

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH JULY 2023 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

In Attendance: Kerri Wilcox (Clerk), 3 Members of the Public

32 APOLOGIES Cllr Alan Coiley, M Simon and PCSO Walley

33 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2023, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record with the addition of Cllr Lucas being present.

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

35 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Bill Heath of WIB reported that the judging of Northwest in Bloom has taken place with 2 Northwest judges and 2 advisors, one being from Congleton Town Council who gave WIB some pointers about how to prepare for the Britain In Bloom competition. The judges liked the community approach with the Conservation and Litter Picking group all taking part. It was agreed that the Clerk would get in touch with Cheshire East to ask if the verges and roads could be cleared of debris and weeds before the Britain in Bloom judging on the 1st August 2023. Bill also reported about graffiti around the village which the Park Ranger is going to clean off. The Clerk read a report from Cllr Coiley and PCSO Walley.

36 Planning Matters

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

(i) **New Planning Applications - Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee.**

23/1763N – Replace the flat roof over the existing garage conversion and kitchen with a tiled roof in keeping with existing tiled roof, A gulley will be installed where they overlap. Extend the garage conversion to the front by 1.5m (total area increase would be 3.5m²). The new pitched roof will incorporate this. Extension to the rear of the property by 3.0m (total area increase would be 10.5m²) off the back of the existing kitchen to create a garden room. The new pitched roof will incorporate this – 10 Princess Grove – **No Comments**

23/2462N – Proposed single storey rear extension, loft conversion and new garage to side elevation – 49 Broughton Lane – **No Comments.**

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

23/1842N – Proposed single storey side and rear extension – 17 Sandringham Drive – **Approved with conditions.**

23/0230N -Retrospective application for the erection of a single garage and driveway – 22a Westfield Drive – **Approved with conditions.**

Cllr Roberts reported that a meeting is being arranged with CE in September with regards to the land at Joey the Swan.

37 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman’s report was received by the Council.

Wistaston in Bloom - The Chairman gave a report to Council on how the Northwest in Bloom judging went and what needs to be rectified before the Britian in Bloom judging.

Open Land Area’s – The Chairman and Cllr Roberts met with the current land owner of the West end section of Joey the Swan to enquire about future plans. They are supportive of the Conservation Group carrying out minor maintenance and further discussions will take place after consultation with the other land owners.

The Chairman’s report was accepted.

38 CLERK’S REPORT

i Memorial Tree Requests

Council **APPROVED** 3 new requests for Memorial Trees, the Community Council have expressed concerns with regards to the area by the stream which needs strimming for the Duck Race. The Clerk will check with the Conservation Group.

ii Delegation of Authority in recess

Council **APPROVED** that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman are authorised to act on behalf of the Council during recess.

iii Undesignated Footpath Joey the Swan

Councils **COMMENTED** that is best to leave the section undesignated for the time being due to the cost implications.

iv Library consultation

The Clerk presented the Council with an email with regards to contributing to keeping Crewe Library open the extra day that Cheshire is cutting back on. Council **DECIDED** it is a lot of money which would not be of benefit to everyone within the parish.

v Damaged Gate Post Wistaston Green rd Car Park path entrance to Joey

Council **APPROVED** the costs for the urgent repair of the gate post from the car park to the Joey entrance of up to £100.00.

vi Tree damage

The Clerk informed the Council of a damaged Bird Cherry Tree branch which the Conservation Group has remedied.

vii Cheshire East Bus Survey

The Clerk informed the Council about a Cheshire East Bus Survey.

viii PCC Review Jan – Jun 23

The Clerk informed the Council of the PCC review for the first part of the year.

ix Bench plaque

The Clerk informed the Council that the plaque has been fixed to the Bench on King Shilling way.

The Clerk's report was accepted.

39 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts for payment June 2023 totalling £9908.27 and receipts and payments statement have been approved.

40 REPORTS FOR OTHER BODIES

Report from Cllrs Roberts and Millington with regards to Land encroachment.

A report was presented to Council with regards to some land encroachment on College Fields, Council **AGREED** that the first step is to write to the resident asking them to return it to its original condition.

Cllr Squirrel reported that the WSLA Cricket Club lease is still with Lynne Thornton and a signed copy will be presented to the Council when it has all been legally completed. The loan repayments are going to plan, they has been footballs stolen from one of the sheds. WSLA received a letter telling them they needed to pay Business rates but they have appealed and CE has agreed they do not need to and will issue a refund of any rates already paid.

The Britain in Bloom Awards take place in London in October and the Council has been allocated 5 places, Council **AGREED** that the Clerk may attend and will be reimbursed travel costs if no others wish to.

41 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report from the Cllr Roberts was received by the Council and the Clerk has reported the fly tipping at the back of Beech Drive to Guinness Housing.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.