Whiston Town Council Meeting

Wednesday 11th October 2023

The Ordinary meeting of Whiston Town Council will take place on Wednesday 11th October 2023 in the Council Chamber, Whiston Town Hall, Old Colliery Road, Whiston commencing at 7.30pm.

At the commencement of each meeting for a period of 30 minutes members of the public are invited to speak on matters concerning the Township of Whiston.

Due to limited space, a maximum of 15 members of the public can attend and this will be allocated on a first come first served basis. You can pre book a space by contacting 0151-430-7200
Email: town.clerk@whiston-tc.gov.uk

The Agenda and documents for the meeting can be obtained from the Council Office in Whiston Town Hall or visit our website www.whiston-tc.gov.uk

S Mayers

Town Clerk

Whiston Town Council

Whiston Town Mayor 2023-2024 Councillor R. Gaffney.

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SM/KM
4th October 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 11th October 2023** commencing at 7.30pm.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Mayers
Town Clerk

AGENDA

Apologies.

1.Leave of Absence.
Due to continuing health issues Councillor J. Mimnagh is requesting a leave of absence upto and including February 2024. If the Members health improves beforehand Councillor Mimnagh will notify the Clerk and resume attending meetings.

2. 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.

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

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

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

6. 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.

7. **Planning.**
a) Applications.
Members are requested to consider the undermentioned planning applications.

23/02068/FUL	Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey rear and side extension and porch to front elevation.	52 Manorwood Drive, Whiston, Knowsley.
23/01244/FUL	Erection of 2 no. Single storey front porch extensions together with external alterations.	372-374 Cronton Road, Cronton, Knowsley
23/02389/FUL	Amendments to existing access and landscaping scheme of approved agricultural grain storage building. (Application 23/00005/AGR)	Land Adjacent to Prescot Road North of Red House Farm and South of Cronton Road Cheshire
23/02532/FUL	Erection of first floor infill extension, first floor front extension together with front and rear dormer extension.	25 Foxshaw Close, Whiston, Knowsley.

8. Remembrance Sunday Service, St Nicholas Church, Windy Arbor Road, Whiston, Sunday 12th November 2023.
Members are requested to attend the above service at 10.30am, assembling at the War Memorial at 11.00am followed by refreshments in the church.

9. Christmas lights, Whiston Village.
It is anticipated that the installation of all works will be complete by 31st October 2023 with a view to the lights being switched on week commencing 20th November 2023 through to 5th January 2024.

The **£3,000** included within the report for 2024 and 2025 please see below:

Mid-year check	£ 673.00
Traffic management	£1,457.00
Repairs / maintenance	£ 850.00
Cost of energy	£ 20.00
	£3,000.00

10. Minutes – Appendix 1.
To receive as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2023.

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

a). Bank Reconciliation – September 2023 – Appendix 2

c). Final Payment Summary – September 2023 – Appendix 3.

b). Monthly Accounts for Payment – October 2023.
(To be circulated at the meeting).

12. Recording of Whiston Town Council Meeting - Policy – Appendix 4.
Members are requested to consider and adopt the attached policy in relation to the recording at any Whiston Town Council meetings.

13. Whiston Woods, document in relation to designated land – Appendix 5
Members are requested to consider the correspondence in relation to the original designated land for the cemetery extension and the proposed cemetery extension at Whiston Woods.

14. Mince Pie and Music Event – Monday 4th December 2023 commencing at 12 noon – 2.00pm. – Appendix 6.
Members are encouraged to share this information with those residents who may be isolated or lonely. This event will be an ideal opportunity for those people to meet new friends. Members are also requested to indicate if they are available to offer help on the day.

WHISTON TOWN COUNCIL

At the Ordinary Meeting of Whiston Town Council held on Wednesday 13th September 2023 in the Council Chamber, Whiston Town Hall, Old Colliery Road, Whiston, commencing at 7.30pm the following were:-

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

Councillors: D. Allen, 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 Councillor J. Mimnagh.

44. Public Forum.
The meeting was adjourned at **7.31pm** and reconvened at **8.01pm** to allow Members of the public to raise issues they may have in relation to the area. 15 Members of the public attended the meeting and raised the undermentioned points.
Members were asked questions in relation to being elected to serve the residents and if all Members plan to oppose the planning application for the cemetery extension at Whiston Woods.
Planning application for Whiston Woods The application will be submitted to St Helens Council, so will Knowsley (Whiston) be consulted?
As a neighboring authority and the fact that the entrance to the site will be in Knowsley, they will be consulted.
Noise at meeting. People attending the meeting were asked not to speak loudly and for no more than one person to speak at any time as this is causing issues with a resident.
Traffic Issues. The amount of road works, diversions and temporary traffic lights is appalling, causing severe disruption to residents.
This issue has been highlighted with the Borough Council although they are the highway authority and Whiston Town Council's actions are limited.
Cemetery plans The documents outlining the original proposed cemetery extension have now been located and are in the public domain. The Borough Council are giving out misleading information which is causing residents to be very concerned.
Cronton Colliery, Country Park Is this to be developed? it appears that the industrial units are progressing although no further information is available regarding the country park.

