

Whiston Town Council Meeting Agenda Wednesday 10th January 2024



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3rd January 2024

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 10th January 2024** 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.

7. Whiston Woods – Information.

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

8. Members Briefing Session - Estimates Report 2024-2025

Members are requested to note that a briefing session to consider the estimated expenditure of the Council for 2024-2025 has now been arranged for Wednesday 31st January 2024. Commencing at 7.30pm.

9. Minutes – Appendix 1.

To receive as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2023.

10. Accounts.

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

a). Bank Reconciliation – December 2023- Appendix 2.

b). Final Payment Summary – December 2023.

(To be circulated at the meeting).

c). Monthly Accounts for Payment – January 2024.

(To be circulated at the meeting).

WHISTON TOWN COUNCIL

At the Ordinary Meeting of Whiston Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Whiston Town Hall, Old Colliery Road, Whiston on **Wednesday 13th December 2023** 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, C. Powell, S. Rees, K. Taylor and G. Wickens.

Apologies.

Councillor J. Mimmagh, N. Murray and T. Murray

86. Public Forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.31pm and resumed at 7.52pm to allow Members of the public to raise issues in relation to the Whiston area. 12 Members of the public attended the meeting.

Residents were disappointed that the Borough Council's Cabinet meeting held on the 6th December 2023 did not address residents' concerns in relation to Whiston Woods. The consultation event concluded that 54% of residents were in favour of the proposals for a cemetery extension at Whiston Woods. It is not believed that 20% of the population took part as stated in government guidelines, residents felt the consultation was an expensive waste of money and was biased.

Residents asked how many Whiston Town Council Members were aware of the data being shared in relation to the consultation.

The details of the data collated has not been published and it is hoped a meeting will be held with the Borough Council to obtain accurate information.

Residents were also extremely concerned about the finances of the Borough Council, who have a current deficit of 2.692 million pounds, which will increase significantly should the purchase of additional land for the cemetery extension be approved.

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 11. Appendix 5 Foxshaw Close, Play Area.

87 Proposals, Foxshaw Close Play Area.

M. Gray, Environmental Sustainability Manager, Knowsley Borough Council gave a presentation in relation to proposals for the above play area. The provision of a Notice Board, Memorial Story Telling Bench along with Flower Steppingstones to mark the life of a little girl called Faye who recently passed away aged just one year.

Resolved: That approval be given for the installation of equipment whilst considering children with disabilities. The family should also be encouraged to seek funding from the Town Council if necessary.

88. Announcements from the Town Mayor.

The Town Mayor gave the following announcement. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

Mince Pie and Music, the event had gone very well with lots of Councillors and residents in attendance.

Remembrance Sunday Service, attendance at this years' service was exceptional as was the service and laying of the wreaths.

Christmas Lights, the provision of the lights in Whiston Village has been a huge success with positive feedback from residents.

Whiston Woods, the recent clean-up day had managed to collect a large number of bags as well as catering canisters, which have now been collected from one of the residents' addresses. Residents had also made multiple trips to the rubbish skip and the Town Mayor thanked all those who helped out on the day.

88. Announcements from the Town Clerk.

The Clerk did not provide any updates. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

89. Announcement from the Leader.

The Leader gave the undermentioned announcements **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

Mince Pie and Music, was a huge success.

Christmas Lights, the installation of the lights after it taking so long to arrange has been very successful.

Winter Coats, Whiston Community Recycling Group have been successful in obtaining a £2,000 grant towards the provision of coats for both children and adults.

Stadt Moers Park, aware that there has been some anti-social behavior which is being monitored.

Whiston Woods, The Leader thanked residents for providing the information in relation to the consultation as well as the level of the Borough Council's current and projected deficit.

90. Declarations of Interest.

The undermentioned Members submitted declarations of interest and left the meeting room at 8.12pm and returned at 8.16pm.

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

91. Planning.

a) Applications.

Members considered 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	18 Sundale Avenue, Prescot, Knowsley.
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	over proposed garage conversion and existing rear extension.	
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 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	Land South of Lickers Lane, Windy Arbor Road, Halsnead Garden Village, Whiston.

	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

Resolved: That an objection be raised in relation to 23/02378/REM and 23/02643/OUT and application 23/01417/FUL be noted, no further observation were raised.

92. Whiston Woods – Information.

The events that had recently occurred at the Borough Council's Cabinet Meeting held on the 6th December 2023, resulted in several Whiston Residents and Councillors being removed from the meeting. This was upsetting as they had attended the meeting to hear the Cabinet give consideration to the future cemetery extension. The data provided by the Borough Council in relation to the recent consultation event left both Residents and Members unsure of its accuracy.

Resolved: Whiston Town Council intend to facilitate a public meeting in the future and will invite representatives from St Helens Council, Knowsley Borough Council along with representatives of the Forestry Commission.

It was also agreed to keep Whiston Woods on future agendas in the short term.

93. Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023, were received as a true and correct record, and signed by the Town Mayor.

94. Minutes – Events Committee.

The Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting Held on Thursday 19th October 2023. were received as a true and correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

95. Accounts.

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

a). Bank Reconciliation – November 2023.

Resolved: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of November 2023 be noted and agreed.

b). Final Payment Summary – November 2023.

Resolved: That the Final Payment Summary for the month of November 2023 be noted and agreed.

c). Monthly Accounts for Payment – December 2023.

Resolved: That the Monthly Accounts for the month of December 2023 be noted and agreed.

Minutes 86 – 95 be received as a true and correct record and signed by the Town Mayor on Wednesday 10th January 2024.

R. Gaffney – Town Mayor.
The Meeting Closed at 8.46pm.

MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION			
Dec-23			
Balance 01/12/2023		£ 507,788.18	
Receipts in December 2023		£ 6,733.86	
Less Payments in December 2023		£ 39,830.33	£ 474,691.71
BALANCES			
Fixed Term Deposit A/c 85172626			£ 50,488.22
Business Res A/C-89979389			£ 413,589.44
Current A/C-97589667			£ 10,614.05
Total unpresented cheques		£ -	
Total Credit Balance			£ 474,691.71
Balance c/fwd			£ 474,691.71



Declaration of Members Interests

(Local Government Act 2000 Section 81)

Council Meeting Date: _____

Member Name	Agenda Item /Appendix	Nature of Interest	Prejudicial Yes/No