

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD VIA ZOOM PLATFORM ON THURSDAY 18th MARCH 2021 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

In Attendance: Kerri Condliffe (Clerk), Mrs. A. Cross, Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon, PC Clark, PCSO Bowman & 1 Resident.

188 APOLOGIES None received.

189 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2021, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

190 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

191 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

(i) A local resident requested permission to have a tree planted as a memorial to her late father in the Joey the Swan area at her own cost.

RESOLVED: That Cllr John Moore will speak to Dave O'Hara of Wistaston Conservation group with regards to the best tree to plant and location and we will let the resident know.

(ii) PC Tim Clark and PCSO Sophie Bowman reported that there had been no Anti Social Behaviour recently and the only areas of concern are speeding down Broughton Lane, of which they are due to do a check soon but they only get the Speed gun once a week so are not able to do it as frequently as could possibly be required. It was mentioned that once life is a bit more normal we could encourage more speedwatch members. At present we are also still awaiting the Speed Indicator Device.

(iii) Cllr Margaret Simon is going to chase progress of installation of SID post with traffic control of Cheshire East Council. It was also mentioned about the stretch of road from Jubilee Bridge on Wistaston Green Road down to the Rising Sun is unsafe to walk as there is no pathway. The Parish Council was led to believe that the new Bellway homes estate was going to incorporate a path within the boundaries of the new estate which Cllr Simon is going to double check. The Allotments have been well funded with furnishings from the Bellway Homes estate funds for the new Portacabin and they are going to check if Bloor homes will contribute. Cllr Simon has offered to join the Dog Wardens when they are patrolling the area but as yet there has been no contact with regards to when they are carrying out their patrols. The matter of signage on the Connect 2 pathway is still ongoing with Minshull Vernon Parish Council. It has also been mentioned the bad state of repair of the pathway from Wistaston Green Road along the brook is quite muddy and has trees overhanging which Cllr Simon is going to inquire about with Cheshire East Council.

192 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Planning Subcommittee Meeting held on 1st March 2021

The following items were **RESOLVED**:

21/0740N Ground & Frist Floor extension – resubmission of 20/2955N 36 Broughton Lane, Wistaston

No Objections

21/0722N Two Storey Rear Extension – 21 Freshfields, Wistaston

No Objections

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

20/5606N Raise ridge height to main house, dormer window to the rear elevation and single story rear/side extension following previous planning approval 20/0892N 21 Nevis Drive – **Approved with Conditions**

20/5049N Single story porch extension to front of dwelling 143 Field Lane – **Approved with Conditions**

193 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's Report was received by Council.

(i) Paperless Meetings

It was reported that at present the Wifi at the Memorial Hall would not be suitable to hold paperless meetings but Cllr Squirrel reported that they are having new Broadband installed soon. Cllr Houston suggested maybe we should email the meeting paperwork out each month and the individual councillors print the information as they required it. All other councillors agreed to keep things as they are for now and maybe revisit this idea in the future.

It was also mentioned that the law only allows meetings in zoom format until the 7th May 2021 so this will be discussed at the April meeting with regards to how meetings are going to take place after this date.

(ii) Council Projects

The Playground light has been welcomed by our PCSO as it assists with them patrolling the hidden areas and as mentioned in item 190 (iii) we are still awaiting installation of the SID unit.

(iii) ChALC Survey for Speeding Vehicles

A full report of a ChALC Speeding Survey that the Chairman recently completed is available from the Clerk on request.

The Chairman's Report was accepted.

194 CLERK'S REPORT

The Council considered the Clerks Report.

(i) Website Hosting Renewal

The Council **ENDORSED** the renewal of the Website hosting from Paragon Internet Group t/a Tsohost for 12 months at a cost of £36.00 & Vat. (Funded from line 14 Website Hosting / Maintenance)

(ii) Oblate Retreat Centre

Members were notified of an email received from Fr Lorcan of the Oblate Retreat Centre enquiring about ownership of an electricity meter at the front of the centre. This was installed many years ago at the council's expense for the purpose of putting lights on a Christmas tree that was located there. As the tree grew in size it became a difficult task to get the lights on without hiring the appropriate equipment. Fr Lorcan is requesting that they are able to take over the account of the meter for the purpose of their safety lighting whilst continuing to allow Wistaston Parish Council usage for Christmas lights. The Clerk has tried and failed in establishing who is responsible for the account as Scottish Power have said the number is not recognised on their system. The Council were asked to allow the meter to be used and then see where the invoice goes to if one is generated and if it does need a transfer from the Parish Council to the Oblate Retreat Centre then it can be actioned then as an account number would be obtained which would make the whole process a lot simpler.

