

# CHATTERIS TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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Minutes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at The Council Chambers, 14 Church Lane, Chatteris.

**Present:** Cllrs L Ashley (Mayor), S Selman (Deputy Mayor), I Benney, J Carney, A Gowler, A Hay, A Jones, V Joyce, P Murphy and S Unwin.

### 104) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs J Fuller-Gray and M Siggee. The councillors sent their apologies as they both had covid. The Mayor asked anyone not feeling well to send their apologies and to not attend meetings as she pointed out there were vulnerable councillors and others who had vulnerable partners.

### 105) Declarations of Interest & Dispensations to Speak and Vote on Declarable Pecuniary Interest Items

The Mayor declared an interest in the Festival, Museum and KEC; Cllr Unwin declared an interest in In Bloom and Festival; Cllr Selman in Festival, the WI and the Community Car Scheme; Cllrs Gowler, Jones and Joyce in the KEC; Cllr Hay in the Museum, the KEC and the Combined Authority; Cllr Carney in FLAPP; Cllr Benney in planning; Cllr Murphy in the museum, KEC and planning.

### 106) Open Forum

Four members of the public were welcomed to the meeting and three expressed a wish to speak during the Open Forum.

Mr Robert Windle wished to speak about Radio Fenland, a community radio station based in Whittlesey. He explained the station had been operating for six or seven weeks having spawned from the Fenland Youth Radio. He was currently visiting groups around Fenland to promote the station and build a relationship so information could be passed on and the station could help to promote events.

Interviews had already taken place with representatives from Alcoholics Anonymous and police special constables and elections had been covered.

The station was accessed via an app downloaded on phones and was run by volunteers with Mr Windle hosting the breakfast show Monday to Friday.

Mr Windle said any support the Council could give the station would be appreciated. He also mentioned two events he organised in Whittlesey, the big bash in the summer and a Christmas Extravaganza and said he was hoping to organise an It's a Knockout competition between the four market towns in Fenland.

Two representatives of the Chatteris Allotments Association then introduced themselves and said they wished to speak about water usage, a frequent topic of conversation at Allotment meetings. With so many dry years and increasing water costs the Council had difficult decisions to make, whether to raise bills or make the availability of water fair for the whole site. The allotment holder admitted there was misuse of water, with some allotment holders feeling they were entitled to use as much as they wanted, and poor education about how to reduce water usage. The Allotments Association had been looking into levelling the playing field and had come up with a scheme which required investment by the council.

The second representative said she had researched the allotment costs and found there had been an underspend over the last three years and a predicted underspend in the current year. She reminded members that allotments should not make a profit and any money raise should be reinvested. She said she hoped the Council would go with the Association's suggestions (see agenda item 109).

### **107) Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 were agreed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

### **108) Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Min 90) Gibside Avenue Land: The Clerk had received further correspondence regarding the land. The residents were still waiting for a decision from Land Registry on the prescriptive easement and in the meantime had contacted MP Mr Steve Barclay who had written to the developers. The developers had now erected concrete barriers to stop residents accessing the land and this had resulted in parking problems. The Mayor said she had been contacted and had received photographs showing cars parked on the grass at Fairway as there was no space on the roads for them. Cllr Unwin pointed out the roads had not been designed to take so many parked cars, hence the car parks in the centre of estates, and it was a short-sighted decision to sell off the car parks.

Cllr Hay suggested FDC should create some proper parking spaces on part of the green area. She argued the site did not have to be shut off so early but said there was nothing councillors could do as it was now a civil matter. She had advised the residents to seek legal advice.

Cllr Benney argued residents had had two years to sort out the issues and they needed to prove the easement entitlements. He said land at The Elms had been withdrawn from sale as the residents had proved their entitlements through their deeds.

Members **agreed** to ask FDC to create parking space on part of the green (Cllr Benney abstained).

Min 99) Furrowfields Car Park: The Street Scene Officer had re-iterated that she had no powers to stop cars overstaying in the car park and said she checked vehicles every month and issued notices to those that were not road legal. FDC's Engineering Manager said it had not been possible to spray the weeds where cars were permanently parked but confirmed no enforcement could be taken as the council did not have an off-street parking places order on

the car park. This would take about six months to put in place and there would be a cost to enforce against use of a facility that was free. He said Civil Parking Enforcement would help. He confirmed all suspected trader cars were taxed and had MOTs and said it was difficult to prove the cars were related to trade as they were not displaying For Sale signs.

