

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL, CHURCH LANE, WISTASTON.

Present: Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. A Bicknell, Mrs. G Brown, Mrs. B Cooke, T Kilkenny, D Lucas, D Millington & G Roberts

In Attendance: Mrs. A. Cross (Clerk) & 1 Resident

122 APOLOGIES

None received.

123 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 21st February 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Min. no. 115 (ii) – The Council **ENDORSED** the purchase of the Ray Westwood Memorial Trophy at a cost of £91.67 +VAT. (Funded from Line 17 Misc. Admin / Room Hire)

124 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

125 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

A resident indicated he was interested in becoming a Parish Councillor for Wistaston Green Ward at the May elections.

126 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) The following planning DECISIONS have been notified from Cheshire East Council

18/6291N Ext. to garage to provide 1st floor games room – 348 Crewe Road. **PERMIT**

19/0004N Ext. to front of car port, for easy & under cover access for disabled person. Adaptations & refurbish inside property for space for a wheel chair – 19 Springfield Drive. **PERMIT**

19/0182N Outline application with all matters reserved for devleopemnt of the garden land adj. to create dwelling – 2 Merrivale Road. **REFUSED**

19/0381N Prior approval rear single storey ext., extending 6m beyond rear wall, max. height of 3m, eaves height of 2.5m – 5 Westfield Dr.

DETERMINATION APPL NOT REQD AT THIS STAGE

127 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Council considered the Chairman's Report

(i) New Homes Bonus Scheme

The 4 Wistaston projects detailed below were not successful for the New Homes Bonus Scheme:-

- Joey the Swan Fitness and Well-being Project £36,000
- Drainage Scheme at WSLA £24,000
- Speed Indicator Device Units £12,000
- St. Mary's Church Cenotaph upgrade £12,000

The Chairman has requested feedback to establish why the projects failed.

(ii) Park Ranger**RESOLVED: That**

- a) The Park Ranger job vacancy be re-advertised.
- b) The advert be place on the Council's noticeboards, website and Wistaston Facebook
- c) The Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk interview applicants.

(iii) Speed Indicator Device Unit

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) unit has proved difficult for use by the Speed Watch Group, particularly storage, transport and weight. The unit is able to be post mounted and equipped for a solar panel. An installation cost to have the unit post mounted from Cheshire East Council has been requested. A further report will be provided to a future meeting.

(iv) Cheshire East Council Area Highways Group Meeting – 12th March 2019

The Chairman attended the Cheshire East Council Area Highways Group meeting, In summary:-

- 33 schemes are on the blue (funded) list. These are mostly assessments (cost of £1,000)
- Wistaston has 1 scheme – Yellow lines on the junction of Rectory Close (now completed)
- 69 schemes are on the green (unfunded) list at a cost of £850,000.

The planned budget for the coming year is £45,000. Wistaston has 3 schemes on this list 1 of which is completed. At the meeting it was agreed to postpone any decisions until June (after elections).

RESOLVED: That the following items be requested to include on the list of schemes

- Speed Indicator Device post for our parish unit
- Cycle lanes repaint on Crewe Road
- Light column – Children's Playground
- Church Lane resurface carriageway (Memorial Hall area)
- Controlled crossing – Church Lane opposite Bloor development
- Restrict parking by Church Lane Academy.

The Chairman's Report was received by Council.

128 CLERKS REPORT

The Council considered the Clerks Report.

(i) Insurance Claim – Wistaston Green Road

Zurich the Council's Insurance Company has settled the insurance claim in the sum of £753.00 for the bench in Wistaston Green Road (minus the excess).

RESOLVED: That

1. A green Roslin Seat BX17 4001-BP be purchased from Broxap in the sum of £586+VAT.
2. The bench be installed in Wistaston Green Road (to replace the damaged bench) by Macowen Building Contractors in the sum of £250 (No VAT). Payment be made by bank transfer and funded from line 29 – Environmental General.

(ii) Effective Anti-Dog Mess Signs

Members received a copy email from Helen Gould regarding effective anti-dog mess signs seen in London, requesting the Council give consideration to installing similar signs in the Wistaston area.

RESOLVED: That quotations be sought for anti-dog mess signs to replace the out of date signs at Joey the Swan and a report be brought to a future meeting.

(iii) Risk Assessment – Annual Review

The Council reviewed the Annual Risk Assessment.

RESOLVED: That the Risk Assessment be approved by the Council.

(iv) New Scout Centre Formal Opening

RESOLVED: That Cllrs. Moore, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cooke, Millington, Roberts and the Clerk attend the formal opening of the new Scout Centre at noon on Saturday 27th April 2019.

(v) Mayor's Charity Fundraising Event

Members were invited to the Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Lesley Smetham's Jodrell Bank – Tour, Talk and Afternoon Tea in aid of the Mayor's Charities on Monday 1st April 2019.

(vi) Collapsed Bank at Wistaston Brook

Residents have raised concern regarding the collapsed bank at Wistaston Brook caused by the Bloor Homes developer pumping water into the Brook. The Environment Agency have been informed.

(vii) Fires in Old Filter Bed Area near Old Covert

Members were notified of two fires in the Old Filter Bed area on 21st and 24th February 2019. Cheshire East Council and the Police have been informed.

(viii) Wistaston Memorial Hall – Annual General Meeting

Wistaston Memorial Hall's Annual General Meeting is to be held in the Dudley Room, Wistaston Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 28th March 2019.

(ix) Police Beat Report from PCSO Hobbs

Members received a copy of the beat report from PCSO Hobbs for February 2019.

(x) Flag Pole

The mechanism on the flag pole at the Memorial Hall broke during heavy winds, it has been repaired by our Park Ranger Dave O'Hara.

The Clerk's Report was accepted by Council.

129 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**(i) WSLA Report**

Cllr. Kilkenny stated the WSLA AGM was held on 20th March 2019, with only a small turnout. Finances are looking healthy with income up and expenditure down on the previous year. Bookings are going well. They are considering ways to promote WSLA. They were disappointed not to receive the grant from the New Homes Bonus Scheme and will re-apply next year. They have purchased a box for the defibrillator with funds from Rope Parish Council. A gift has been received from Sheila Westwood in the sum of £500. Unauthorised parking on their carpark is becoming a problem, he will arrange an informal meeting with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Wistaston Parish Council to discuss the issue.

(ii) Community Speedwatch Report

Cllr. Bicknell provided details of the speeding offences over 35 mph – 84 offences with the highest recorded speed of 53 mph. Several sessions were cancelled due to bad weather, in total 12 ½ hours have been carried out this year. The lighter nights will enable them to carry out speed checks during the peak period between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

130 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Accounts be accepted and the Schedule of Accounts for payment March 2019 (as per attached totalling £6,162.92) be approved.

131 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report from Cllrs. Hodkinson and Millington was received by Council.

RESOLVED: That the Guinness Partnership be pursued to clear the rubbish behind a property in Beech Drive.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