45. Announcements from the Town Mayor.
The Town Mayor gave the following announcement. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**
Recent illness The Town Mayor thanked colleagues, friends, family and the NHS for the support shown to him during his recent illness.

46. Announcements from the Town Clerk.
The Clerk gave the following announcement. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**
Local Democracy Project 2023-2024. All three primary schools in Whiston have confirmed that they wish for the Year Six Pupils to be involved in the Councils Local Democracy Project, the first Junior Local Democracy Day will take place on the 12th October 2023.

Public Forum. Members were informed that if they wish for the responses to issues raised by residents included within the minutes, they should indicate this once the meeting is reconvened and the item is considered. The public forum does not form part of the meeting and the recording of issues raised by residents is kept brief. If necessary, the Council may wish for the item to be put on a future Council Agenda.

47. Announcement from the Leader.
The Leader gave the following announcement. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**
The leader welcomed back the Town Mayor to the Chair, after his absence due to a recent health issue.
S Henry. Was thanked for standing in and Chairing the meeting in July 2023 and for attending an event representing the Council.

J Mimnagh. Is to apply for extended leave of absence from October 2023.

Uniform Recycling. This project has been a huge success with the group recycling 733 items. The Recycling Group, Lead Councillor and Town Council staff were thanked for their help and support over the summer months.

Mathew Lock Town Clerk to write to Maghull Town Council to convey Members condolences.

Whiston Woods. Poor quality consultation and the Leader has requested publication of its findings.

48. Declarations of Interest.
The undermentioned Councillors declared an Interest in the items indicated left the meeting room at 8.10pm and returned at 8.14pm.

Councillor	Agenda Item	Nature of Interest
D. Allen	6- App a	Member of KBC Planning Committee
R. Gaffney	6- App a	Member of KBC Planning Committee
K.Taylor	6- App a	Member of KBC Planning Committee

The undermentioned Councillors declared an Interest in the items indicated left the meeting room at 8.42pm and returned at 8.48pm.

Councillor	Agenda Item	Nature of Interest
J. Burke	14- App 10	Chair - Prescot Mission Christmas
S. Henry	14- App 10	Treasurer –Prescot Mission Christmas
T. Murray	14- App 10	Member of Prescot Mission Christmas
S. Rees	14- App 10	Member of Prescot Mission Christmas

49. Planning.
a) Applications.
Members considered the undermentioned planning applications.

23/01164/FUL	Erection of a single storey rear extension together with a rear dormer extension and loft conversion.	42 Berryhill Avenue Knowsley.
21/00764/NMA	Non material amendment following the grant of planning permission 21/00764/FUL (Erection of single storey extension to the rear, raising of ridge height, first floor extension to the front and rear (Incorporating rear balcony), together with dormer extensions to the front and rear to provide living accommodation within the roof space, new entrance together with associated works including rendering of whole of dwelling.) Amendment sought to allow addition of 2 No. obscured glass windows.	Welshmans Farm 345 Cronton Road Cronton
23/01949/REM	Application for the approval of reserved matters (scale,access, appearance, layout and partial landscaping) Comprising of the development of 272,091(GIA) of storage space and distribution floorspace (Use class B8) and ancillary offices (	Site of Cronton Colliery Cronton Road Cronton

	Use class E(g), provision of infrastructure submitted pursuant to planning permission 20/00494/HYB	
23/02105TCA	Fell 1No Tree	Land to the rear of Prescot Parish Church Meeting Room, Vicarage Place, Prescot.
23/02086/PDE	Erection of single storey rear extension. Maximum depth from original rear wall: 5.00 metres. Maximum Height: 3.74 metres. Height of Eaves: 2.40 metres	34 Sinclair Avenue, Prescot, Knowsley.
23/00485/FUL	Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and the erection of a replacement dwelling together with other associated works including alterations to front boundary fence.	Denbigh, Pex Hill, Cronton.
23/01679/ADV	Advertisement consent for display of signage consisting of 1N0.Logo, 3 No.Fascia boards and 3 No. Freestanding internally illuminated totem signage.	Unit 1 Symmetry, Logistics Park Merseyside, Colliery Way.
23/01925/FUL	Erection of two storey side extension and rear dormer extension.	1 Fisher Place, Whiston, Knowsley.

Resolved: The Clerk has previously sent an objection reference application 23/01949/REM, Cronton Colliery. No objections were raised in relation to all other applications considered.

50. Zero Waste Food Provision.

Members considered a request for free room hire on Friday mornings at the George Howard Centre, Lickers Lane, between 9.30am -11.30am. This provision would allow residents to obtain food for consumption that would otherwise go to waste. The George Howard Centre is normally open during school term times and initially Whiston Town Council staff would be required to monitor the car park etc. If the provision is successful and continues over a three-month trial period, the Council may incur costs should the George Howard Centre be required during the school holiday periods.

Resolved: That this item be deferred until further notice.

51. Minutes
The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 were received as a true and correct record and signed by the Town Mayor. (one amendments was made).

