

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.**  
**AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL, CHURCH LANE, WISTASTON.**

**Present:** Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. A. Bicknell, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cooke, I. Hodgkinson, T. Kilkenny D. Lucas, D. Millington & G. Roberts.

**In Attendance:**

Mrs. A. Cross (Clerk), PC Clark, PC Towe, PCSO Hobbs & 1 Member of 35<sup>th</sup> SWC Scout Group.

One minute silence was taken in respect of Ray Westwood who passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**110 APOLOGIES**

Borough Cllr. Mrs. M. Simon.

**111 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting and the Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of interest were made in response of any items on the Agenda.

**113 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

PC Clark stated he has received information to suggest drugs are being dealt and taken in the Beech Drive area. Police Officers have increased high visibility foot patrol and are paying extra attention to the area. Complaints have been received from residents regarding the large number of heavy goods vehicles travelling along Broughton Lane to the Bloor Homes Development. Emails have been sent to the transport managers of two companies requesting they use an alternative route. Bloor Homes have agreed to install directional signs.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Hobbs for his Beat Report and asked if there could be more speed watch with the Trucam. PCSO Hobbs replied he is awaiting more site codes to carry out Trucam checks. The Chairman stated that speeding is one of the biggest complaints for this parish and requested who the Parish Council should pursue to obtain the site codes. PCSO Hobbs replied Cheshire East Highways traffic management should be contacted.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be sent to the traffic management department of Cheshire East Highways requesting site codes be provided to Police Officers to enable Trucam speed checks to be carried out.

A member of 35<sup>th</sup> South West Cheshire Scout Group stated a large amount of money is raised from cans collected in their can banks at various locations in the area. He asked the Council for suggestions to place more can banks. The can bank situated at the Memorial Hall is in the wrong place and not fully utilised. Cllr. Mrs. Brown agreed to raise this at the next Memorial Hall Management meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That permission be given to 35<sup>th</sup> SWC Scout Group to place one can bank on Beech Drive Car Park and one at the entrance to Joey the Swan near to the children's playground.

**114 PLANNING MATTERS****(i) Planning Subcommittee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

The following items were **RESOLVED**:

18/6375N Garage conversion & replace pitched roof (Amended description) – 50 Thirlmere Rd  
19/0381N Prior approval of a rear single storey ext. extending 6m beyond the rear wall, maximum height of 3m and eaves height of 2.5m – 5 Westfield Drive.

**NO OBJECTIONS** be made on the above 2 planning applications.

19/0182N Proposed development of the garden land adjacent to create dwelling – 2 Merrivale Road.

**OBJECTIONS** be made as follows:-

1. The proposal would cause overdevelopment of the site and is out of character with the surrounding area.
2. Backland development is not in keeping with the Wistaston Neighbourhood Plan.
3. The proposed development borders a conservation area and will damage its ecology. It is immediately adjacent to a significant group of historic trees with Tree Preservation Orders.

19/0387N Proposed extension – 13 Nessina Grove

**OBJECTIONS** be made as follows:-

1. The proposed development will over dominate the rear of 15 Nessina Grove.
2. The development will block access to the garage at the rear of the property.

**(ii) The following planning applications have been notified from Cheshire East Council for this Council's VIEWS at the February Meeting**

The following items were **RESOLVED**:

18/5253N First floor extension – 68 Bowness Road

19/0531N Two storey side ext. – 75 Capesthorpe Road (Adjoining Wistaston Parish)

**NO OBJECTIONS** be made.

**(iii) The following planning decisions have been notified from Cheshire East Council**

18/6375N Garage conversion and replacement to pitched roof – 50 Thirlmere Rd.

**PERMIT**

**115 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Council considered the Chairman's Report.

**(i) New Homes Bonus Scheme**

Cheshire East Council has issued an update on the New Homes Bonus Scheme. Over 200 applications were submitted at a cost of £7 million. As a result the revised timescale has been extended to the end of March 2019, before presenting a short list to the Parish Council's decision group. Details are not expected before April.

**(ii) Councillor Ray Westwood**

The funeral of Cllr. Ray Westwood took place earlier that day. Ray spent over 40 years in Council activities and will be sadly missed, his contribution to Wistaston Sports and Leisure Association (WSLA) was immense. A Memorial Trophy is being arranged by WSLA to be awarded to the best achiever in sport and a portrait of Ray will be placed at the Brittles Pavilion funded by Wistaston Parish Council (Min. no. 106 v).

**(iii) Park Ranger**

Two applications were received for the Park Ranger vacancy. Following discussions with our Park Ranger he has agreed to delay his retirement for 6 months until a suitable replacement is found.

**RESOLVED:** That the Park Ranger vacancy be withdrawn and the applicants be informed.

**(iv) Elections 2019**

Elections will take place for all Parishes in Cheshire East on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

**(v) Civic Service**

The Civic Service held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019, was successful. The Clerk reported thank you letters have been received from the Worshipful the Mayor and Church Lane Academy Principal for the Council's donation. The Clerk and her husband were thanked for preparing the refreshments.

