

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD VIA ZOOM PLATFORM ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**Present:** Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)  
Cllrs. D. Houston, D. Lucas, D. Millington, R. Moore, G. Roberts, J. Scott & R. Squirrel.

**In Attendance:** Mrs. A. Cross (Clerk) Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon & 3 residents.

**166 APOLOGIES** Cllr. J. Revell.

**167 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**168 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made in respect of any items on the Agenda.

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

Cllr. Lucas stated he had received a complaint from a resident regarding dog mess around the Witter's field path, requesting more bins and signs. The Chairman replied the resident be advised to take up the complaint with Bloor Homes.

A resident provided a brief introduction into Hybrid Mail solutions. The Chairman replied this item is included on the Clerk's report and will be discussed later.

Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon reported on the following items which she is trying to resolve:-

- a) Residents have raised concern regarding 3 Pathways - Connect2 foot / cycle way, Alleyway from Broughton Lane to Woodside Lane and Wistaston Brook path.
- b) Planning applications at 100 Church Lane and Red Hall Farm.
- c) Increase in dog mess.
- d) A534 Crewe Road increased number of Heavy Goods Vehicles travelling at excessive speeds.

A resident of Broughton Lane raised his concern regarding the increased volume of traffic travelling at excessive speed in Broughton Lane. The Chairman replied that Wistaston Parish Council have ordered a Speed Indicator Device which should be installed in Broughton Lane by the end of January 2021. Cllr. Scott stated he a member of the Community Speed Watch Group who are not active at present due to lockdown restrictions. He agreed to request the speed watch coordinator give Broughton Lane top priority when the group are active again.

**170 PLANNING MATTERS**

**(i) Planning Subcommittee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

The following items were **RESOLVED:**

20/4538N **AMENDED PLANS** Variation from legal obligation on 12 properties in relation to the mortgagee exclusion clause on S106 agreement on approved application 14/1326N – Outline planning permission for up to 150 residential dwellings 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9 Corbetts Close and 3, 5, 7, 9, 14, 16 & 61 Taylor Road. **NO FURTHER COMMENTS BE MADE**

20/5049N Single storey porch ext. to front of dwelling – 143 Field Lane.  
 20/5125N Single & double storey rear and side ext. & new flat roof porch – 5 Sandringham Drive.  
 20/5172N First floor rear extension – 29 Sandringham Drive.  
 20/5591N 1<sup>st</sup> floor ext. to side, including elevational changes to front – 9 Strathaven Ave.  
**NO OBJECTIONS** be made on the above 4 planning applications.

**(ii) The following application is for this Council's VIEWS at the January meeting**

The following item was **RESOLVED**:

20/5838N Rear single storey lounge / dining ext., new front single storey ext., new rear detached garage and associated alterations, alteration and widening of existing vehicle crossing to public footpath – 13 Princess Grove.

**REPRESENTATIONS** be made that the proposed development should not go against the recommendations of the "45 Degree Code" with regard to safeguarding the daylight reaching the windows of the neighbours at Nos. 11 and 15 Princess Grove.

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

20/4168N Proposed detached garage – 340 Crewe Road	<b>PERMIT</b>
20/4389N Rear single storey extension – 2 Hardy Close.	<b>PERMIT</b>
20/4567N Construct front elevation boundary wall and gates – 449 Crewe Road.	<b>PERMIT</b>
20/4862N Two storey ext. to side of house, comprising garage, studio and utility. at ground floor and master bedroom, ensuite and robes at first floor level -111 Church Ln	<b>PERMIT</b>

**(iv) Appeal 20/2451N retention of boundary fence to Kings Dr. & Braemar Cl. elevations**

Members were notified of an appeal in respect of the above application. This will be determined based on written representations made in relation to the application before it was determined. It was agreed that Wistaston Parish Council will not withdraw their previous representations made.

**171 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman's Report was received by Council.

**(i) Connect2 Cycle/Foot Way**

Following our last meeting, suggestions of a joint letter to Cheshire East Council and a site visit were submitted to Minshull Vernon and District Parish Council. A site visit is being arranged, which Cllr. Roberts has agreed to attend. The meeting was closed to allow Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon to report that she attended a site visit with Borough Cllr. Mrs. Weatherill and a Councillor from Minshull Vernon and District Parish Council. They were working on a list of items and suggested working together on this issue. The meeting reconvened. Cllr. Scott stated he had raised issues regarding the path opposite the Jubilee bridge in Wistaston Green Road which resulted in overhanging trees being cut back. Cllr. Squirrell confirmed this path is in a poor state and he wondered whether Wistaston Conservation Group could assist. Cllr. Roberts stated the path is the responsibility of Cheshire East Council to maintain.

