



Whiston Town Council

Whiston Town Mayor 2023-2024 Councillor R. Gaffney.

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6th December 2023

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of Whiston Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Whiston Town Hall, Old Colliery Road, Whiston on **Wednesday 13th December 2023** commencing at 7.30pm.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Mayers
Town Clerk

AGENDA

Apologies.

1. Public Forum.

In accordance with Standing Order 66 members of the public may be invited to speak at the meeting on matters concerning the Township of Whiston. Those who are invited to speak in this way will only address the person who is presiding at the meeting and will respect the Chairmanship of that person.

2. Announcements from the Town Mayor.

To receive verbal reports from the Town Mayor of the Council **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

3. Announcements from the Town Clerk.

To receive verbal reports from the Clerk of the Council **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

4. Announcement from the Leader.

To receive verbal reports from the Leader of the Council **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

5. Declarations of Interest.

Members are invited to indicate any interest they may have in relation to items on the Agenda for the meeting. Attached for this purpose is a pro forma for use by Members, which should be handed to the Town Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting. Declaring interests in this way does not preclude Members from declaring an interest, when a specific item is being discussed, during the meeting.

6. Planning.

a) Applications.

Members are requested to consider the undermentioned planning applications.

23/02683/FUL	Erection of single storey extension to side and rear of dwelling with proposed hipped roof to be extended over proposed garage conversion and existing rear extension.	18 Sundale Avenue, Prescot, Knowsley.
23/02351/FUL	Redevelopment (and part retention) of existing Dog's Trust rehoming centre to deliver new facilities including new rehoming building, vets and puppy suite, an intake and booking building and training barn, works to vehicular and pedestrian accesses, landscaping and layout including outdoor furniture and associated works.	Dogs Trust Whiston Lane, Huyton.
23/02700/FUL	Erection of first floor side extension.	42 Poplar Grove Prescot Knowsley
23/02766/FUL	Erection of a single storey wraparound extension.	34 Sandfield Crescent Whiston Knowsley
23/02679/TWA	Fell 2No. Trees	7 Main Front Halsnead Park Whiston Knowsley
23/02680/TWA	Remedial works to 1No tree	21 Woodend Halsnead Park Whiston Knowsley
23/02681/TWA	Remedial works to 1No tree.	21 Woodend Halsnead Park Whiston Knowsley
23/02735/LBC	To demolish the remains of the original wayside property	Wayside Pex Hill Cronton
23/02755/FUL	Variation of conditions: 3 (Approved plans condition); 13 (Utility buildings and compounds condition); 15 (Wildlife information pack	Land South of Lickers Lane, Windy Arbor Road, Halsnead Garden Village, Whiston.

	condition); 17 (Travel plan condition); 19 (EV charging points condition); 24 (East to West vehicular route provision, Lickers Lane parcel); 25 (Eastern highways connection, Lickers Lane land parcel); 27 (Highways connection Condition, Windy Arbor Road parcel) to allow the outline planning permission to be brought forward in two (or more) reserved matters applications rather than one reserved matters application for the whole site. This S73 varies planning application 20/00399/Out (Outline application for proposed residential development of up to 277 dwellings (Use class C3) and an apartment development of up to 100 units for over 55s together with new vehicular access to Lickers Lane and Windy Arbor Road, landscaping and associated works, approval sought for access with all other matters reserved)	
23/02677/FUL	Erection of 88 No. affordable residential dwellings and associated infrastructure	Land at Carr Lane Prescott, Knowsley

7. Whiston Woods – Information.

Members are requested to consider any updates from the Clerk or Leader of the Council in relation to the proposed Cemetery Extension, Whiston Woods.

8. Minutes – Appendix 1.

To receive as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023.

9. Minutes – Events Committee – Appendix 2.

To receive as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting Held on Thursday 19th October 2023.

10. Accounts.

Members are requested to note and agree the undermentioned information in relation to finance.

a). Bank Reconciliation – November 2023- Appendix 3.

b). Final Payment Summary – November 2023- Appendix 4.

c). Monthly Accounts for Payment – December 2023.

(To be circulated at the meeting).

