L & no-one else from FBC responded.

A request from a Wesham resident re a memorial Bench at Doorstep Green was discussed & WTC agreed that a contribution towards one would be welcome.

Action: TC to advise Wesham Resident

Allotments - no discussions on the allotments at this Nov meeting

22/061 HIGHWAYS AND RAILWAYS

SPID for Wesham.

Previously Cllr D Nowell provided Wesham Council with details re the acquisition of a SPID and

Wesham councillors agreed to bid for a SPID along with 4 posts for Wesham.

Action: TC to liaise with FBC re bid application for SPID - on-going.
TC to also liaise with LCC Cllr S Jones re obtaining this SPID via the community fund grants he discussed at this meeting

Blocked drains due to leaves & silt build up was acknowledged & WTC queried what has happened to the bi-annual clearance. It was not known the frequency or scheduling rota for clearance of drains now but Cllr Stuart Jones advised that there are only 2 trucks for clearing blocked drains – one for Fylde & one for Wyre.

Car parking for Kirkham & Wesham Railway is a concern.
FBC have reviewed this & put the issue back to the Railway to review.
Cllr L Nulty advised WTC that previously there has been some money allocated under Section 106 ring fenced for car parking only. WTC to continue to monitor the Car parking issues regarding Kirkham & Wesham Railway station.

22/062 GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND INSURANCE

Accounts payable and income report –

Finance reports reviewed

WTC noted that the water bill for KJFC summer watering has now been received and that an invoice for water & electric needs issuing to KJFC for recovering this outlay.

Action: Finance officer to create this invoice for KJFC

Accident and Incident Reporting – **None**

22/063 EVENTS

Events Sub-committee –

Remembrance Service 2022 – 13th November post job brief

Overall the service went well. WTC were advised that new Road closure signs would be needed for future services as the ones used on this occasion not accurate as per LANTRA. Scouts provided a fabulous Marshalling service including barriers & erection of the gazebo with only one of the buses being awkward about the Road closure. It was noted for next time that TC should also advise the Bus companies as well as the LCC/FBC information.

Action: WTC to send a letter of thanks to Scouts

Christmas Fair 2022 – 3rd December (WTC events mtg @7pm)

Cllr Walker advised that the DJ is booked.

She asked if Foxes would be providing any of the "party bags" this year.

Selection Boxes to be purchased from the Events committee funds

Mulled wine would be served from behind the bar.

Cllrs L Nulty & L Bickerstaffe have previously advised that they would be happy to assist with food for Christmas Fair.

Bar staff are sorted – Louise & James & Georgia

22/064 HUMAN RESOURCES

WCC manager role

Cllr Dixon advised that Julie is still available for bar work on occasion. He contacts her when required.

Consultant Finance Officer Role

Previously Cllr D Nowell proposed that JP be asked if she would consider undertaking the Finance officer role on an agreed contract basis. JP is already undertaking this work on an informal arrangement with WTC so it seems a sensible option to formalise the arrangement.

Action: TC/Cllr L Nulty to ask JP about formalising the finance position with WTC.

This meeting was advised that neither Cllr L Nulty or TC has had the opportunity to ask Jean regarding this proposal - ongoing

Street Cleaner in Wesham

A new street cleaner named Steve is now allocated to Wesham.

He is working in the town on Mon/Wed/Fri to recover the backlog build up whilst there was no-one on duty.

WTC were advised that Dave has retired for medical reasons.

22/065 WESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Geoff Dixon is still reviewing the options regarding tills. A consideration if the Willows club till may be available is one. Cllrs Dixon & Nowell have looked at several options. At the time of this meeting no decisions regarding the best options for WCC has

yet been made.

Sum Up machines are being sourced through Toolstation & will take a few weeks before these are in situ.

Cllr L Bickerstaffe advised that she is still discussing dates for a return visit by her boss regarding the heating in WCC.

Action: Cllr Liz Bickerstaffe to co-ordinate return visit by Steve - ongoing

22/066 OTHER ITEMS

Web site - no discussions on the website at this Nov meeting

Action List - update on any items not covered by agenda

Laptop & phone replacements for the TC are ongoing as laptops are in demand & therefore not easily purchased. Also WTC should obtain a credit card to undertake purchases for ownership/warranty clauses.

Additional items to the agenda -

Blackpool Community Payback Team – potential use by Wesham Council

WTC agreed that they may have several jobs that could be done by this team. TC to advise the Blackpool Community Team leader of WTC interest in utilising this team & WTC to consider jobs for this team at future meetings.

Annual Business Christmas trees in Wesham – (update Geoff Dixon)

Cllr Dixon advised that most of the usual customers have ordered Christmas trees – one of the hairdressers has made own arrangements.

Fox's biscuits request for sponsorship plaque on Cenotaph donated Christmas Tree

WTC agreed to this but preferred that the wording be amended to the wording in full to prevent any confusion as FBC - Foxes Biscuit Company also is the same as FBC – Fylde Borough Council.

Cllr L Nulty to contact Foxes.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 22:35hrs

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

2022 – Scheduled Monthly Town Council meetings

20th December (reverted to previously identified date as 13th Dec not an available date for several councillors)

WTC & Additional Meetings

Estimates/Finance meeting – 10th January 2023

WTC monthly meeting – 17th January 2023

KJFC requested meeting – to be arranged.

Inspection of the Allotments - 2022 (to be arranged)

Angela Hunter

Date: 12th

December 2022

Note: Revised as per Councillor request e-mail 16/12/2022:
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18th December

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