

GREATER WILLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
8th February 2022

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Smith, Councillor Berry, Councillor Elgie
Councillor Hales, Councillor Jordan, Councillor Read,
Emma McCann, Deputy Town Clerk (DTC)
Helen Cogdon, Town Clerk (TC) (minutes)

1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Councillor Tinsley, Councillor Henfrey and County Councillor Gunn.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest in matters appearing on the agenda and the nature of their interest.

Members are reminded to update their Declaration of personal and prejudicial interest register as and when required, and as soon as is reasonably possible.

Councillor Hales declared an interest in section B item 1.

The Clerk said she said had taken advice and although a member should declare an interest, they can stay in the meeting, speak and vote. As if it was an election process the member would not be barred from voting for their husband or wife.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Residents agenda items requested through the Clerk

None received.

**4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING 8th JANUARY 2022
MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

Matters Arising

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 8th January 2022 as written and circulated were approved as a true record.

Proposed Councillor Elgie

Seconded Councillor Berry

5. TO APPROVE THE ALLOTMENT REPORT

Councillor Berry reported;

Serious issues:

Park Top

Evicted tenant is still accessing the lot to feed the 16 cockerels within the pen. This is a serious issue as we have no knowledge if this will continue and would involve daily checks as he could abandon the animals at any time, and we would not know. As we have evicted him the are on council land and we have a responsibility for animal welfare. Helen and Emma liaising with R S P C A.

In addition, many complaints re the noise, myself and Emma M went for a site visit, the noise was continuous, and I would support the concerns of residents.

Problems with trespass and gates are locked at the top. Complaints from an allotment holder as not able to drive to outside their allotment to deliver pigeon food.

Oakenshaw

Due to storms etc site visits were put on hold re the lane drainage. Hoping to establish meetings in the next two weeks. OCA are going ahead with the fencing of the green, all funds in place.

It must be a priority to address the drainage issues at Oakenshaw site, it is understood that we do not have to provide a surface for vehicular access however the drainage ditches need to be cleared to allow access on foot.

Suggest a site visit.

Complaints raised re plot 1.

Springfield

Work completed as far as possible at this time of year.

Thoughts re a steering group re the viability of some plots.

Essential to have skips in place in April

Update from Helen re gates and locks.

6. TO CONSIDER PROJECT ACTIVITY IN THE PARISH PLAN

• Safe As Houses

The Clerk said a meeting had been convened between Believe Housing, the Clerk and Councillor Smith who submitted her apologies.

The meeting looked at how the 10k capital application could be strengthened as a revenue application.

It was agreed to include the following community caretaking, litter picking, weeding and environmental street improvements (baskets and troughs) home safety and fall prevention advice and sign posting, home security and equipment, bike marking and dog micro chipping.

The application will be written to empathise the community caretaking aspect of the project as well as improved mental health and reduced isolation.

Believe Housing are keen to see how the council will support employability, volunteering and upskilling.

• Jubilee Weekend

The first steering group meeting has been arranged for 21.02.2022 at 1.30pm. All welcome to attend.

Other project meetings include.

Find It and Fix It 22.02.2022, 10.30

And ongoing partnership work with Willing To Bloom

7. **CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND UPDATE ON PLANNING DECISIONS**

New Planning Applications

- DM/22/00101/FPA - Willington Library, 46A High Street, Willington - Replacement roof and cladding
- DM/22/00094/FPA - Spar Stores, Low Willington - Change of use from domestic curtilage to part of petrol station forecourt with car parking, ancillary equipment, fencing and landscaping
- DM/22/00069/FPA - Finchale House, Laburnum Gardens, Willington – Self-contained annexe in rear garden for use as dwelling space for family member (retrospective)
- DM/22/00313/NMA - Land Adjacent To (East) Ash Drive, Willington - Non-material amendment to condition 16 (archaeology) pursuant to DM/18/03443/OUT

Previous Planning Application Decisions

- DRC/21/00389 - Our Lady And St Thomas RC Primary School, Cumberland Terrace, Willington - Discharge of conditions 3 and 4 from planning application DM/21/02575/FPA

Approved

Previous Planning Applications Waiting Decisions

- DM/20/01960/VOC – Land at Hawthorn Drive/Hill Meadows, Low Willington – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 3/2013/0257 and DM/15/02380/VOC substitution of house types for 41 plots to northern part of site
- DM/19/02002/OUT – Site of Former Kensington Hall Hotel, Kensington Terrace, Willington – Housing development of 9 no. dwellings (Outline – All Matters Reserved Other Than Access) (Amended 21/04/2021)
- DM/21/03944/AD - 110 Commercial Street, Willington - Illuminated fascia sign
For Information Only - Standard Consultation Expiry Date – 06.01.2022
- DM/21/03906/FPA - The Barn, 3 Stockley Lane, Oakenshaw - Erection of a log cabin and general-purpose storage shed
For Information Only - Standard Consultation Expiry Date – 06.01.2022
- DM/21/03483/FPA - Land North West Of Unit 12, St Stephens Court, Willington - Erection of 250sqm industrial unit (use class E(g)II)).

Standard Consultation Expiry Date – 07.02.2022

8. **TO APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION (January 2022)**

The Clerk said;

The Council entered into January 2022 with a starting balance of £51,348.93

There was £13,724.03 spent and £9,000 received leaving an available resource on budget of £46,624.90.

Councillor Berry asked why there were two payments of £59.40 and £120.24. The Clerk said the £59.40 payments were for December and January and will check the £120.24 invoices.

Councillor Berry said she had been looking at past bank reconciliations and noticed a payment of £9,072. The Clerk said this was for the bulbs which needed an up front payment on the nursery account. It was a question of timing because if the bulbs hadn't been ordered the project would have been delayed by twelve months. Councillor Berry asked who had his been discussed with. The Clerk said agreement had been given by the AAP till the grant cleared.

9. TO APPROVE THE BUDGET REPORT

The Clerk said there has been expenditure £87,504.43 leaving an available resource on budget of £29,315.57.

Proposed Councillor Elgie
Seconded Councillor Smith

10. TO CONSIDER CIVIC FUND APPLICATIONS

None received.

11. TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS

None received

12. TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

None Received

14. TO RECEIVE THE TOWN COUNCILLORS REPORT

• **Communications**

Councillor Read said he had circulated members an electronic copy of his recommendations on how to improve communications.

The Clerk said she had updated most of the website with Councillor Reads suggestions.

The minutes would be uploaded as soon as possible.

She has produced a draft Parish Plan for consideration.

Councillor Read said she should get it on the website.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

8th March 2022 at 6pm