Min 101) Council of Year: The Clerk had completed the Council's application to be considered for the Council of the Year only to be told the Council was not eligible as it was no longer a member of CAPALC and NALC.

### **109) To Agree Water Saving Idea for the Allotments**

It was agreed to move this item up the agenda. Members had received the following report from the Clerk:

#### **'Background**

After yet another hot summer the problem of allotment holders using excessive amounts of water has come to the fore again. Paperwork sent out in advance of the meeting, shows the current rules state sprinklers should not be used and hosepipes should only be used for 15 minutes at a time. These rules are difficult to police and are frequently ignored leading to frayed tempers and many complaints from those who do try and conserve water.

The Allotments Association has discussed ways to cut down on water usage on many occasions and at the last meeting members put forward suggestions which they would like councillors to consider.

#### **Ideas**

Having looked at the advantages and disadvantages of various schemes, the Association is suggesting the following would be the best and fairest solution:

- 1) Plastic dip tank troughs with ballcock units which allow gardeners to fill up their watering cans; hosepipes cannot be attached.
- 2) For those less able (blue badge holders) plastic water containers with taps to be issued and these would be positioned on their allotments. A few taps would also be retained but these would be covered by lockable caps with padlocks. These would be used to fill up the water butts once or twice a month.
- 3) All allotment holders would continue to be encouraged to collect rainwater in water butts on their plots and to install guttering where possible.

#### **Costings**

It has been suggested that 12 dip tanks would be needed (six on each side), along with stakes, 8 extra standpipes and lockable tap caps. Water butts would cost £32 each, the number needed is unknown.

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The estimated cost of supplying all the equipment (minus the water butts) is £1,030 on the north side and £1,022 on the south side. There would then be the costs of installing and plumbing in the equipment.

### **Budget**

There has been a surplus of income over expenditure for the allotments in the past three years and under the rules this money should be invested back into the allotments. The total income over expenditure for the three years was £3,878 and it is anticipated that there will be another surplus in the current year.

### **Recommendation**

The Clerk obtains quotations from plumbers to install the scheme outlined above and in the paperwork from the Allotments Association.

Cllr Hay proposed the recommendation should be accepted and this was **agreed** by all.

## **110) To Consider Grant to Swimming Pool Trustees**

It was agreed to also move this item up the agenda and the Mayor suspended the meeting to allow the chairman of the Trustees to explain the situation.

He said the pool had been shut since December 2023 as the need for major structural works had been discovered. To date almost £60,000 had been spent on repairs to the pool but the Trust had now run out of money. He had applied to the Council for a grant of £5,000 to cover the cost of re-instatement works (the works were listed in a report). The money raised by a Gofundme campaign would be spent on the women's changing rooms, windows, the security system, a deep clean and a new back door. Once the works were complete the Trustees would be able to sell season tickets once again to cover the monthly running costs. The Trustees planned to re-open the pool in January 2026 if the grant application was successful.

Cllr Unwin suggested the Town Council should put forward a trustee for the pool and this was agreed.

Councillors were very much in favour of the grant being approved, especially Cllrs Ashley, Hay, Selman and Unwin. They stated that the town urgently needed a swimming pool as families and schools were having to go out of town to swim. Cllr Unwin pointed out many generations of Chatteris residents had learnt to swim in the pool.

Cllr Murphy stated that he was in favour of the grant so the works could be completed, however, he advised that this should be a one-off grant and not become an expected annual grant. Councillors agreed. Cllr Gowler asked if the repairs would guarantee the longevity of the pool and was assured they would.

Cllr Benney said he supported the swimming pool but he said FDC was looking to build a new pool if the planned local government re-organisation looked likely to go ahead and

Fenland went in with Peterborough. He feared there might not be the support for a new pool if there was an existing pool. Councillors said a pool was needed now.

Members formally considered the request for a grant of £5,000 to complete final refurbishment and repair works to enable the pool to re-open and be fit for purpose.

The Financial Officer advised Members that the funds for the grant could come from the Leisure Holding account. The funds held in there came from money left over from the new gym project years ago and were originally put into the holding account to go towards a new swimming pool, therefore it was fitting to use some of this money to help the Empress Pool re-open.

