

Meeting held on Tuesday, 20th December 2022
at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Wesham Community Centre.

Minutes

PRESENT: Councillor L Walker (chair)

Councillors: P Ball, M Rawcliffe, G Dixon, D Nowell & L Bickerstaffe.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk – Angela Hunter

APOLOGIES: Cllrs L Nulty & P Desmond

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

Cllrs Nowell & Walker - an interest in items relating to Allotments.

Cllr Bickerstaffe - an interest in items relating to School.

No further declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

No update on the Code of conduct

Opening remarks

Cllr Louise Walker advised this meeting that whilst she was honoured to be asked last year to be in line for the role of Wesham Mayor for 2023-24 her personal circumstances have recently changed since accepting & she is no longer going to accept the role of Mayor for next year. Cllr Louise Walker is disappointed but feels this is in the best interests of the town.

22/067 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18th October 2022:

After a discussion on the format of the minutes this meeting determined that future format should be a brief summary of each meeting.

Proposer: Cllr G Dixon
favour

Seconder: Cllr L Bickerstaffe

Vote: All attendees in

22/ 068 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr D Nowell queried the correspondence re a request from Wesham School about using the outdoor area at the rear of WCC. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for Jan 2023 meeting for full WTC discussion.

Cllr L Bickerstaffe requested that the new Bus Stops at Derby Road are included in the Jan 2023 agenda for full WTC discussion after vehicle damage.

22/069 POLICING ISSUES – nothing was reported

22/070 PLANNING -

Planning Applications - FBC updating Planning system issues

22/00701 – Lane Ends replacment windows

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

WTC have postponed the review of these applications until early Jan 2023

22/071 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.

No update on the draft SLA.

WTC previously 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 further response/contact from Leafy Lytham.

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

Action: Cllr Doug Nowell to try contact Leafy Lytham for an update

After Cllr Doug Nowell advises WTC re the update received from Leafy Lytham & depending on the information obtained & WTC decisions Cllr Peter Ball offered to contact Matt Giddins again.

Robert Pickervance has previously submitted a quotation for some additional winter 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.

It was agreed to put the Grounds Maintenance Bedding Shrubs & Plants options and the additional winter work proposals from Robert Pickervance on Jan 2023 agenda for full WTC discussion.

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-imbursement to Wesham Council.

Fleetwood Road Barrier - no new information for this meeting re the insurance claim - on-going

Cllr Geoff Dixon advised that the barrier at Fleetwood Road has been open for a few days.

Cllr Doug Nowell offered to close this – completed

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

Play areas

Tree contractors re overhanging tree on Fleetwood Road – info now supplied by Mick Sumner, FBC.

An item for the agenda - Jan 2023 meeting for full WTC discussion.

Doorstep Green, Derby Road

Wet Pore contractors – info now supplied by Mick Sumner, FBC.

An item for the agenda - Jan 2023 meeting for full WTC discussion.

Allotments - no discussions on the allotments at this Dec meeting

22/072 HIGHWAYS AND RAILWAYS

SPID for Wesham.

Application for SPID grant not yet applied for at the date of this meeting.

The form left by Cllr Stuart Jones shows the expiry date is 31st March 2023.
TC to pursue this in the new year as per WTC actions.

Car parking for K&W station

Car parking for Kirkham & Wesham Railway remains a concern .

This WTC meeting noted that the Car Park across from K&W railway station is up
For Sale

22/073 GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND INSURANCE

Accounts payable and income report –

Finance reports reviewed

Accident and Incident Reporting – **None**

22/074 EVENTS

Events Sub-committee –

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

Cllr Walker advised that the Christmas Fair was successful but that perhaps next year a
Christmas Fair may be re-visited.

A quick discussion on perhaps charging for the Christmas party 2023 occurred.

No decision on this taken – this will be re-visited by WTC Events Team Autumn 2023.

22/075 HUMAN RESOURCES

Cllr D Nowell proposed and WTC attendees had a discussion regarding a Human
Resources Team of some WTC members. Cllr D Nowell volunteered to be the HR chair
for this sub-committee subject to further discussion & agreement following some HR
research

From Duty of Care perspectives it was generally agreed that this was a good proposal.

Proposed; Cllr Doug Nowell Seconded: Cllr Peter Ball Vote: All attendees in
favour

Action: Cllr Doug Nowell to research setting up & leading a WTC HR Sub-committee

22/076 WESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Geoff Dixon is still reviewing the options regarding tills. As yet no decisions regarding the best options for WCC has been made.

Cllr Doug Nowell advised that he has collected the Sum Up machines but that he had not yet had the chance to install it.

Action: Cllr Doug Nowell & Geoff Dixon to install Sum Up

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

22/077 OTHER ITEMS

Web site - no discussions on the website at this meeting

Action List – not reviewed at this meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 20:40hrs

DATE OF NEXT WTC Monthly MEETINGS:

17th January 2023

21st February 2023

21st March 2023

Angela Hunter

January 2023

Following Councillor peer review & feedback

Date: 6th

Revised 10th January 2023

2023 - Scheduled Town Council meetings

WTC & Additional Meetings

Date	meeting
10 th January	Estimates/Finance
12 th January	Mill Farm Planning response
17 th January	WTC monthly meeting - JAN
19 th January	KJFC
24 th January	SLA Grounds Maintenance review
26 th January	Bowling Green SLA
31 st January	
7 th February	WCC meeting
9 th February	
14 th February	2 nd (Final) Estimates meeting
16 th February	
21 st February	WTC Month meeting - FEB
23 rd February	
27 th February	

Inspection of the Allotments - (to be arranged)

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