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

a). Bank Reconciliation – July & August 2023.
Resolved: That the Bank Reconciliation for July & August 2023 be noted and agreed.
c). Final Payment Summary – July & August 2023.
Resolved: That the Final Payment Summary for July & August 2023. Be noted and agreed.
b). Monthly Accounts for Payment August & September 2023.
Resolved: That the Monthly Accounts for Payment for August & September 2023 be noted and agreed
d) Quarterly Budget Sheet April – June 2023. (inclusive)
Resolved: That the Quarterly Budget Sheet from April to June 2023 Inclusive, be noted and agreed.

53. Christmas lights.
Members considered a detailed report in relation to the provision of Christmas Lights in Whiston Village 2023,2024,2025 the report gave costings as well as traffic management and installation details.
Resolved: That the Clerk provide a breakdown of costing for 2023-2025. The Council agreed to the provision of Christmas lights in Whiston Village from 2023 to 2025 inclusive. The Clerk was requested to write to the Chief Executive of the Borough Council along with the Housing Developers at Halsnead Garden Village to request a contribution towards the overall costs of the provision of the lights in Whiston Village.

54. Investments Strategy Policy.
Members considered the report of the Town Clerk in relation to an Investment Strategy Policy which is governed by the Local Government Act 2003 s15(a).
Resolved: That the Investments Strategy be adopted with immediate effect and reviewed in February 2024 for 2024-2025 financial year.

55. Recording of Whiston Town Council Meeting.
Members consider a detailed report in relation to the recording of future Whiston Town Council meetings. The report covered several items for consideration including the costs for the provision of equipment and editing material as well as legislation which gives 'Members of the Public' a right to record.
Resolved: Having considered overall costs and liability the Council did not wish to record its meeting's. Whilst acknowledging that anyone can record public meetings, that this only be permitted once the Council has implemented its policy referencing liability etc.

56. Whiston Town Council Events Committee.
Members considered the recommendations outlined in the report of the Whiston Town Council Events Committee held on Thursday 17th August 2023.
Resolved: That the Council agree to the proposals of the events committee who will now proceed to make the appropriate arrangements for the first event Mince Pie and Music in December 2023.

57. Prescot Mission Christmas.
Members considered an application for financial assistance towards the cost of food, vouchers and fresh fruit and veg deliveries to families in need within the Whiston Area. If a donation is agreed this could be met out of the community donation fund which currently stands at £3,000, using expenditure powers under the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 payment.
Resolved: That an amount of £500.00 toward the cost of food provisions be agreed using expenditure powers under the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 payment.

58. Liverpool City Region and West Lancashire Recreation Mitigation on the Coast.
Members considered a circulated document in relation to Recreation Mitigation on the coast, which is a process to reduce harm arising from new housing development due to more people visiting coastal nature sites. Local planning authorities are jointly preparing a Supplementary Planning Document in partnership with Natural England and the National Trust to produce a report / recommendation following consultation. Further information can be found within the circulated documents.
Resolved: That the report be noted and the Clerk send correspondence to the relevant body, indicating that the Council would like to be involved in the process and development of the Plan.

59. Conclusion of External Audit 2022-2023.
Members were requested to note that the External Audit, PKF Littlejohn LLP, for Whiston Town Council Financial year 2022-2023 has now concluded, with no matters being brought to the Council attention.
Resolved: That the report be noted, and staff thanked for their contribution towards ensuring an excellent report.

60. Notice of Motion, Councillor J. Burke – Whiston Winter Coats and Prom Outfit Recycling Project.
To consider a Notice of Motion received from Councillor J. Burke and seconded by Councillor K. Taylor. and the report of the Town Clerk in relation to Whiston Winter Coats and Prom Outfit Recycling Project for the Whiston area.
Resolved: That the Council agree to the implementation of the Whiston Winter Coats and Prom Outfit Recycling Project.

Minute 44 to 60 be received as a true and correct record and signed by the Town Mayor on Wednesday 11th October 2023.

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The Meeting Closed at 8.56pm
Town Mayor

MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION				
Sep-23				
Balance 01/09/2023		£ 571,530.33		
Receipts in September 2023		£ 5,181.78		
Less Payments in September 2023		£ 25,361.66		**£ 551,350.45**
BALANCES				
Fixed Term Deposit A/c 85172626			**£ 50,488.22**	
Business Res A/C-89979389			**£ 494,923.16**	
Current A/C-97589667			**£ 5,939.07**	
Less unpresented cheques				
Current a/c balance			**£ -**	
Total Credit Balance			**£ 551,350.45**	
Balance c/fwd				**£ 551,350.45**