It was proposed the Council give a one-off grant of £5,000 to the Empress Swimming Pool Trustees. The proposal was **agreed** with all councillors voting in favour, except Cllr Benney, who abstained.

### **111) Police Matters**

Members had a report of information received from the police in the past month which included the following:

#### **Local Police**

The new head of the local Neighbourhood Policing Team is Sgt Pete Moulton. He responded to the Clerk's email regarding scrambler bikes at the Little Acre Fen Pocket Park and maize littering the streets of Chatteris. On the former he said he was aware of the recurring concern and unsociable use of vehicles in Chatteris was likely to be set as a local quarterly priority. This would allow the local team to target and provide intervention when able, along with addressing parking issues. Sgt Moulton asked for any specific dates and times of incidents at the park.

On the maize issue he said he would ask the team to make enquiries and offer education where appropriate but he did warn the team was often required to support other areas of policing.

#### **Neighbourhood Alert**

15/9/25: Notification that 18 bikes were marked during the Dr Bike initiative, run by FDC.

22/9/25: Notification that more than 10 tickets were issued when the local team tackled illegal and obstructive parking in Chatteris, Whittlesey and March.

22/9/25: Notification that 24 people have now appeared in court following an investigation into the incidents of hare coursing and violent disorder in January.

30/9/25: Notification of community meetings in October. In Chatteris the meeting will be held at the library on the 17<sup>th</sup> October from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

2/10/25: Notification that two men have been banned from private and agricultural land for 3 years after pleading guilty to attending the hare coursing event in January.

3/10/25: Notification that 17 parking tickets were issued during a week of patrols in Chatteris, March and Whittlesey.

### 112) FDC & Street Scene Updates

Members had received a copy of the latest FDC and Street Scene reports (**copy attached**).

Bin: The Clerk said she had received a request for a dog bin at Queensway/Newlands as dog walkers were bagging up waste but had nowhere to deposit the bags which were left lying around. The Mayor confirmed the nearest bins were some distance away. The Clerk had made enquiries with FDC who said they could supply a bin, which would cost about £250, and would then empty it on a regular basis. The Town Council would need to consult with the occupiers of neighbouring properties and agree to cover the cost of the bin.

Members **agreed** to cover the cost of the bin and the Financial Officer said the funding could come from the playgrounds and grass areas budget. The Clerk agreed to meet with a representative of Highways to discuss where the bins should be located.

Maintenance: Cllr Unwin reported that a path at the rear of The Elms had been neglected and was overgrown. The Clerk agreed to investigate and report the matter to FDC.

Cllr Carney said he had been approached about a problem with brambles at The Elms and had received a request for a light at the Hazel Close entrance to Wenny Road Recreation Ground. He was advised to approach Clarion about the brambles and FDC about the light. (Cllr Gowler left the meeting at this point).

### 113) Financial Officer's Report

Members had before them a budgetary control statement for the Revenue (Precept) Account as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 showing expenditure of £138,405.86 and income of £143,566.29, (includes a half a year's precept income) compared with budgets, along with a bank reconciliation statement and a summary statement of reserves and funds balances.

Members were advised that the second half of the Precept had been received on the 1<sup>st</sup> October from FDC therefore was not included in the figures showing.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted and approved.

### 114) Payment of Accounts

It was **RESOLVED** that the payment of the accounts below be noted and approved:

Payroll	October 25 Payroll	6,952.54
Rose Fire & Security	Servicing Fire Alarm systems	373.20
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	1,260.00
Fenland Fire	Fire equipment service Park Street	90.00

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Viking	Stationary	347.88
F Stop Camera Club	Summer Festival photography & videography	250.00
Clerk	Reim. Ink pads re. Summer Festival	26.97
S Gibb	Cleaning & Macmillan coffee morning	53.00
Barclays	Bank account charges	8.50
T Payne	Inv. 15040 Flat 14b Management fee	72.00
Clerk	Reim. glasses	248.00
S Gibb	Office Clean	14.00
David J Richards	Leaflets printing Summer Fun	59.65
Jezos Events	Summer Fun Entertainer	270.00
S Butler	Stripey Wipey Summer Fun Entertainer	255.00
T Payne	Invoice 15206 Flat 14a Oct Management Fee	72.00
Cromwell Fire	Church Lane Service Fire Equipment	121.50
S Gibb	Cleaning Offices	28.00
Rose Fire & Security	Fire Alarm Monitoring 25/26 for 14 Church Lane	606.00
T Payne	Invoice 15278 Flat 14b Nov Management Fee	72.00
RJ Warren	One month garden maintenance services Little Acre	137.52
RJ Warren	One month garden maintenance services open spaces	772.03
B Gas	Church Lane Gas bill July 25	28.75
B Gas	Elec Bill Church Lane August 25	77.61

