

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 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

**In Attendance:** Kerri Wilcox (Clerk), PC Clark & PCSO, Member of the public

**91 APOLOGIES** Cllr D Houston

**92 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022, be approved, and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**93 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared

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

PC Clark attended the meeting and presented a report to the Council, he also reported that the new allocated PCSO for Wistaston / Willaston is PCSO Dan Whalley who should be recommending the police surgeries when he has settled in.

Cllr Simon reported that she had got Cheshire East to clear out the gullies on Dane Bank Avenue after the recent flooding, Cllr Simon encouraged the Councillors and the Council to take part in the Cheshire East Budget Consultation which is currently running.

A member of the public introduced herself as a co-opted Councillor (as per item 98 on the minutes).

**95 Planning Matters**

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

**(i) New Planning Applications**

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

**22/4928N** – Loft conversion with rear dormer Ground floor extension – 2 Broughton Lane –  
**No Comments**

**22/5054N** – Certificate of proposed lawful use for single storey rear extension within  
 Permitted development rights parameters – 10 Waldron Gardens – **No Comments**

**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

## 96 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

### 1. SID

The Chairman reported that the unit is now up and running and Cllr Squirrell has downloaded the first lot of data from it which was presented to the Council, proposals to extend the next stage of a second unit are under review and will be brought to a future Council meeting for discussion and approval.

### 2. Litter

The yearly figures for the period Jan to Dec 2022 are shown in the table.

Green bags ( sacks )	376
Dog bags	191
N. Oxide cannisters	20
Snap bags	38
Facemasks	261 ( none have been collected since the end of April )

The problems are still a concern with only small changes since 2021

## 97 CLERK'S REPORT

### i WSLA Cricket Club Lease

Council **APPROVED** the new Cricket Club lease.

### ii Environment Agency Response from Cllr Roberts November 2022 Report

The Clerk informed the Council of the response received from Cllr Robert's letter to the Environment Agency. Cllr Millington commented that there will always be problems with Sewage mixing with the stream when there is heavy rain. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to United Utilities with regards to the recent Sewage and request a clean-up.

### iii Civic Service 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Council **DECIDED** to defer the Civic Service due to the poor response this time. The Clerk and Chairman will converse with the Church and School Choir to decide on a future date.

### iv Wistaston Memorial Hall New Build Survey

Wistaston Memorial Hall New Build project is putting together a survey to be issued to the Wistaston Community in March.

Wistaston Parish Council were asked if they wish to take the opportunity of adding their own couple of questions to the survey. The project will cover all survey costs. The deadline for receipt of questions is the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Council **DECIDED** there is no questions they wish to add to the survey.

#### **iv April Meeting Date**

The Clerk reported that the April meeting date has changed to the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 as agreed at the December meeting.

#### **v PC Clark retirement**

The Clerk informed the Council that PC Clark will be officially retiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, as yet we have not been informed of a replacement.

#### **vi Birds recorded list 2022**

Cllrs Moore, Millington and Simon requested a copy of the 2022 birds recorded list as compiled by the Conservation Group.

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

#### **Resistograph Survey**

Cllr Roberts obtained a quotation from Apex Arb Training Ltd of £350.00 & Vat (funded from line 29 Environmental General) for a resistograph survey on an Oak tree at Joey the Swan as recommended by Treewise in the recent inspection.

Council **APPROVED** the quotation.

#### **Willaston Parish Council Vice Chairman**

The Clerk received notification that the Vice Chairman of Willaston Parish Council had very sadly passed away and Councillors / Chairman were invited to the Civic funeral that was taking place on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 3.30pm.

Cllrs Moore, Roberts, Millington and Simon will be attending the funeral.

The Clerk's Report was accepted by the Council.

### **98 CO-OPTION REQUESTS**

The Council received two co-options requests one from Laura Connell who attended the meeting and introduced herself in item 94 and Ryan Broomhall who unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting at the last minute due to work commitments.

Council **APPROVED** the co-option for Laura Connell and deferred Ryan's request until he is able to attend the meeting and meet the Council.

### **99 FINANCE**

- i. RESOLVED:** That the Receipts and Payments Statement and the Schedule of Accounts for payment December 2022 (totalling £8584.73) have been approved.

**ii. 2023/24 Budget and Precept Recommendation of the Finance Committee**

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

- (a) The recommendations set out in the Finance Report.
- (b) The detailed service budgets as set out on revised Appendix A and WSLA Loan.
- (c) The Capital Projects Programme 2022 - 26 as set out on Appendix B
- (d) That the sum of £23,271 be applied from balances to reduce the Precept requirement for 2023/24
- (e) That the Precept for 2023/24 be set at £65,502.

**100 REPORTS FOR OTHER BODIES**

Cllr Kilkenny reported that the Contractor is starting work on the drainage on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February 2023 (Weather and Labourer dependant).

Cllr Millington reported to Cllr Kilkeny that the WSLA Car park is being used again by walkers / school pick ups so Cllr Kilkenny mentioned that the signs keep getting vandalised, but they will relook at signage

**101 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

The Environmental Reports from the Park Ranger was received by the Council and accepted. The Clerk has been in touch with ANSA regarding a fly tipped fridge and was awaiting a response.

**102 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.

**103 CLERK SALARY**

Council **APPROVED** the Clerk Salary increase.

**The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.**