11. Foxshaw Close Play Area- Appendix 5.

In March 2023 Whiston Town Council Members agreed to a proposal from a local family to change the name of Foxshaw Close Playground. This was due to the passing of a little girl named Faye who was aged one year. (Minute:142 March 2023 refers). The Borough Council have been working very closely with the family and have put together further proposals for new equipment to be implemented at the Playground. Members are now requested to consider and approve the circulated proposals.

WHISTON TOWN COUNCIL

At the Ordinary Meeting of Whiston Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Whiston Town Hall, Old Colliery Road, Whiston on Monday 6th November 2023 commencing at 7.30pm, the following were:-

Present
Councillor R. Gaffney
Town Mayor
(In the Chair)

Councillors: J. Burke, T. Byron, S. Henry, N. Murray, T. Murray, C. Powell, S. Rees, K.Taylor and G.Wickens.

Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors: D Allen and J. Mimmagh.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(d) The Town Mayor passed a resolution without notice: To alter the order of business first item for discussion item 8. Whiston Woods.

75. Proposed Cemetery Extension, Whiston Woods.

The Leader of the Council read out a response received from M. Harden, Chief Executive Officer, Knowsley Borough Council See Appendix (1a) in relation to the proposals for the Cemetery Extension. M. Harden was responding to a letter from the Town Clerk, calling for a public meeting and clarification of a number of concerns that local residents have, in relation to the accuracy of documents dating back to 1994 and also seeking the results of the recent public consultation carried out, in and around the Whiston Area. The Leader informed residents that the Council will facilitate a public meeting at Whiston Town Hall which will hopefully give residents an opportunity to highlight their concerns with representatives from St. Helens Borough Council, Knowsley Borough Council and the Forestry Commission.

76. Public Forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.41pm and resumed at 7.51pm to allow Members of the public to raise issues in relation to the Whiston area. Six members of the public attended the meeting and raised the undermentioned issues.

Whiston Woods - Residents raised concerns regarding the poor consultation and would like to have seen the whole of the Borough Council consulted on the proposals. The residents also believe that the amount of land to be allocated does

not seem to be accurate and again the impact on wildlife was raised as residents believe the study carried out was very poor.

Website details -The Save Whiston Woods Group now have a website up and running and hope as many people as possible become involved.
savewhistonwoods.co.uk

77. Announcements from the Town Mayor.

The Town Mayor gave the following announcements, **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

Junior Democracy Day – The event was a huge success with the young people getting involved and behaving extremely well. The Town Mayor thanked all those Members who have helped implement this type of provision for the primary children in Whiston.

Bonfire Night / Halloween - The number of anti-social incidents has significantly reduced and asked that Clerk write to thank Knowsley Borough Council who have facilitated diverse activities for the young people of the area during this period.

Cumber Lane – The resurfacing of this road has been delayed due to the recent bad weather, issues have been highlighted regarding the poor drainage and ensuring that this problem is dealt with prior to the resurfacing.

Bishop Drive – Traffic calming measures have now been agreed and speed bumps are to be installed on Bishop Drive, Whiston, although the consultation of local residents had only 10% of residents respond.

78. Announcements from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk gave the following announcements **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

Christmas Lights- The Christmas lights in Whiston Village have now been installed and the switch on is due Monday 13th November 2023.

Mince Pie and Music – All of the arrangements are now in place for this event scheduled for Monday 4th December 2023 at Whiston Town Hall, commencing at 12.30pm.

79. Announcement from the Leader.

The Leader of the Council gave the following announcements **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

Carrs Terrace Development -Work has now started to develop the land at Carrs Terrace.

Bonfire Night – The Leader informed Members that this year was very quiet with no significant issues reported.

Public Meeting, Proposed Cemetery extension, Whiston Woods – The Town Council intend to arrange a Public Meeting to address a number of issues that residents have, and this will be publicised through the Town Council website and media platforms.

80. Declarations of Interest.

The undermentioned Members declared an interest in the items indicated, left the meeting room at 8.09pm and returned at 8.12pm.

Councillor	Agenda Item	Nature of Interest
R. Gaffney	6A	KBC Planning Committee
K. Taylor	6A	KBC Planning Committee

81. Planning.

a) Applications.