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B Gas	Elec Bill Church Lane September 25	92.85
B Gas	Gas Bill Church Lane August 25	34.31
B Gas	Elec Bill Church Lane July 25	82.72
Zen Internet	Website Sept-Oct 25	13.79
B Gas	Elec Bill Park Street Sept 25	178.06
Onecom	Inv. 7680407 phone bill 31/08/25	134.51
<b>Total</b>		<b>12,732.39</b>

#### 115) External Auditors Report

1] Members had before them a copy of the External Auditor's (PKF Littlejohn) report and a copy of the Notice of Conclusion of audit for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

2] Members were advised that the Level of External Audit for 24/25 was a Level 4 – Intermediate Level Review as last year. This is because the Growing Fenland Grant Project for the Museum/Community Rooms had taken the expenditure/income over £200K.

3] Members noted that the audit report has an Except for Matters report, in that Section 1 of the Agar, Assertion 5 was incorrectly completed. As quoted on the External Auditor's report:

Information received from the smaller authority, highlights that risk management arrangements were reviewed and approved by the authority, during the year, however it was noted only financial risks rather than all risks facing the smaller authority had been reviewed. As a result, the assertion should have answered No.

The Financial Officer advised Members that “all risks” is listed in the Financial Review and has never been a problem before, however the External Auditor advised that it was a new requirement and needed to be minuted as a separate agenda item reviewed annually.

The Financial Officer advised members that there were no other matters which came to the attention of the External Auditor in accordance with the AGAR proper practices. There was no cause for concern as relevant legislation and regulations had been met.

4) To comply with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 the Notice of Conclusion of Audit, which detailed the rights of public inspection in line with the statutory requirements, along with Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Annual Return had been displayed for a period of 14 days from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and copies of the full Annual Return were available for

purchase by any person upon payment of a reasonable fee. As with last year, it was not proposed to charge for copies.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted and approved.

#### **116) Financial Regulations Update**

Members were advised that NALC/CAPALC had recently released an updated Financial Regulations template (April 2024) to replace the current version of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Members had received the new Financial Regulations for their information and approval.

It was **RESOLVED** that the updated version to be adopted by the Council.

#### **117) To Agree Continuation of Methods of Payment**

The Financial Officer advised Members that under Financial Regulations No. 7.10 the approval of the use of BACS or CHAPS to process payments should be renewed by resolution of the Council at least every two years.

The Financial Officer also advised Members that under Financial Regulations No. 7.9 the approval of the use of payment by variable direct debit should be renewed by resolution of the council at least every two years. Variable direct debits were used to pay utility supplies i.e., gas, electricity, council rates, refuse, water and phone bills, photocopier lease, and additional costs outside of the lease contract i.e., additional copier meterage, website monthly admin fee and license renewal for ICO.

The Financial Officer advised Members that under Financial Regulations No. 7.11 the approval of the use of payment by banker's standing order should be renewed by resolution of the council at least every two years. Currently the council had no standing order payments set up on the banking system but approval was required to cover future standing order requests that the council might receive. The Financial Officer assured Members that any future standing order requests would be reported individually for approval at the appropriate monthly council meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that the use of Bacs, Chaps, variable Direct Debits & Banker's Standing Order to process payments should be renewed/approved and that the report be noted and approved.

#### **118) To Put Forward Ideas for Capital Schemes for 2026/27 Budget**

The Financial Officer reminded Members that she would be preparing a first draft of the 26/27 budget to be discussed at the December full council meeting. She asked Members to put forward any ideas for new budgets at the full council meeting in November so she could include them in the first draft budget.

### 119) Allotment Rents

Members were reminded that rent levels for the Council's 132 allotments at Honeysome Road and 6 at Queensway had to be set one year in advance and it was therefore time to set the rents for 2026/27.