**(ii) Clerk Recruitment**

The Clerk recruitment process is still ongoing, a decision will be provided at the February meeting.

**(iii) Parish Council Projects**

The installation of the posts in Broughton Lane for the Speed Indicator Device (SID) and the Playground Light should be completed by the end of January 2021. Arrangements are in hand to upgrade the SID unit and purchase a solar panel.

The Chairman's Report was accepted.

**172 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Council considered the Clerks Report.

**(i) Excessive Speed of Traffic in Broughton Lane**

Members received a copy email from residents of Broughton Lane regarding excessive speeds and volume of traffic along Broughton Lane. The Chairman stated once the Speed Indicator Device has been installed the resident would be kept informed of progress and the Community Speed Watch Group would give Broughton Lane priority once they are active again.

**(ii) Hybrid Mail**

Members were notified of an email received from a resident regarding Hybrid Mail which enables mail to be printed, enclosed and mailed direct from your PC. A comparison of costs between the Clerk collating and Hybrid Mail were provided. The cost was more expensive per pack and three extra days are required for mailing purposes. Cllr. Houston pointed out that the Clerk's time had not been included in the calculations. The Clerk replied she had not included additional hours as it was considered both systems would take the same amount of time.

**RESOLVED:** That a full review of the benefits of Hybrid Mail be undertaken by Cllr. Houston and the Clerk.

**(iii) Councillor Resignation**

Members were notified that Mrs. Vicky Smith has resigned from Wistaston Parish Council with effect from 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Confirmation of acceptance has been forwarded with thanks for her contribution to the Council.

**(iv) Appointment of Representatives****RESOLVED:**

- a) Cllr. Houston be Council's representative on the **Planning Subcommittee**, along with Cllrs. Lucas, Millington and Roberts.
- b) The appointment of two further representatives on **Wistaston in Bloom** be deferred.
- c) The appointment of a further representative on the **Wistaston Community Council** be deferred.

**(v) Monthly Environmental Inspection Report**

The normal practice for two Councillors to carry out the monthly environmental inspection, is no longer viable due to current lockdown restrictions.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllrs. Lucas, Roberts, Scott, Squirrell and the Park Ranger carry out the environmental inspection alone, whilst lockdown restrictions are in place due to Covid-19.

**(vi) Damaged Play Equipment – Children’s Playground Joey the Swan**

Members were notified that equipment at the children’s playground is damaged, as detailed below:-  
 Motorcycle springer – loose and sleeve splitting  
 Elephant springer – sleeve splitting  
 Picnic table – loose (bolts missing)

Two quotations for repairs were requested from from Wicksteed Leisure and Cheshire East Council. Only one quotation has been received from Wicksteed Leisure in the sum of £1221.30 +VAT.

**RESOLVED:** That the quotation from Wicksteed Leisure in the sum of £1221.30+VAT be accepted to carry out repairs at the Children’s Playground, Joey the Swan. (Funded from Line 27 Children’s Playground with a virement from Line 13 Contingency General).

**(vii) Litter Collection**

Members were notified of the amount of litter collected in 2020 by the litter picking group of volunteers.

**(viii) Thank You Letter**

A thank you letter has been received from the Royal British Legion for the Council’s donation towards the poppy appeal.

**(ix) List of Bird Sightings 2020 from Wistaston Conservation Group**

A copy of bird sightings from Wistaston Conservation Group in 2020 is available from the Clerk.

The Clerks Report was accepted by Council.

**173 FINANCE****(i) Schedule of Accounts and Receipts and Payments Statement**

**RESOLVED:** That the Accounts be accepted and the Schedule of Accounts for payment January 2021 (as per attached totalling £3,582.64) be approved.

**(ii) 2021/22 Budget and Precept Recommendation of the Finance Committee**

**RESOLVED:** That the following be approved:

- (a) The detailed service budgets as set out on Appendix A
- (b) The Capital Projects Programme 2020 - 24 as set out on Appendix B
- (c) That the sum of £11,729 be applied from Balances to reduce the Precept requirement for 2021/22
- (d) That the Precept for 2021/22 be set at £61,811.

**174 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

The Environmental Report from Cllr. Squirrell was received by Council.

**The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.**