Members considered the undermentioned planning applications.

23/02378/REM	Reserved matters application pursuant in part to planning permission 20/00399/OUT for the erection of 254 No. Dwellings and associated works-Approval sought for appearance, landscaping, layout, scale and access to adjacent land	Land South of Lickers Lane, Windy Arbor, Halsnead Garden Village.
23/02675/ADV	Display signage comprising 1 No vinyl hoardings sign	Land off Norlands Lane, Norlands Lane, Cronton.
23/002269/FUL	Erection of single storey rear extension together with a loft conversion and erection of a rear dormer extension.	11 Hazel Avenue, Whiston, Knowsley.
23/02643/FUL	Removal of existing fencing, concrete hard standing and dismantling of the gas vent stacks to facilitate a reduction in ground levels, alongside the reassembly of vent stacks, installation of replacement boundary treatments, resurfacing and new vehicular access.	Symmetry Logistics Park (Land at former Cronton Collier) Colliery Way, Cronton.
23/00158/FUL	Erection of single-story rear extension together with the erection of a front porch and internal alterations	18 Keats Avenue, Whiston, Knowsley
23/01417/FUL	Application to vary condition 2 attached to planning permission 20/00329/FUL (Erection of residential development of 43 dwellings, comprising of 14 No Apartments and 29 No Houses together with access parking and	Land at Windy Arbor Brow/ Windy ARBOR Road, Whiston, Knowsley

	associated development . (Demolition of existing barn) to allow for the amendment of house type (Milton) on plot 4 to include provision of bay windows to front elevation	
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Resolved: Objections have been submitted to the Borough Council in relation to the following applications 23/01417/FUL, 23/02378/REM and 23/02643/FUL, no further observations were made in relation to all other applications considered.

82. Remembrance Sunday Service, St Nicholas Church, Windy Arbor Road, Whiston, Sunday 12th November 2023.

Members were reminded that the above service will commence at 10.30am, assembling at the War Memorial for 11.00am followed by refreshments in the church.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

83. Whiston Woods – Information.

Minute 75 refers.

84.Accounts.

Members were requested to note and agree the undermentioned information in relation to finance.

Due to the meeting being brought forward by one week, the information for items a), b) and c), was not available for balancing and circulation.

a). Bank Reconciliation – October 2023.

Resolved: that the Bank Reconciliation for October 2023 be noted and agreed.

b). Final Payment Summary – October 2023.

Resolved: that the Final Payment Summary for October 2023 be noted and agreed.

c). Monthly Accounts for Payment – November 2023.

Resolved: that the Monthly Accounts for Payment for November 2023 be noted and agreed.

d).Quarterly Budget Sheet July 2023 – September 2023.

Resolved: that the quarterly budget sheet for July 2023 – September 2023 Inclusive be noted and agreed.

85. Minutes.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 2023, were received as a true and correct record, and signed by the Town Mayor.

Minute 75- 85 be received as a true and accurate record and signed buy the Town Mayor on Wednesday 13th December 2023.

**The Meeting Closed at 8.19pm
R. Gaffney-Town Mayor**

WHISTON TOWN COUNCIL

At a recent meeting of Whiston Town Council **Events Committee** held on Thursday 19th October 2023 in the Council Chamber, Whiston Town Hall, Old Colliery Road, Whiston, commencing at 6.00pm.

Present:

Councillor T. Murray

(In the Chair)

Councillors D. Allen, J. Burke, T. Byron, N. Murray.

S. Mayers – Town Clerk

R. Miller – Site Manager

Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors, C. Powell and S. Rees.

1.Public Forum.

No Members of the public attended the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest.

No Declarations of Interest were received.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on Thursday 17th August 2023 were received as a true and correct record.

4. Senior Citizen- Mince Pie and Music – Monday 4th December 2023.

The Town Clerk gave an update to Members and confirmed the undermentioned information.

The entertainer K. Kenny has now confirmed attendance and is going to entertain the residents from 12.45pm – 1.45pm.

A letter has been sent to Tesco requesting support for provision of mince pies, this letter was also circulated to Members of the Committee should they be able to access further donations of mince pies.

