

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 21st MAY 2026 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)
 Cllrs. D. Lucas, G. Roberts, R. Squirrell, D. Houston, D. Millington, E. Tatton,
 M Simon, M. Scarpa, V. Shaw

In Attendance Sarah Turnbull (Clerk) and 6 Members of the Public

7 **APOLOGIES** Cllr. J. Robinson, Cllr Alan Coiley and PCSO A Barrington

8 **MINUTES** Agreed

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2026, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

9 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

10 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2026/27:**

RESOLVED: That Cllr. J Moore be elected Chairman for the year 2026/27

11 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2026/27:**

RESOLVED: That Cllr. B Squirrell be elected Vice Chairman for the year 2026/27

12 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF FINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2026/27:**

RESOLVED: That Cllr. D Houston be elected Chair of Finance for the year 2026/27

13 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED: That

- (i) The full Council be elected to the Environmental Committee.
- (ii) The full Council be elected to the Finance Committee
- (iii) The full Council be elected to the Planning Committee

14 **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

RESOLVED: That

- (i) Cllr's. Squirrell, Lucas be Council's representatives on the **Wistaston Sports & Leisure Association.**
- (ii) **Wistaston in Bloom** – Chairman and Clerk to be Council's representatives
- (iii) Cllr. Houston be Council's representative on the **Memorial Hall Management Committee**
- (iv) Cllrs Tatton and Houston be representatives on **Wistaston Community Council.** The appointment of one further representative be deferred
- (v) Cllr's. Roberts, Robinson & Lucas be Council's representatives on the **Planning Subcommittee**
- (vi) Cllr's. Roberts and Moore to be Council's representative on the **Wistaston Recreation and Woodland Management Group**
- (vii) Cllr's. Squirrell & Scarpa be appointed to the **Website Subcommittee** with the Clerk
- (viii) **Speed Watch** Cllr. Shaw

15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Police report dated 23/04/2026 and received from PCSO Alexis Barrington on 21/05/2026 was provided to council by email on 21/05/26 with apologies for not being able to attend.

Cllr Simon reported that some lining work highway issues have been agreed to be dealt with near the Peacock roundabout and Laidon Avenue and an H bar outside a resident's property. Some micro patching on Church Land and Princess Drive. Three replacement road/street name signs agreed.

Six members of the public that live close to the new development raised concerns including traffic issues on A534, lack of an Environmental Impact Survey being carried out, pressure on all services in particular water pressure, drainage and sewage issues. Cllr Simon to request that Cheshire East carry out a traffic survey and environment study. Cllr Moore explained that the council will review the concerns and respond to the application.

16 PLANNING MATTERS

The following items were **RESOLVED**

(i) New Planning Applications

Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee

26/1344/HOUS 17 Valley Road, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 8JZ
Demolish single storey rear & side extension and construct new extension
SUPPORT

APPEAL

25/4767/HOUS 1 Berkley Crescent, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 6QA
OBJECT for 2nd time would still cross the building line

26/1149/FUL Land N.W. of Crewe Road, Wistaston, Crewe.
Planning for 188 houses

OBJECT – Date for response extended 01/06/2026 – statement being prepared by the Planning Subcommittee. Council agreed the clerk to amend the draft report following discussion at the meeting and include the additional items.

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

26/0794/HOUS 2 Clare Drive, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 8ED
Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension replacing existing garage and conservatory
APPROVED with conditions

26/0828/HOUS 92 Broughton Lane, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 8JR
Single storey extension
APPROVED with conditions

26/0325/HOUS 40 Lear Drive, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 8DR
Rear extension & garage & dormer extension to main bedroom
APPROVED with conditions

17 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- (ii) The Chairman reported that Cllr. Kay Garner has resigned for personal reasons and that thanks have been passed to her.

18 CLERK'S REPORT

i Internal Audit – The Clerk reported the results of the Internal Audit and forms were agreed and signed at the April 2026 meeting. The Internal Auditor Report included a recommendation for the bank reconciliation to be presented in a clear format. The clerk to amend the monthly finance report accordingly. The council must adopt a Freedom of Information & Publication Scheme which was agreed at the council meeting in April 2026.

Council **ENDORSED** the amended AGAR

Council **ENDORSED** the payment of the internal audit invoice of £397 plus VAT

ii Insurance – Council **APPROVED** the insurance renewal of £1,516.60 (funded from line 6) for the year 01/06/2026 – 31/05/2027 and noted that the 5 year long term agreement ends in 2027.

iii Risk Assessment – the 2026 Risk Assessment document was provided to the Council by email on 11/05/2026 Council **APPROVED** the risk assessment

iv Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society Renewal

Renewal at an annual cost of £8.00 subscription explained by the clerk.

Council **APPROVED** the renewal

v Access Road to School Carpark

Request from Wistaston Church Lane Academy for the repair to the potholes in the access road from Church Lane to the school carpark discussed and the history of the conveyance explained by the chairman. Council suggested that we offer to contribute towards half of the cost for the access road only as a one off and not for future maintenance as this is not owned by the parish council.

Council **APPROVED** an offer of 50% of the repair cost at £685 as a one off to assist the school and community using the access road as far as the school carpark. Clerk to email the school.

vi Outreach

The Clerk explained the situation and the contact from the Rough Sleeper Team, with posters in the notice boards and contact cards provided to the Inspection Team. The clerk is to keep in touch with the Rough Sleeper Team and ask the park ranger to report any change in the places being used. Council to be kept informed and keep the situation under review.

vii Drainage repairs at Joey the Swan

The clerk advised that this is still ongoing with difficulties around obtaining quotations.

The Clerk's report was accepted.

19 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts for payment April 2026 totalling £5,033.91 and the receipts and payments statement have been approved.

20 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

WSLA – Cllr Squirrell reported that the work is in hand to improve the cricket pitch. There have been people climbing into the carpark and antivandal paint has been used to deter this. The new agreement for the football MUGA is still ongoing. Work is due to be carried out on the pitches over the summer.

WISTASTON COMMUNITY – Cllr Moore reported that the next event is the village fete on 20th June 2026. The community council have purchased new gazebos and the accounts are healthy. They meet on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL – Cllr Houston reported that they are providing guidance to a recent hirer for a booking that caused some issues. The front wall has been damaged but is being repaired. The leases with the tennis club and bowling club are continuing to progress and will initially be for 6 years. The Land Registry alteration is now complete, and they now hold the title in the name of Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre. They are awaiting the decision from Cheshire East for the planning application. To date architect fees paid of £37,000 and the next stage is for a quantity surveyor to provide the current costs for the rebuild then after a meeting of the Trustees the fund raising can begin.

21 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report from Cllr Squirrell was received and accepted and the Clerk confirmed that two points noted had been dealt with. Cllr. Squirrell offered to carry out the report in June 2026.

The meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.