FINAL PAYMENT SUMMARY September 2023
Month 6 September 2023

PAYMENTS after Council Meeting September 2023				
Imperative Training Defib pads for 3 Centres			£	367.20
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			£	2,475.18
Merseyside Pension Fund-Pension Contributions			£	2,363.70
ICU Group Ltd-IT Support			£	340.80
Amazon Business-Projector,Shelving, brackets, stationery			£	561.19
Lyreco-2024 Diaries			£	94.19
	Sub Total	**£ 9,525.33**		
PAYMENTS 15 September 2023				
R Gaffney - Mayor allowance			£	650.00
Pudential Insurance (AVC's)			£	800.00
B & Q Trade UK Blue roll			£	71.25
	Sub Total	**£ 1,521.25**		
PAYMENTS 26, 27 and 28 September 2023				
B & Q Trade UK Blue roll and paint			£	68.40
Amazon Business Cables			£	23.96
Sandra Mayers purchase of materials from B & Q			£	38.87
R Miller purchase of plants for WTH			£	101.00
Pens Unlimited pens with WTH logo for democracy days			£	215.94
	Sub Total	**£ 448.17**		
Total Payments			**£**	**11,494.75**

Ash Waste Services. Refuse collection, Whiston Town Hall			£	110.33
Ash Waste Services. Refuse collection, George Howard Centre			£	121.75
Water Plus. Water - George Howard Centre (4078082681)			£	124.48
Water Plus. Water - Robert Foulkes Centre (6000391688)			£	148.31
Water Plus. Water - Whiston Town Hall (4078082954)			£	99.34
Water Plus. Waste - Whiston Town Hall (4033613348)			£	72.22
British Gas. Gas Dragon Lane (600267246)			£	-
British Gas. Elec George Howard Centre (600893420)			£	295.75
British Gas. Electricity Robert Foulkes Centre (600893430)			£	53.03
British Gas. Elec WTH (600893405)			£	413.13
British Gas. Gas WTH (603228234)			£	401.50
British Gas Gas WTH (670065605)			£	20.97
British Gas. Gas GHC (600111696)			£	61.19
British Gas. Gas RFC (600198488)			£	38.71
Invosys (prev Connected World) Telephone/internet charges			£	-
Chubb Fire & Security. George Howard Centre			£	88.54
Chubb Fire & Security. Whiston Town Hall			£	88.54
Bank charges (97589667)			£	43.90
Bank charges re SumUp device			£	10.67
		Total DD	**£**	**2,192.36**
Wages			£	11,674.55
			£	**13,866.91**

Total Direct Debits

Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
Section 137 Local Government Act 1972
Section 111 Local Government Act 1972
Section 112 Local Government Act 1972
Section 10 Open Spaces Act 1906
Section 176 Local Government Act 1972
Schedule 13 Local Government Act 1972
Section 143 Local Government Act 1972
Section 214 Local Government Act 1972
Section 15(5) Local Government Act 1972
Section 145 Local Government Act 1972
Section 111/175 Local Government Act 1972
Audit Commission Act 1998
Section 31 Local Government Act 1997 Crime Prevention

Final Schedule of Payments September 2023

Total Payment R & P Book	£	25,361.66
Total Payments September	**£**	**25,361.66**
Accounts Sheet for September	£	11,494.75
Direct payments for September	£	2,192.36
Wages	£	11,674.55
Total Payments September	**£**	**25,361.66**

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Town Mayor and Members of Whiston Town Council

Meeting 11th October 2023

RECORDING OF WHISTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Members are requested to consider the inception of Statutory Instrument 2095 on 5th August 2014. The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 'gives the right to record, film, video, photograph Council meetings open to the public (full Council, Committee or Sub Committee meetings).

TO ADOPT THE UNDERMENTIONED POLICY IN RELATION TO RECORDING OF MEETINGS.

INDIVIDUALS.

General information intended to help individuals who may be intending to report on meetings. Anyone wishing to carry out any type of recording is encouraged to telephone or email the Clerk to the Council before the meeting, so that arrangements can be discussed in advance.

Video, filming, photography and recording (but not limited to) hence forward referred to as capture.

- The right to capture a Council meeting is limited to the duration of the meeting, Capture must not begin until the meeting is called to order and must cease when the Chairman closes the meeting.
- Capture equipment cannot be left in the meeting room at times when the public is excluded.
- Some members of the public attending the meeting may object to being captured, others that should not be captured eg. Children or vulnerable adults and the Council ask those carrying out capture, to respect this.
- The Council expects the captures will not be edited before use in a way that misrepresents proceedings and, if the recording (edited or otherwise) is to be shown.
- Elsewhere the Council would request that an unedited revision of the complete proceedings is supplied to the Clerk.
- Any type of capture should not interrupt or disturb the proceedings of the meeting eg. Oral commentary not permitted.
- Noise lighting bleeps etc that can distract would not be allowed.
  Roaming whilst capturing would not be allowed.

- Speaker would not be asked to repeat statements.

If in the Chairpersons opinion an individual carrying out capture is interrupting proceedings or causing a disturbance, they can be ordered to stop their activity or leave the meeting.

The Council will remind anyone who does carry out any capture of a Council meeting that requirements of general law apply to their activities for example:

- The requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 may apply to personal information about living individuals including visual image;
- There may be legal liability for defamatory or offensive statements, including statements made by people being filmed that are "published" by the person filming.

WHISTON TOWN COUNCIL AS A GOVERNING BODY

Whiston Town Council accepts no liability for any material created by those capturing a Council meeting, accepts no consequences of the publication or circulation of such material captured and accepts no cost implications or losses from any subsequent actions against any / all or any part if any published material by those capturing a Council meeting.