Resolved: 100 mince pies either bought or donated along with the purchase 4 x 6 boxes of apple pies, with a supply of cream and tea and coffee. Members who can help on the day were requested to arrive around 11.30am.

It was also suggested that Town Council polo shirts be provided to Members who attend events, a uniform budget set aside will allow for the provision of polo shirts.

5. Whiston Amateur Flower Show – 13th July 2024

The Clerk informed Members that a meeting had taken place with Carla Simkin, Knowsley Flower Show organiser, various options that the Council must consider were put to the committee.

Resolved : The date was changed from 27th to 13th July 2024 to allow the inclusion of local schools. Members took away literature regarding classes and prizes for the Flower Show and it was agreed that these be compiled and brought back to the next Committee Meeting in early January 2024.

6. Emergency Service Event Day – 8th September 2024.

The Town Clerk Informed Members that letters have been sent to all three emergency services to ascertain if it is possible for the services to become involved in the Whiston Family Fun Day scheduled for Sunday 8th September 2024.

Resolved: That T Byron will attempt to speak with a representative of the fire service to request the fire services attend, that a schedule for the day be put together in the new year.

7. Christmas Event – 23rd November 2024.

Resolved: This item was deferred until January 2024, although the date has been blocked out at the Whiston Town Hall.

8. Area Clean up Event 2024.

Resolved: This item was deferred for a future meeting.

9. Community Awards Event 2024.

Resolved: This item was deferred for a future meeting.

10. Any other Business.

No other business was considered.

11. Date of next meeting.

To be confirmed.

Minutes 1 – 11 be received as a true and correct record and signed by the Town Mayor on Wednesday 13th December 2023.

The meeting closed at 6.52pm

R. Gaffney-Town Mayor

MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION			
Nov-23			
Balance 01/11/2023		£ 538,602.38	
Receipts in November 2023		£ 7,614.78	
Less Payments in November 2023		£ 38,428.98	£ 507,788.18
BALANCES			
Fixed Term Deposit A/c 85172626			£ 50,488.22
Business Res A/C-89979389			£ 453,091.89
Current A/C-97589667			£ 4,208.07
Unpresented cheques/DD		£ -	
Total Credit Balance		£ 507,788.18	
Balance c/fwd			£ 507,788.18

FINAL PAYMENT SUMMARY November 2023
Month 8 November 2023

PAYMENTS at Council Meeting 6 November 2023

B H Dyson-Caretaker at Foxshaw Close Playground	£	75.00
Knowsley Borough Council-Rates for 3 Centres	£	1,521.00
Knowsley Borough Council Open Space, Ground Maintenance.	£	1,727.07
HMRC-Tax and NI	£	2,554.70
Merseyside Pension Fund-Pension Contributions	£	2,571.18

Prudential Insurance (AVC's)	£	800.00
Lyreco - Paper, Flip Charts, Fold back clips	£	196.60
SAGE UK Ltd - Pensions Annual Licence	£	200.40
Whiston Luncheon Club - Donation for Christmas Lunch GHC	£	150.00
Whiston Luncheon Club - Donation for Christmas Lunch RFC	£	60.00
Rocket Embroidery - Polo Shirts with WTC logo	£	334.32
Petty Cash reimbursement cheque	£	150.00

Sub Total £ **10,340.27**

PAYMENTS made after Council Meeting

Nisbetts PLC - 2 Beverage dispensers and teaspoons	£	100.76
ICU Group Ltd	£	340.80
RBL (£25 Whiston Town council and £25 Knowsley MBC)	£	50.00
B & B Hygiene Limited Cleaning Supplies	£	98.23
Premier Pest Control	£	138.00
Sandra Mayers - Reimbursement of purchase of part for cooker	£	239.00
Knowsley Borough Council Small lotteries licence	£	20.00
J D Electrical LED 5ft fitting and alterations to xmas power supply	£	200.00
Replay Maintenance	£	723.00
Canon UK 01/11/23 to 31/01/24 and 01/08/23 to 31/10/23	£	95.04
J Electrical Supply and install resettable call-point to Fire Alarm	£	97.50
Knowsley Borough Council Premises Licence 24/11/23 to 23/11/24	£	180.00
Amazon Business soups for luncheon club	£	69.19

