

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.**  
**AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present:** Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)  
 Cllrs. D. Lucas, G. Roberts, R. Squirrell, D Houston, M Simon

**In Attendance** Kerri Wilcox (Clerk)

**98 APOLOGIES** Cllrs Millington & Robinson and CE Cllr Coiley

**99 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

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

Cllr Roberts sent information to everyone prior to the meeting about Cheshire East's intended Risk Management strategy for Trees & Verges. The intention is that if an existing tree is damaged or has died and is less than 3 metres away from the kerb then Cheshire East will not replace them. A few Councils have expressed their dislike for this strategy, and it has been suggested that other Council's do the same. Council agreed that the Clerk would write to Cheshire East expressing the Council's concern about this intended strategy.

Cllr Simon reported about a recent fatality in the area and residents would like action with regards to the road this took place on. Broughton Lane sign has gone missed which Cllr Simon is looking into. The Ward Boundaries consultation that is mentioned in the Clerk's report means a change to the Ward Councillors area's and it has been suggested that the Laidon Avenue / Berkeley Crescent and Crewe road area's all be added to the Rope & Gresty Ward.

**101 Planning Matters**

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

**(i) New Planning Applications**

**Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee.**

**24/0194N** – Construction of first floor extension – 26 Carroll Drive – **No Comments**

**24/0245N** – Part single storey, part two storey rear extension – 10 Berkeley Crescent  
 - **The rear extension should comply with the 45 degree rule from the centre of the downstairs living room at the rear of neighbouring house No.12, Cheshire East's planning officer needs to check.**

**24/0199N** – Dormer to rear roof to create first floor bathroom: size internally is 3.24 sq meters constructed of timber frame consisting of 100 x 50mm timber to all sides and roof 100 x 100 corner posts full insulation cavity and 12.5mm plastic board and scrim internally. Externally 100mm deep plastic cladding fascia's and guttering. – 42 Kings Drive – **No Comments**

**24/0226N** – Retain the use of existing outbuilding as Beauty Salon – 28 Broughton Lane  
**No Comments**

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

**23/4515N** - Certificate of lawful proposed use for extension to right hand side & front porch. 2 Sandringham Drive – **Positive Certificate**

**23/4683N** - Certificate of proposed lawful use for occupation of the property by four young people (ages 7-17) living together as a single household and receiving care (Use Class C3 b) 552 Crewe Road – **Positive Certificate**

**102 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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

**i Seat Request**

The Chairman reported about a request from a member of the public about a Bench request, Council discussed a few areas and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would inform the member of the public about cost of a Bench and if they wished to proceed then Council would suggest an appropriate place.

**ii Crewe Road (A534) road markings**

The Chairman reported that the road markings on Crewe Road are not being repainted although they are doing Nantwich Road, this is no extending to Wistaston. Council **AGREED** that the Clerk will send a stern letter to CE Chief Executive and Highways Senior Managers requesting that the lines are repainted due to safety.

**iii Speeding**

The Chairman is seeing lots of reports about speeding in various areas throughout the parish, it was **AGREED** that the Clerk will ask Cheshire Police to carry out some speed checks.

**103 CLERK'S REPORT**

**i Conservation Group Bird Report 2023**

The Clerk informed the Council that the bird report is available if anyone would like a copy then please email the Clerk.

**ii Bench Request**

This was discussed in the Chairman's report.

**iii Northwest In Bloom Entry**

Council **DECIDED** that they would enter the Northwest In Bloom this year.

**iv Beech Drive Flower Bed**

The Clerk reported to the Council that Crewe Road Nurseries would supply the flowers for the bed and then Motherwell would maintain which then reduces the quotation from £8525 to £8175.

Council **APPROVED** the request from Motherwell to look after the bed and to place a plaque on the bed (design to be presented and approved by Council before purchasing)

**v Ward Boundaries**

The Clerk instructed the Council of the website to visit to see the proposed ward boundary changes (as per Cllr Simon's report in public participation).

Council **APPROVED** an additional item which was not on the agenda.

**vi Memorial Tree requests**

Council **APPROVED** two requests for memorial trees at Joey the Swan.

**The Clerk's report was accepted.**

**104 FINANCE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Schedule of Accounts for payment January 2024 totalling £969.92 and the receipts and payments statement have been approved.

**105 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Cllr Squirrell reported that the WSLA loan repayments are on track, and they are waiting for the Builders to repair some damage that took place by one of their vehicles. He requested that the Clerk contact Cheshire Police and ask if they could patrol around the Brittles from Easter time in the hope of deterring anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Houston reported that it is the Memorial Hall's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and they are putting together a book and hopefully holding other events to celebrate. They have a new trustee from Rope PC, the rebuild costs are all coming together, and they hope to have the demolition costs very soon.

Cllr Moore reported that there has not yet been another meeting of Wistaston Community Council so he will give a report at our next meeting.

**106 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

The Environmental Report from Park Ranger was received and accepted by the Council.

**107 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.

**108 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT**

Council **APPROVED** the recommended Grass cutting contract.

**The meeting closed at 8.26 p.m.**