

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)
 Cllrs. R. Squirrell, D. Millington, G. Roberts, J Scott, D. Lucas, M. Simon, S. Perry,
 T Kilkenny, R Moore, D Houston, L Connell

In Attendance: Kerri Wilcox (Clerk), Member of the public

102 APOLOGIES None

103 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2023, be approved, and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

104 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

105 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

The Clerk read the latest Police Beat report to the Council and it was agreed the Clerk would find out when the new PCSO will resume Police Surgery meetings. Cllr Simon reported that she is attending a meeting with Highways so Council requested that she enquire about the Church Lane SID post, if it can be switched on and how the Council can access the data on it for research purposes with a view to purchasing a new SID unit in the future. Cllr Millington requested that the roads entering the Bloor Homes estate are to be queried and Cllr Simon also reported that the faded line painting on roads was going to be discussed. Cllr Connell queried the best people to contact with regards to a broken bridge on a public footpath at the back of Broughton line and was directed to contact the Public Rights of Way team.

106 Planning Matters

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

(i) New Planning Applications

Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee.

23/0107N -Proposed side and rear wraparound single storey extension, new solar panels to rear elevation roof, replacement windows throughout, new front boundary treatment and new secondary vehicle access – 516 Crewe Road (Included in the January meeting comments had not been received at the point of delivering the papers) – **No Comments**

23/0230N – Retrospective application for the erection of a single garage – 22A Westfield Drive – **A condition should be added that it should not be used to store building materials and plant equipment.**

22/0249N – Change of use of a 5-bedroom HMO into a C2 Registered Children’s Home
2 Beech Drive – **A condition should be added of full 24/7 supervision at all times.**

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

22/4551N – Single storey extension to provide additional living space, bedroom and wet room – 6 Windsor Road – **Approved with conditions.**

22/4654N – Single storey rear extension – 10 Berkeley Crescent – **Approved with conditions.**

22/1043N – New build dwelling to the side of No 2 to replace existing double garage Building – 2 Beech Drive – **Withdrawn**

22/4928N - Loft Conversion with rear dormer Ground floor extension at rear – 2 Broughton Lane – **Approved with conditions.**

22/5054N - Certificate of proposed lawful use for single storey rear extension within permitted development rights parameters. – 10 Waldron Gardens – **Positive Certificate**

22/31371N - Garage to be converted to accommodation comprising of open plan kitchen/living room, bathroom, bedroom – Rookery Lodge, Middlewich Road – **approved with conditions.**

107 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman’s report was received and accepted by the Council.

1. Civic Service

Council **AGREED** to postpone the Civic Service to 2024.

2. 2023 Council Elections

The Chairman informed the Council about upcoming meetings with information on the election process.

3. King's Coronation

It was agreed the Clerk would get in touch with Wistaston Community Council to see if they have any events planned for the Coronation.

108 CLERK’S REPORT

i Wistaston Conservation Group Benches

Council’s **APPROVED** a request from Wistaston Conservation to purchase and fix two benches within Joey the Swan area with the large donation the Conservation group have received.

ii Donation to a member of the public

Council **CONSULTED** with Chalc and unfortunately the Parish Council is unable to donate to an individual unless it is something that benefits the whole Parish so it was recommended that Clerk writes to the member of public informing them and suggest they enquire with Wistaston Community Council.

iii Removal of a Fridge from Beech Drive Car Park

There was a fridge fly tipped at Beech Drive Car Park, a quotation was obtained from ANSA to remove the fridge at £105.12 & Vat (funded from line 29 Environmental General) and approved by Cllr Moore, Squirrell and Houston.

Council's **ENDORSED** the fridge removal.

Council approved the following two items which were not included on the agenda.

RHS Britain In Bloom Competition

The Clerk informed the Council that Wistaston In Bloom has been chosen as a finalist in the Britain In Bloom Competition 2023 in the Town category and Council congratulated all involved.

Stepping Stone Toddler Group Tree planting request

The Clerk received a request from Stepping Stones Toddler Group about planting a tree at Joey the swan. Council **AGREED** to the request and the Clerk will direct them to the Wistaston Conservation Group to arrange the tree purchase and planting.

The Clerk's Report was accepted by the Council.

109 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Receipts and Payments Statement and the Schedule of Accounts for payment January 2023 (totalling £2944.73) have been approved.

110 REPORTS FOR OTHER BODIES

Cllr Kilkenny reported that the drainage project work has been pushed back but it should commence in the next week. They are going to discuss the car parking signs at the next meeting.

111 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Reports from the Cllr Roberts was received by the Council and accepted. The Clerk will get in touch with Guinness with regards to the fly tipping at Beech Drive.

112 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.

113 TENDERS

Council **APPROVED** the tenders for the tree maintenance and the grass cutting.

The meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.