In 2024/25 the income from allotments was £4,669.17 and the expenditure £1,989.97 plus £600 for the allotments portion of the contractors' fees making a surplus of £2,079. Allotments should not make a profit for the Council but equally they should not run at a loss. The Clerk suggested there was no justification for an increase in allotment rents and said the current rents were:

#### Honeysome Road

£36 for a full allotment for a full year

£20 for a full allotment for 6 months

£18 for a half plot for a full year

£10 for a half plot for 6 months

#### Queensway

£26 a year for a plot

Members argued that in view of the anticipated works at the allotments, rents should rise slightly and after discussion **agreed** that the rents for 2026/27 should be:

#### Honeysome Road

£38 for a full allotment for a full year

£22 for a full allotment for 6 months

£19 for a half plot for a full year

£11 for a half plot for 6 months

#### Queensway

£27 a year for a plot

Members also **agreed** to set up a holding account for the allotments so income and expenditure would be easier to monitor.

### 120) To Approve Strategic Risk Assessment Policy, Data Protection Policy And General Privacy Policy

Members were reminded that the External Auditors raised an "Except for Matters" in their final audit completion. This was because the Annual Financial Review did not include a separate Strategic Risk Assessment policy annual review.

Following on from this Members were given copies of a new Strategic Risk Assessment policy to be approved and adopted at the meeting along with an updated Data Protection Policy, General Privacy policy and a Document Retention & Disposal Policy along with Appendix A, list of documents for retention or disposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted and the policies and documents approved.

## 121) To Approve Terms of Reference for Working Groups

Members **agreed** to the following Terms of Reference for the Council's two working groups:

### **Planning**

Group to meet on last Tuesday of the month, with the exception of August & December.

Working Group to make recommendations on schedule of planning applications.

Recommendations to meet planning criteria.

Submissions to be made to Fenland District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council within notified consultation period.

Recommendations to be ratified by full council.

Presentations by potential developers to be made at working group meeting but warning to be issued that Councillors can only listen to presentation and ask questions, not comment in favour or against proposals as this would be seen as predetermination when planning application is submitted.

Group to also consider street naming applications and planning consultations from other authorities.

### **Leisure & General Purposes**

Group to meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, as required.

Working group to consider ongoing grounds maintenance and leisure issues in town, plan events, etc.

Speakers to be invited to group meetings to save time at full council meetings.

Group to complete questionnaires and respond to consultations.

Any recommendations from group to be agreed by full council prior to implementation.

## 122) Planning

Cllr Joyce (Chairman) presented the minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (**copy attached**). (Cllr Benney left the room for the item).

Members ratified the group's recommendations on applications a) to p) (with the exception of n) (as shown on the **appended list**) and considered n) again in light of additional information which had been received. It was agreed to return the planning applications to Fenland District Council marked as follows:

- a) Support
- b) Noted
- c) Lift original objection and support the application as construction traffic is coming off the A142, not London Road.
- d) Rec Refusal and request tree officer look into this case. Councillors also challenge the claim the tree is damaging the house due to distance involved. Councillors accept the tree is now in a poor state but when an application to fell the tree was made (and refused) just over a year ago the tree was very healthy. How can a tree with a TPO fail so miserably in a year? Has it been tampered with or vandalised?
- e) Support

- f) Re-iterate original comments: Will only support if fencing is of industrial grade, 2 metres high and set into the ground and there is a double gate system at the entrance to each field. These conditions should be imposed on safety grounds due to the fields' close proximity to the A142. The revised plans do not appear to address these concerns.
- g) Support (Cllr Ashley declared an interest)
- h) Support
- i) Support
- j) Support
- k) Support
- l) Support
- m) Support
- n) Recommend Refusal. The development is out of character with the area and has an adverse impact on neighbouring properties and the open countryside. There are also issues with the amount of traffic on the road and parking and there is no footpath. The application is contrary to policies LP15 and LP16. (Cllr Hay abstained from the vote as she had already submitted her objections to the application)
- o) Support
- p) Support

The Clerk said the application for five single-storey, 4-bed dwellings with detached garages at land southwest of 16 London Road would be determined by FDC's planning committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> October with a recommendation to refuse due to the impact on a Grade II listed building. The Town Council had supported the application and had been invited to attend the meeting. It was agreed not to attend.

