

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 18th JULY 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present:** Cllr. B. Squirrell (Vice-Chairman)

D Millington, J Robinson, G. Roberts, D Lucas, M.Simon

**In Attendance** Kerri Wilcox (Clerk)

**31. APOLOGIES** Cllr J. Moore, Cllr D.Houston  
Borough Cllr A. Coiley

**32. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

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

Cllr Simon reported that she has been looking into an empty property on Sandylands Park with Cheshire East, there have been missed bin collections recently due to road obstructions. The peered review report is available to view on the Cheshire East website. Pot holes are continuing to be reported and marked for repair. Danebank has now been resurfaced and is awaiting painting. Some residents on Larch Road are asked for an area to be allocated as parking bays which Cllr Simon is discussing with Cheshire East.

**35. PLANNING MATTERS**

All the recommendations of the Planning Sub Committee were accepted.

**36. CLERK'S REPORT**

Council **APPROVED** 2 memorial tree requests and asked if the damaged ones have been replaced. Cllr Simon suggested maybe a sign should be put up stating that they are memorial trees. The Clerk will mention it to the Conservation Group.

Urgent Tree Works – Cllrs **ENDORSED** the payment of the urgent tree works which were discovered at our recent tree survey.

Delegation of Authority – Council **APPROVED** the delegation of authority during recess.

Clerk Vacancy – Cllr’s Millington and Squirrell will be part of the interview committee along with the Chairman and Council **APPROVED** the 18<sup>th</sup> November as the commencement of the position for the new clerk allowing an overlap with the old clerk.

Grass Verges – Council **APPROVED** that the Clerk to get in touch with Cheshire East to ask if the verges could be cut and tidied before the Northwest In Bloom judging.

The Clerk informed the Council about a Highways Customer satisfaction survey.

The Clerk included the PCC reply in the papers with regards to the question about a PCSO for Wistaston.

Additional items **APPROVED** by Council.

Council **APPROVED** the payment of the Crewe Road Nurseries invoice of £7870 & Vat (funded from line 15 Wistaston in Bloom)

Council **DECIDED** that Joey the Swan land is not suitable for a circus as it on a slope and can be quite boggy. They suggested that Pinders Circus approach Crewe or Nantwich Town Council as they both have much more suitable areas.

Cllr Roberts explained to Council about College fields area needs clearing to stop plants growing through a resident’s fence and to allow access. Council **APPROVED** the quotation from Mercia Tree Care of £550.00 & Vat (funded from line 33 Environmental general)

The Clerk’s report was accepted.

### **37. FINANCE**

**RESOLVED** That the Schedule of Accounts for June 2024 totaling £3274.47 and the Receipts and Payments Statement for June 2024 have been approved.

### **38. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

WSLA. Cllr Squirrell reported that the loan has now been repaid in full to the Parish Council and that the Chairman thinks the drainage easement and Cricket Club lease are nearing completion.

### **39. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

The report from Cllr Roberts was received and the Clerk commented that she is still battling with the contractors with regards to the College Fields mowing.

**The meeting closed at 7.59pm.**