

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2023 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

In Attendance: Kerri Wilcox (Clerk), PCSO Walley, 2 Members of the public

114 APOLOGIES Cllrs T Kilkenny, S Perry, L Connell

115 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2023, be approved, and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Houston and & Squirrell declared an interest in item 120 viii – Clerk’s Report, Memorial Hall rebuild.

117 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

PCSO Walley reported that a gentleman had been spoken too after hanging around the school and several advisory notices have been issued to parents parking illegally near junctions around the primary schools. Cllr Simon reported that she has been informed by several members of the public about a Van that frequently parks near a junction so PCSO Walley will look into it. The Police Surgeries are currently running once a month at Motherwell on Beech Drive, information can be found on the Crewe Police Facebook page normally a few weeks before. He hopes to resume the surgeries at the Church Hall soon.

A member of the public attended the meeting to discuss the felled Oak Tree at Joey the Swan as he felt the Council should not of felled the tree, Cllr Roberts and Moore informed them that a thorough inspection of all the trees is carried out annually due to safety and there was 3 options with this particular tree. After consultation with the Park Ranger and the Conservation group it was felt that the best option would be to cut the tree down to form a Wildlife monolith as with the tree being in the middle of the open area where there are a lot of children playing ball games and members of the public walking their dogs there is a strong possibility that a fence would be vandalised and Council cannot run the risk of any damage to a member of the public. The fence option would also incur significant costs to the Council in purchasing and maintaining.

118 Planning Matters

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee.

23/0667N – Pitched first-floor extension over existing forward facing flat roof extension. Installation of 2 windows at the first-floor level into existing left hand gable end brickwork, Application of render to the existing ground floor extension and the new first floor structure above – 100 Broughton Lane – **No Comments**.

23/0815N – Proposed single storey rear extension and alteration to existing garage / utility 8 Barleywood Close – **No Comments**

23/0569N – First floor extension to front/side of dwelling and two storey extension to rear 31 St Mary's Gate – **No Comments**

23/0150N – Change the garage to a living room or reception room, remove garage door to form brick walls and windows. Besides, extend the entrance to the front and form brick wall to build a hallway or porch – 5 Buckley Avenue - **No Comments.**

119 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was received and accepted by the Council.

1. SID

The Chairman presented the latest SID post figures to the Council and suggested that we formulate 3 months figures and then make a formal request to our PCSO to perform enforcement checks at the selected times.

2. Next SID Post

In view of the time taken to get our current SID post up and running the Chairman suggested that the Council start on the next project, a few locations were discussed and Council will agree 2 or 3 sites at a future meeting which will then be put to public consultation.

120 CLERK'S REPORT

i Memorial Trees

Council **APPROVED** the request for the 2 memorial trees to be planted at Joey the Swan.

ii Virements

Council's **APPROVED** is the virement of £9000 from Memorial Hall Rebuild reserve to the WSLA Loan.

Council **APPROVED** the virement of £1290.00 from 13. Contingency General to 25. Street Lighting and a further £1597.00 from 13. Contingency General to 28. Children's Playground

iii King's Coronation

The Clerk suggested that a Coronation Flag and Coronation Lamp Post signs be purchased for the village to celebrate the Coronation of the King in May 2023

Council **AGREED** to the purchase of a flag at £75.56 and a 10 pack of Lamp post signs at £47.99 to be funded from line 12. Community Amenities.

iv King Shilling Way Bench

The Clerk reported that the Bench has been installed on the footpath on King Shilling way and asked what plaque Council would like installing on the Bench.

Council **DECIDED** that the plaque should commemorate the Platinum Jubilee and the Clerk will obtain costs to present at the next meeting for approval.

v Election Packs

The Clerk handed out the Election Packs to the Councillors and informed them that an appointment had been made for the 27th March 2023 at Westfields for the Clerk to return the completed packs. If Councillors would like the Clerk to deliver them on their behalf then the packs would need to be delivered to the Clerks house before this date.

vi Damaged Fence

The Clerk reported about a damaged fence by the kissing gate at the Hawthorn Drive entrance to Joey the Swan, the ranger was in attendance at the meeting and reported that the fence has now been fixed by the Conservation Group.

vii Electric Motorbikes

The Park Ranger has reported evidence of Electric Motorbikes has been spotted at Joey the Swan, PCSO Walley has been informed and asked if we can find out the times so he can visit at these times.

viii Memorial Hall Rebuild

The Memorial Hall rebuild project has requested that the Council provide a letter of support for their lottery grant request. Cllr Houston also reported that a questionnaire is available on wistastonmemorialhall.uk and could all Councillors complete the questionnaire and encourage members of the public to complete it as well.

Council **APPROVED** the request for a letter of support and the letter will be **APPROVED** at a future meeting.

The Clerk's Report was accepted by the Council.

121 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Receipts and Payments Statement and the Schedule of Accounts for payment February 2023 (totalling £18,966.06) have been approved.

122 REPORTS FOR OTHER BODIES

Cllr Squirrell reported that the drainage project has now been completed and the contractors are currently cleaning up. They are going to discuss the car parking signs at the next meeting.

123 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Reports from the Cllr Squirrell was received by the Council and accepted.

The meeting closed at 8.27 p.m.