CONCLUSION.

Members are advised to adopt the above policy in relation to individuals capturing the content of meetings. If agreed, this policy will be implemented with immediate effect.

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Subject: Whiston Cemetery Designated Land owned by KMBC

Dear Sandra,

Following on from the recent Whiston Town Council and our Public Questions regarding Whiston Cemetery Expansion.

Please see the information requested below to support our case to ask Whiston Town Council for Support and help in taking this to KMBC and protecting Whiston Woods from destruction.

Previously Designated KMBC Owned Land adjacent to the current cemetery.

We asked all local councillors to act for us and find planning information which we knew existed regarding the original plans for Whiston Cemetery. i.e. that the land adjacent to the current cemetery was indeed part of the long term plans.

Not one of those councillors answered our questions despite us asking over and over, then out of the blue ....Mike Harden sent an email which was read out/supported by local labour councillors at Whiston Town Council Annual Public Meeting where he accused us of sharing misinformation and inaccurate information regarding our statements that the KMBC owned land adjacent to the existing cemetery was designated for Future expansion of the cemetery.

We demanded an apology at that meeting for the fact that they accused us and removal of those accusations on their web page.
KMBC **did** remove these accusations from their web page, replacing them with very carefully chosen words intended to fool people into believing that KMBC were not lying.
They offered no apology and have continued to deny that the land next to the existing cemetery was ever designated as future cemetery expansion.
They have tried to use semantics to deny the facts, saying no planning permission equals = not "designated". We have now had access to the Public Documents, strangely unavailable on the Planning Portal, that show the truth. We thank the **one** Councillor that was willing to do his duty as a representative of his constituents for pushing to make these Public Documents, public!

Point 1.

Email from Mike Harden read out to the public Whiston Town Council Meeting "By way of background, planning permission was granted in 1994 for the development of Knowsley Cemetery for an 8-hectare site (to be developed in phases)."

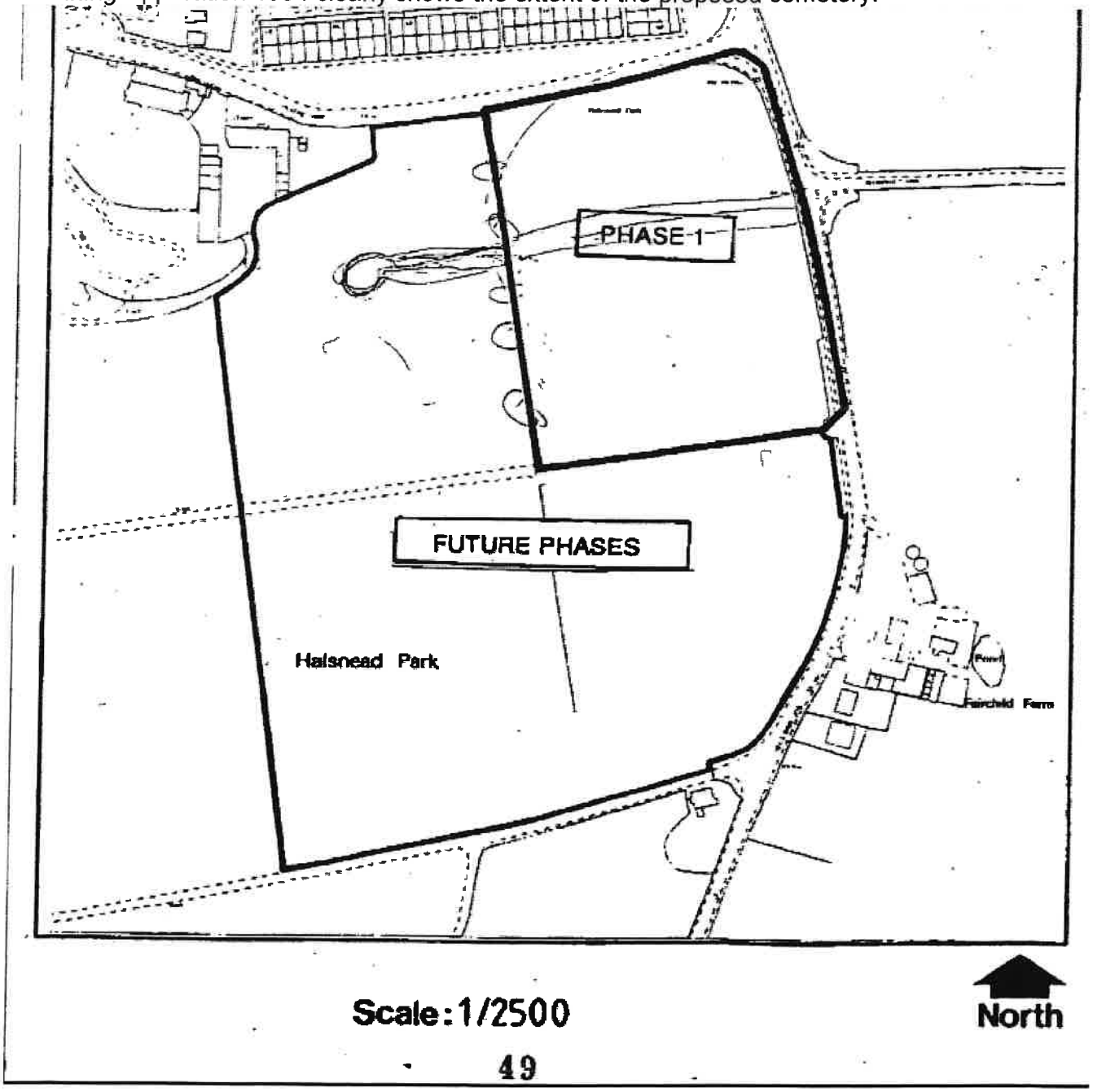
Actually the Report to Committee stated exactly what we have always stated that this would be in "Four Phases" , Mike Harding was being economic with the truth to hide facts;

