

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH JUNE AT 7.30 P.M.

AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. D. Houston, D Millington, G Roberts, R. Squirrell, D Lucas

In Attendance Borough Councillor A. Coiley

22. APOLOGIES Cllr M. Simon, Kerri Wilcox (Clerk)

23. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2023, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

25. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Cllr Alan Coiley reported that he had attended a meeting of the Economy and Growth Committee as a substitute member. He had engaged with members of Minshull Vernon Parish Council about the path going towards the Rising Sun. There is an issue with the speed of bicycles using the path. He has asked for additional warning signs to be put up as the existing signage is inadequate. This is on the border of Wistaston Parish. There has been some erosion caused by Valley Brook which has damaged the path and he has asked for it to be inspected again. He has become a member of the Transport and Highways Committee. He recommended the Fix My Street service for reporting issues. There was some discussion about the poor service provided by Highways.

Cllr Margaret Simon sent in a report by email. She has made enquiries regarding an obsolete bus stop on Church Lane. There are no buses but the road markings and parking restrictions remain in place. She has asked for Police assistance to monitor speeding on Middlewich Road in the 30mph area. She has asked for a Highways inspection outside a property on Crewe Road where a flood regularly appears between the driveway and road after heavy rain.

26. PLANNING MATTERS

All the recommendations of the Planning Sub Committee were accepted.

27. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Willaston Civic Service. The Chairman attended, it was a small gathering. He enjoyed the style of the service with a choir from the Rainbows who went down very well. He met the Mayors of Cheshire East and Nantwich at the service.

WSLA. The Clerk has been chasing the Council's solicitor to try and speed up the required legal documents. Unfortunately the Landowner has referred the matter to his solicitors and will no longer engage directly with the Parish Council but he hope the matter can be resolved amicably. The Chairman of WSLA is trying to get more information from the contractor.

Roundabout. The Chairman has had no response. Getting volunteers is difficult. It was suggested that perhaps in future years there could be a stand at the village fete to try and recruit volunteers.

The Chairman's report was accepted.

28. CLERK'S REPORT

Memorial Tree Requests. Approved

Graffiti Bus Shelter. Approved

Mercia Invoice Approved with virement.

Hedge cutting. Not our responsibility but the Ranger will go ahead to save time.

College Fields Land. Continuing investigations, will be returned to next Council meeting to agree action.

The Clerk's report was accepted.

29. FINANCE

RESOLVED That the Schedule of Accounts for April and May 2023 and the Receipts and Payments Statement for April & May 2023 have been approved.

30. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

WSLA. Cllr Squirrell reported that the WSLA Chairman is chasing the contractor who carried out the drainage work for information about what was agreed with the neighbor regarding taking the pipe across his land. He does not think that the contractor can add anything that will help resolve the driveway issue. He agrees that the Council's solicitor needs to get the variation to the legal agreement sorted out as quickly as possible.

Separately, he has been in contact with the same solicitor about the cricket club lease which is making very slow progress.

The report was accepted.

31. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The grass has now been cut.

The report was accepted.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.