The Chairman's Report was received by Council.

**116 CLERKS REPORT**

The Council considered the Clerk's Report.

**(i) Membership of Community Voluntary Service CE**

**RESOLVED:** That membership of Community Voluntary Service CE be renewed at a cost of £100 (Funded from Line 4 – Association Fees and Publications).

**(ii) Town and Parish Conference**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. Moore and Cllr. Millington attend the Town and Parish Council Conference at Sandbach Town Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 2.30 pm.

**(iii) Local Industrial Strategy – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**RESOLVED:** That no members were available to attend the Local Industrial Strategy on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**(iv) Celebration of 70 Years of Wistaston Memorial Hall**

A celebration of 70 years of Wistaston Memorial Hall is taking place at 7.30 p.m. on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The Movie Makers and South Cheshire George Formby Ukulele Society are organising the evening. The event will commence with a film piece on the 16 Wistonians who lost their lives in the Second World War, followed by a film celebrating organisations that currently use the hall. Tickets are available if Members would like to attend at a cost of £5 each or pay on the door.

**(v) Parish Council Elections – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

The Clerk attended Cheshire East Council's candidate briefing session on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019, and obtained information regarding election processes and procedures. Nomination papers were provided to Councillors who would like to stand for re-election.

**(vi) Site Visit with Guinness Partnership in Beech Drive**

Min. no. 109 - The Clerk, Cllr. Millington and D O'Hara (Park Ranger) met Rachel Alderton Customer Liaison Officer of Guinness Partnership on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019, regarding fly tipping at the rear of a property in Beech Drive. Whilst there is no firm evidence that the fly tipping is being carried out by the resident of the property, Rachel agreed to write to them regarding breaching their tenancy agreement. She agreed to arrange for the rubbish to be cleared and report back to the Clerk. No update has been received.

**(vii) Mayor's Charity Sunday Lunch**

An invitation to the Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Lesley Smetham's Charity Sunday Lunch on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 was received.

**(viii) Wistaston Sports and Leisure Association AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of Wistaston Sports & Leisure Association is being held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019, at 7.30 p.m. at the Brittles Pavilion, Eric Swan Sports Ground, Church Lane.

**(ix) Road Closure – Wistaston Green Road**

Notice has been received from Cheshire East Council that Wistaston Green Road will be closed from the junction with Middlewich Road to the entrance of the Rising Sun. The closure will be in place 24 hours a day from Monday 11th February 2019 and will continue in force for 18 months or until the work is complete. It is anticipated the works will be completed by Friday 15th March 2019.

Wistaston Green Road from the Golden Jubilee Bridge to the junction with Mulberry Road will be closed on the Monday 4th March 2019 to Tuesday 5th March 2019 between times 09:30-15:30

**(x) Police Beat Report and Surgeries**

Members received a copy of the beat report for January from PCSO Hobbs and details of Police Surgeries being held at St. Mary's Church Hall.

The Clerks Report was accepted by Council.

**117 FINANCE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Accounts be accepted and the Schedule of Accounts for payment February 2019 (as per attached totalling £2695.89) be approved.

**118 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES****(i) WSLA Verbal Report**

Cllr. Kilkenny stated that WSLA are looking into purchasing signs to make it clear to people not to park on the Eric Swan Sports Ground Car Park.

**(ii) Community Speed Watch Verbal Report**

Cllr. Bicknell provided the latest statistics from the Community Speedwatch, 42 offences with a highest recorded speed of 52 mph. There were 21 offences in Crewe Road in less than 2 hours. The statistics for 2018 were also provided, a total of 660 offences, with a highest recorded speed of 60 mph.

**119 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

The Environmental Report from Cllrs. Bicknell and Lucas was received by the Council.

**120 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That the Press Public be excluded during consideration of Item 12 on the Agenda. Pursuant of Section 100a(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**121 TENDERS – GRASS / HEDGE CUTTING**

Three quotations have been requested for grass and hedge cutting, from Ansa Environmental Services Ltd. John Harding and Countrywide Grounds Maintenance. Members received copies of the two quotations received.

**RESOLVED: That**

1. The quotation from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance in the sum of £3820.00+VAT, be accepted to mow Joey the Swan, gang mow the football pitches, box mow the Sensory Garden area and mow college fields, fortnightly from end mid March to mid October 2019. To cut the hedge at Joey the Swan and strim back shrubbery on the roadside edge of Valley Wood, in July and September 2019, being the lowest quotation received compared to Ansa Environmental Services Ltd., in the sum of £3,965.39+VAT. One cut to be carried out in the week prior to the Duck Race in September 2019. (Funded from Line 26 – Recreational Grounds with a virement of £195.00 from Line 13 – Contingency General)
2. Strimming work where mowing is not possible due to the topography of the land e.g. alongside the brook edge, the embankment at the side of the children's playground and the rear of the hedge to the roadside, be carried out by the Park Ranger for additional hours pay. These areas be strimmed 3 times per year–April, June and the week prior to the Duck Race in September 2019.

**The meeting closed at 8.48 p.m.**