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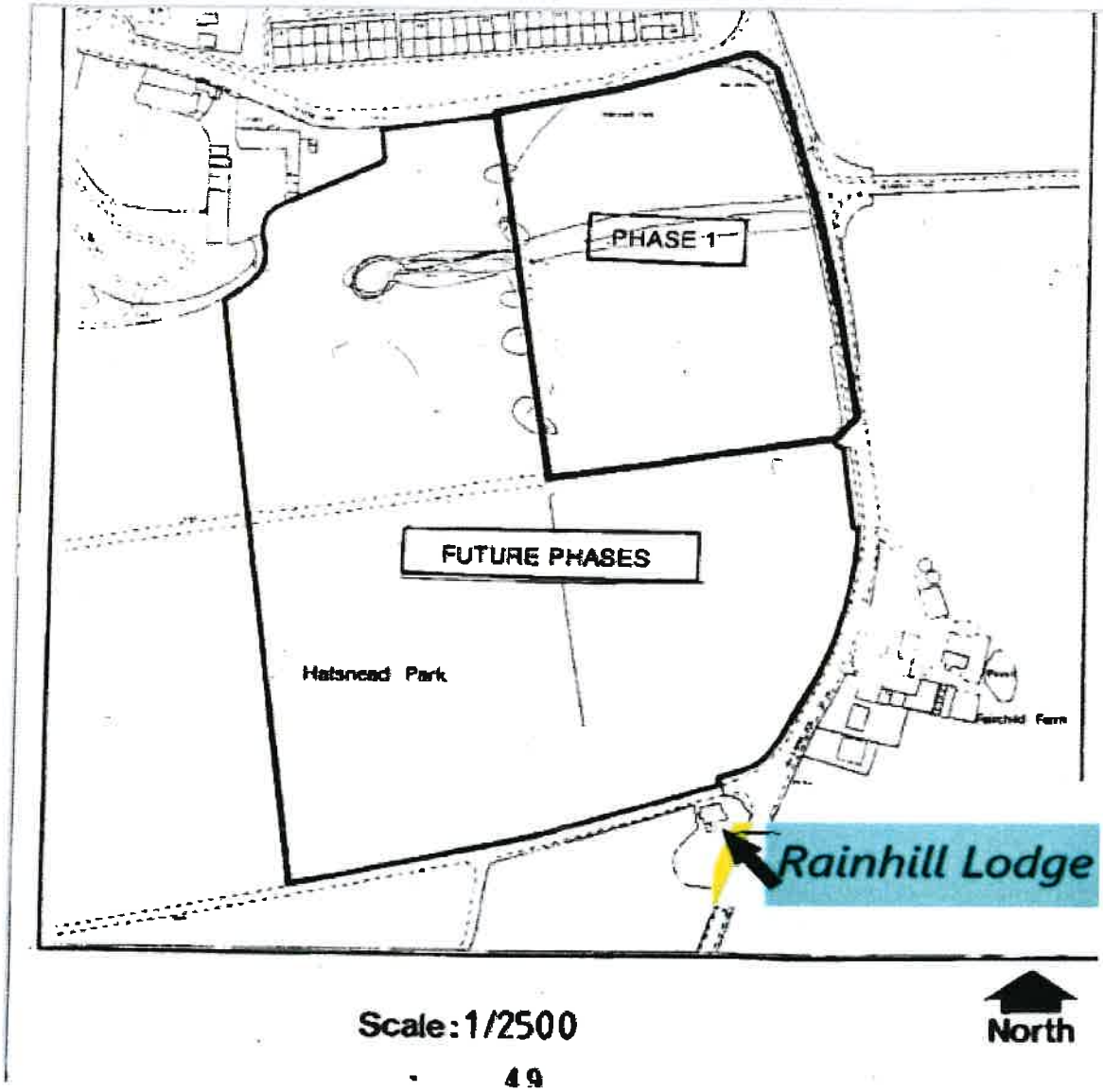
The proposed cemetery would be laid out in four phases, co anticipated life of 100 years.

Phase 1 showed roughly ¼ of the whole 8ha site therefore any sensible person would conclude that four phases = 4 quarters= whole 8ha site.