Sub Total £ **2,351.52**

Total Payments

£ 12,691.79

Total Direct Debits

Ash Waste Services. Refuse collection, Whiston Town Hall	119.02
Ash Waste Services. Refuse collection, Whiston Town Hall	51.22
Water Plus. Water - George Howard Centre (4078082681)	72.22
Water Plus. Water - Robert Foulkes Centre (6000391688)	364.06
Water Plus. Water - Whiston Town Hall (4078082954)	124.48
Water Plus. Waste - Whiston Town Hall (4033613348)	148.31
British Gas. Gas Dragon Lane (600267246)	78.41
British Gas. Elec George Howard Centre (600893420)	1509.54
British Gas. Gas WTH (603228234)	1279.83
Invosys (prev Connected World) Telephone/internet charges	127.90
Chubb Fire & Security. George Howard Centre	88.54
Chubb Fire & Security. Whiston Town Hall	88.54
Bank charges (97589667)	65.65
Bank charges re SumUp device	8.34

Total DD £ **4,126.06**

Wages £ **21,611.13**

£ 25,737.19

- 1 Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
- 2 Section 137 Local Government Act 1972
- 3 Section 111 Local Government Act 1972
- 4 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972
- 5 Section 10 Open Spaces Act 1906
- 6 Section 176 Local Government Act 1972
- 7 Schedule 13 Local Government Act 1972
- 8 Section 143 Local Government Act 1972
- 9 Section 214 Local Government Act 1972
- 10 Section 15(5) Local Government Act 1972
- 11 Section 145 Local Government Act 1972
- 12 Section 111/175 Local Government Act 1972
- 13 Audit Commission Act 1998
- 14 Section 31 Local Government Act 1997 Crime Prevention

Total Payment R & P Book	£	38,428.98
Total Payments November	£	38,428.98

Accounts Sheet for November	£	12,691.79
Direct payments for November	£	4,126.06
Wages	£	21,611.13
Total Payments November	£	38,428.98

As promised we now have the designs for Foxshaw Close Playground, Whiston. I have also included the plan of the park with the installation being identified with a red cross (sorry that this is basic) We noticed that the notice board is not there. There are poles as you walk in where it should be. Was it removed a long time ago?

If you could share this with the Town Council members and let me have any comments, I would appreciate it.

If you need any further information regarding the background to this story and installation, please let me know and I will be happy to share the families story.

Thank you again for your help.

Lesley Barnabas (She/Her)
Environment Initiatives Officer
Environmental Sustainability

**Detailed information will be circulated at Whiston
Town Councils Meeting of 13th December 2023.**

Story Telling Area

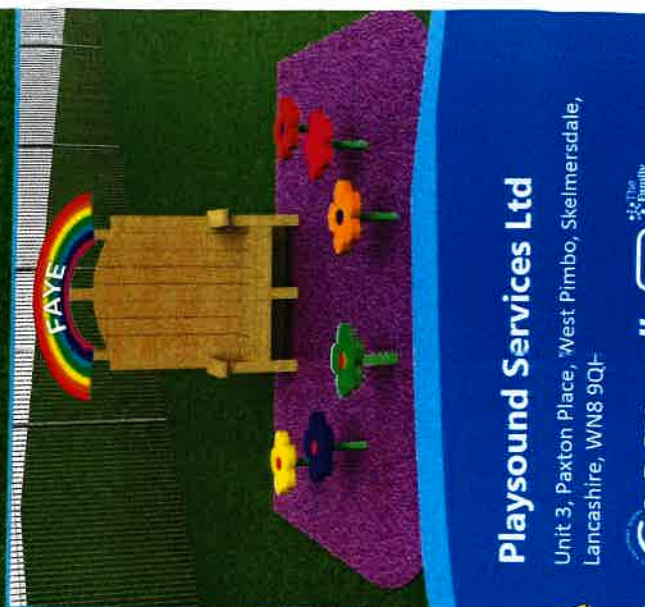


Key

1. Lilac & Black Fleck Wetpour
2. Timber Story Tellers Chair
3. Personalised Rainbow Sign
4. 6 Colourful Flower Seats



Plan



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