### **123) Leisure & General Purposes Working Group Meeting Report & Recommendations**

Cllr Jones (Chairman) presented the minutes of the Leisure and General Purposes Working Group meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (**copy attached**).

L17) Sportsman Playing Field & L19) FACT Bus Services: The Clerk said she was still waiting for updates but would be chasing.

L19) Bus Stops: Cllr Carney said he had contacted the portfolio holder for transport requesting a bus stop at Manea Station and he was in support. Cllr Carney pointed out the Combined Authority was keen to promote integrated transport systems for rural areas so was missing a trick by not linking bus services and train services, He was also in support of bus stops on either side of New Road near Green Park and Queensway. It was agreed to formally request bus stops be installed in New Road and at Manea Railway Station and to ask that the Tiger 7 bus stop at those bus stops.

L20) Footpath: The Clerk reported Cllrs Fuller-Gray and Divine had been working hard to try and secure a footpath along London Road to Seasons Garden Centre. They had launched a petition to prove there was a demand for a footpath and had tried to argue that there had originally been a footpath which had become overgrown and lost. Unfortunately, the team at the County Council Highways had not been able to find evidence of a previous footpath.

## 124) Local Government Reorganisation Update

Members had received a copy of the update issued by council leaders across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, which included thanks to residents, businesses and community organisations for completing the engagement survey. In addition, the Clerk had received notification that the County Council had launched the second phase of engagement, asking residents to share their views. The County Council believed that Option A (two council areas – Peterborough, Fenland and Hunts, and Cambridge, East Cambs and South Cambs) best met the Government's criteria.

## 125) LHI Application

The Clerk said she had seen correspondence that suggested the Council's LHI application for 25/26 (a request for warning signs about dangerous junctions on the A142) had been ranked number one so she was hopeful it would be agreed by the County Council's Highways and Transport Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Councillors were asked to consider their application for 26/27. She reminded members that they had already considered:

- 1) extending the 30mph speed limit in London Road;
- 2) A permanent 20mph speed limit and speed reducing measures in Wenny Road;
- 3) Traffic calming measures in Victoria Street
- 4) Double yellow lines in New Road
- 5) Double yellow lines in George Way.

In addition, the Clerk had suggested warnings of pedestrians crossing the A142 but on investigation she had found that Aerotron were required to improve the crossing and footpaths leading to it as a condition of their planning permission.

Further speed reduction measures had been requested in Doddington Road (in fact the author had suggested they had been promised but this was not correct) and a safer passage for pedestrians crossing the roundabout.

And the Council had been asked to review safety issues along the stretch of road near 88 Bridge Street.

There was no support for the suggested schemes and it was suggested instead applying for funding for the footpath along London Road.

## 126) Traffic Issues

Disabled persons parking bay: The Town Council had opposed the installation of a disabled persons parking bay in New Road, as it was too close to the St Paul's Drive junction, but at a County Council meeting it was agreed the bay should be implemented as proposed.

TROs: Notification had been received that Station Street would be closed between its junctions with Railway Lane and Market Hill from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November to facilitate sewer repairs. In addition, a temporary 40mph speed limit on Fenton Way was to be imposed

between the 29<sup>th</sup> September and the 24<sup>th</sup> October to facilitate gas main and electrical duct laying.

Request: A request had been received for volunteers to help with the Community Gritting Scheme.

New system: Notification had been received that the County Council's Asset Management System, used to report highways issues such as potholes and faults, had been upgraded.

Roadworks: The latest lists of planned road works in Fenland had been received, along with the TMC reports for August and September and the Highways events diary for October.

### **127) Correspondence**

Members had a list of correspondence received since the last meeting (**copy attached**).

### **128) Reports**

Coffee Morning: The Mayor reported that she had held a coffee morning on the 19<sup>th</sup> September at the King Edward Centre and had raised £467.50 for the Macmillan charity. It had been a very successful morning and she thanked those councillors and officers who had helped on the morning, supported the event and had baked cakes.

Museum: Cllr Unwin was concerned that In Bloom had been asked to remove the planting troughs from the railings at the front of the museum. She pointed out the display was a high spot in the town and had received many compliments. Councillors agreed the troughs should remain in position and the Mayor said she would raise the issue at the next Trustees meeting.

### **129) Items for the Next Agenda**

No items were put forward for the next agenda.