Planning Application 1994 clearly shows the extent of the proposed cemetery:



In addition to this the residents of Rainhill Lodge were approached by Knowsley Council Employees during the 1994 application and were told that Phase 4 of the plan, would be directly in front of their property.



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Having been made aware of this proposed (albeit future) phase, the resident sent a letter, requesting a amendment to the proposed layout, to the Planning Committee which was included in the report;

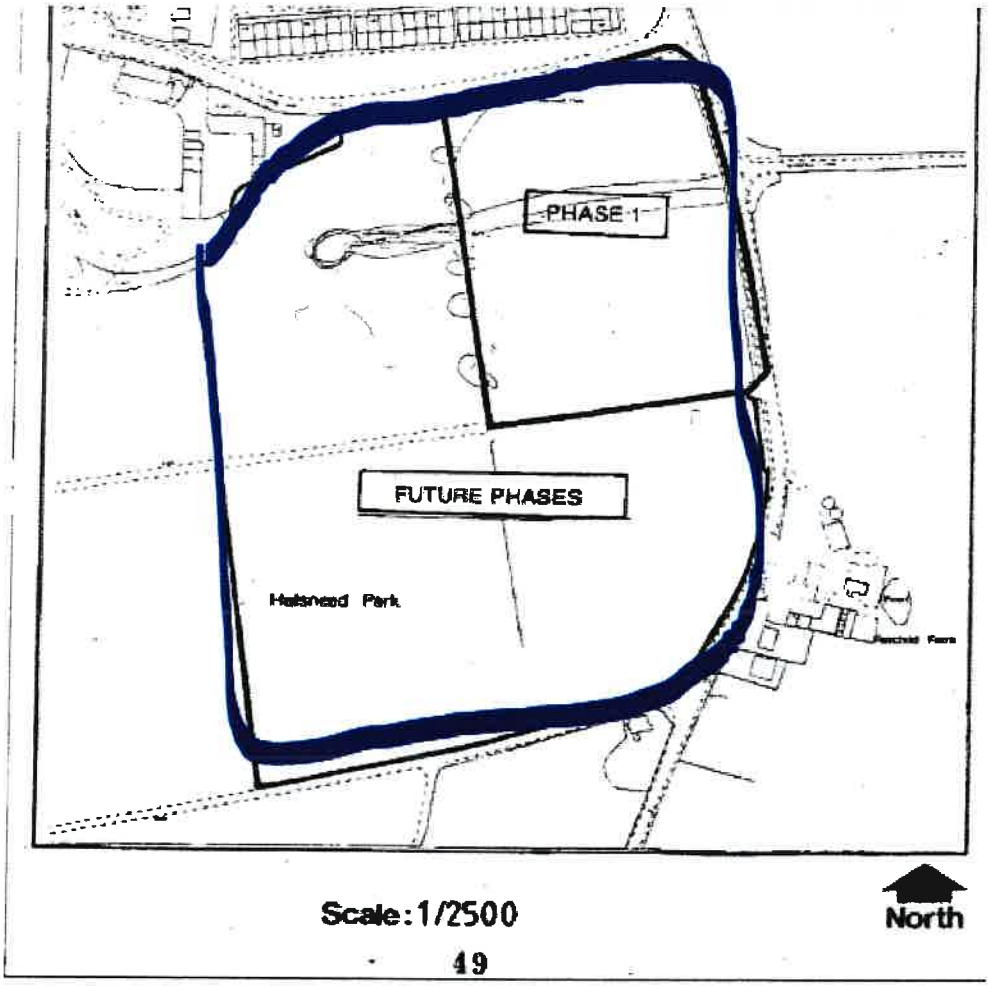
of property. A further letter has been received from an occupier of Rainhill Lodge to the south of the site, requesting an amendment to the layout to include a 3m wid open strip to the front of her property.

Clearly the original plan (whether or not planning applications had been submitted at that time) was to use the whole 8ha including right up to Rainhill Lodge.