The Council **APPROVED** the allowing their electricity meter being used by the Oblate Retreat Centre so we can establish who is responsible for the account.

(iii) White Swan Statue

The white swan statue situated at the sensory garden Joey the Swan required refurbishment. The Park Ranger obtained a quotation from Wilkinson's at Shavington to have it blasted and powder coated and they offered to complete the work free of charge. After a lot of waiting the Park Ranger has now taken the statue to a company in Stoke on Trent who are also going to complete the work free of charge. A thank you letter will be sent to the company once the work is completed, along with a thank you mention in the next Roundabout magazine and on the website.

The Council **APPROVED** the decision.

(iv) Planting of a Tree or Shrub at Joey the Swan

A Wistaston resident has requested if they would be allowed to fund and plant a tree / shrub within the Joey the Swan area as a memorial to her late Father. As per item 190 (i) Cllr Moore will converse with David O'Hara of Wistaston Conservation group regarding the best tree to plant and also a suitable location.

(v) Dog Fouling Leaflet Campaign

Members received a copy of a suggested leaflet regarding Dog Fouling to be circulated with the Roundabout Magazine. Two quotations for the printing of 4000 double sided A5 leaflets have been received from Inprint Colour Limited at a cost of £185 zero Vat for a 150gsm leaflet and the other is from Johnsons Printers and is £210 & Vat for a 130gsm. A further quotation was also obtained or printing the leaflet in a A4 double sided folded format, in the sum of £229.00 zero Vat.

RESOLVED : That

1. The Council **APPROVED** the contents of the Dog Fouling leaflet
2. The quotation from Inprint in the sum of £229 zero Vat be accepted to print 4000 A4 double sided folded format Dog Fouling leaflets to be circulated with the Summer Roundabout Magazine, (Funded from Line 2 – Printing / Stationery and Advertising)

(vi) Pirouette Roundabout – Joey the Swan Playpark

The Council **ENDORSED** the quotation from Wicksteed in the sum of £288.32 being accepted following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, to repair the pirouette roundabout at Joey the Swan children's playground. (Funded from line 27 Children's Playground with a virement from line 13 Contingency General)

(vii) Removal of a Dead Badger from near the Scout hut

A member of the public reported a dead Badger down by the Scout hut of which our Park Ranger has now dealt with.

(viii) Cheshire East Dog Warden

Members were informed about the response of an email to Cheshire East dog warden with regards to the increase of dog fouling within the parish. A prompt reply was received saying that they will do patrols around the area and also put up some signage in the hope of deterring people. On discussion with Cllr Simon, we are unsure that they have yet managed to action this so we shall get in touch with them to see if they have yet had chance to do any patrols in the area. We shall also check with Ansa that the dog bins are being emptied weekly as it seems a lot of people are mentioning that they are often full.

(ix) BP Garage Advertising Hoarding

Members were informed about a member of public raising concern about advertising boards at the BP Garage on Crewe Road. They were informed to contact Planning enforcement to check if planning permission has been applied for or if permission is already in place and if not are they breaking any planning regulations.

The Clerks Report was accepted by Council.

195 FINANCE**Schedule of Accounts and Receipts and Payments Statement**

RESOLVED: That the Accounts be accepted and the Schedule of Accounts for payment March 2021 (as per attached totalling £4852.48) be approved.

196 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**WSLA Verbal Report**

The WSLA Clerk has resigned from the post and will finish week ending 19th March 2021. The post is currently advertised on the Parish Council and the WSLA website and also on the Parish notice boards but it has been mentioned that the post is advertised as Self Employed when it should be employed. Cllr Kilkenny has been in touch with ChaLC for clarification and is awaiting a response from Jackie Weaver with regards to this. In the interim Cllr Kilkenny and Kevin Jobbins will be taking bookings and Cllr Squirrel has kindly volunteered to deal with the accounts. Cllr Kilkenny is also looking into better lighting on the approach to the Brittles as it was a request from a member of public if it could be improved especially in light of the Women feeling safe campaign. Cllr Kilkenny is also going to meet up with Cllr Lucas and Cllr Millington with regards to a barrier near the entrance to the car park.

197 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report from Cllr. Roberts was received by Council and concerns were raised regarding a large amount of litter in the College Fields area. The meeting was closed to allow Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon to state a bin in this area may be a consideration for her and Borough Cllr. Mrs. Weatherill to spend their ward budget allowance on. The meeting reconvened. It was agreed that we shall check with the litter picking group and see if this is an area of concern so we could add it to the list of locations for new Bins.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.