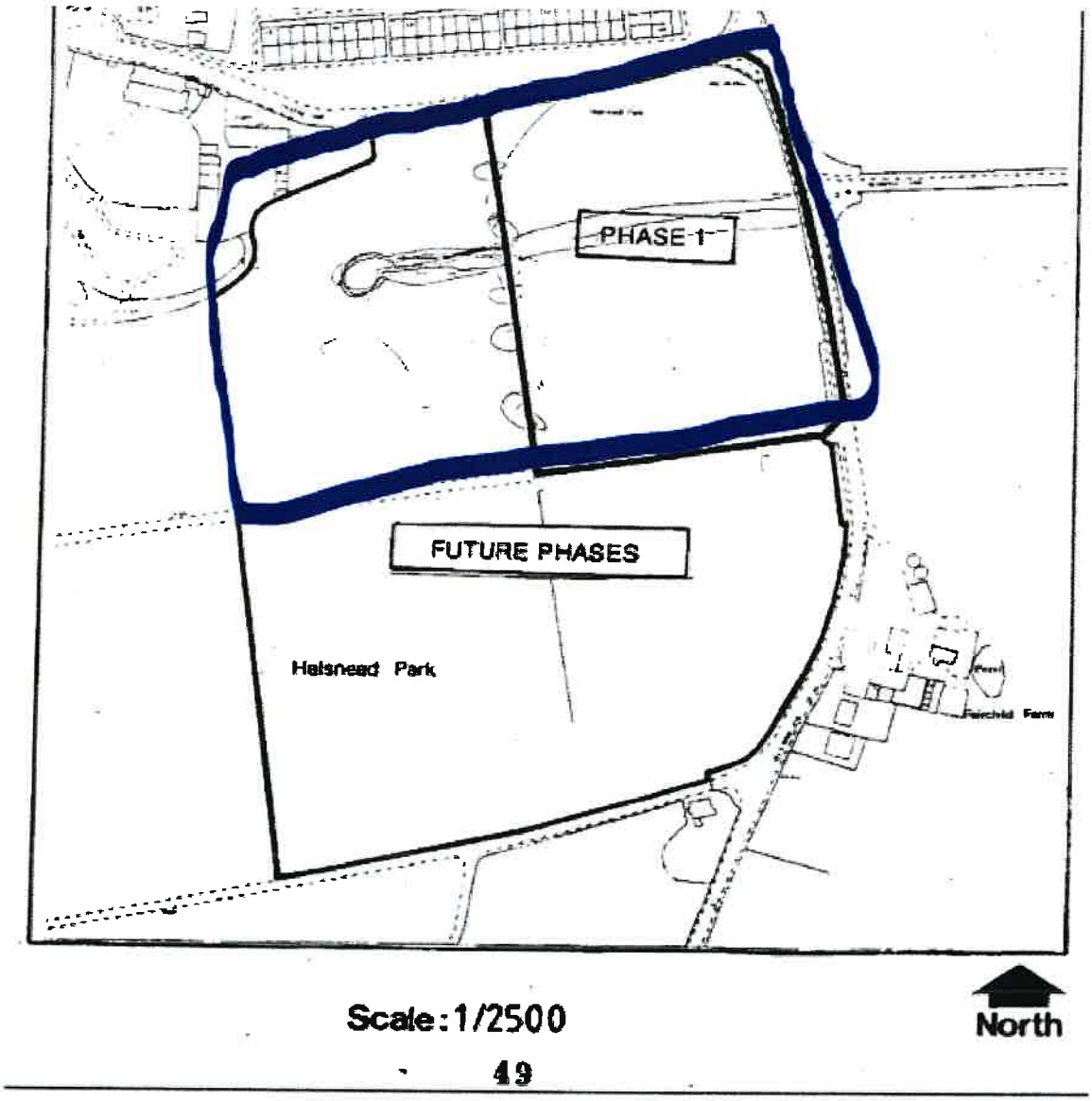
Point 2.

Email from Mike Harden read out to the public Whiston Town Council Meeting "By way of background, planning permission was granted in 1994 for the development of Knowsley Cemetery for an 8-hectare site (to be developed in phases)."

The Original Plan for 8ha Cemetery - in Four Phases - was expected to last for 100 Years. KMBC now say that the cemetery is (almost) full and they need to expand. However, the original plan that was to last 100 years was for 8ha i.e. this whole area:



The current cemetery only uses approximately half of the originally proposed site.



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We have asked KMBC multiple times to explain why they will not use the land that was originally set to extend the cemetery but they refuse to enter into discussions or to hold a public meeting to explain this.

There is currently no planning permission on the KMBC owned land, this was originally "designated" cemetery extension land, and since "designated" as part of Halsnead Village Plan. We see no reason why it should not be re "designated" back to it's original purpose.

The land itself is subject to a lease agreement which includes a surrender agreement which all parties are aware of.

KMBC own planning and minutes documents (above) show clearly the intention was to use the whole 8ha for a cemetery to last 100 years. The information below shows that KMBC were not only fully aware of the adjacent land previous designation but also have other plans for this land, highlighted below!

The Published decision of Cabinet Meeting on 13/7/22 states:

"The proposal involves the previously approved funding to enable the purchase of land from the Forestry Commission. The report also proposes an allocation of capital receipts from the sale of existing cemetery designated land in Halsnead Garden Village to enable the provision of core cemetery infrastructure which will provide the Council with long term cemetery capacity at Whiston Woods."

We therefore ask Whiston Town Council to:

- Demand an apology from KMBC and the Whiston Town Councillors who have accused us misinformation and inaccurate information in the light of the documents above.
- Represent us and insist that this land be used as originally planned instead of destroying our much needed Local Woodland.

Happy to discuss any of the above in further detail but the documents are public documents.

Regards
Jackie Fox on behalf of Save Whiston Woods Campaign Group

Mince Pie and Music Event
Monday 4th December 2023
Whiston Town Hall
12noon—2pm



Whiston Town Council is providing a free mince pie and music event for local residents. Followed by Bingo with the Over 55's club.

Residents are encouraged to join us at 12 noon entertainment will commence at 12.45pm.

If you know of anyone who is lonely or isolated this event will be an opportunity to meet new friends.

Entertainment provided by local singer Kieron Kenny,

For further details please telephone 0151-430-7200