

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

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

62 APOLOGIES K.Wilcox (Clerk), A.Coiley, M.Simon.

63 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2023, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

65 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Cllr Moore reported that the local Scout Master, John Bennett, had been awarded an MBE, (the second MBE awarded to a Wistonian - the previous one being to Herbert Locke). It was agreed that the Council would send a letter of congratulations to John Bennett.

Cllr Lucas complained about excessive parking in Rectory Close. Cllr Moore recommended that he should contact the local PCSO, who would probably refer him to Cheshire East Highways.

66 Planning Matters

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

(i) New Planning Applications

23/3320N – A small infill rear extension to the property to give a larger lounge/sun room area and a more usable kitchen space. WC and utility area to be formed within existing hallway - 36 Shelley Drive – **No Comments**

23/3976N – Two storey side and rear single storey extension, storm porch to front elevation - 45 Church Lane – **No Comments from Cllrs Millington and Roberts (Cllr Lucas abstained due to the property being close in proximity to his own property)**

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

23/3513N - Erection of a detached bungalow and ancillary works - 2 Sandringham Drive - **REFUSED**

67 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was received by the Council.

i Wistaston in Bloom

The Chairman informed the Council that Bill Heath was standing down as the organiser of Wistaston in Bloom, and he would put a note in the next issue of the Roundabout to seek a replacement. Also, he was reviewing plans on the number of flower beds to be planted next year, and who should be responsible for planting and watering them.

Cllr Houston offered to look after the bed at the junction of Park Drive and Westfield Drive.

The Chairman's report was accepted.

68 CLERK'S REPORT

i Memorial Tree request - Council approved request for memorial tree.

ii Replacement post signs on Beech Drive Car Park - Council endorsed payment for signs.

iii College Fields Land - Council agreed to ask the Council's solicitor to look into the details of the matter.

The Clerks report was accepted.

69 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts for payment October 2023 totaling £2258.83 and the receipts and payments statement have been approved.

70 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Cllr Squirrell reported that the WSLA were contacting Lynne Thornton to liaise with other landowners' solicitors with regard to the drainage pipe crossing their land. WSLA have asked the school to cut back some trees to improve the street lighting. WSLA's loan repayments were on track. Problems with the school's contractors parking at the Brittles were being resolved.

Cllr Moore reported that the Community Council members were down to 12, and they were trying to attract new members.

There were problems with restrictions with regard to the parades for the Firework Display and Village Fete, so the parades will probably have to be cancelled. Also, there were problems getting an agreement with the school to use their field for the fete, so alternative locations may have to be considered.

71 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report from Cllr Roberts was received by the Council, and the Clerk has confirmed that she will follow up the actions noted under item 8.

72 RECOMMENDATION: Exclusion of Press and Public

The Council approved the recommendation.

73 CLERK AND PARK RANGER SALARY REVIEW

Council **APPROVED** the salary review as presented by Cllr Houston (Chair of Finance).

The meeting closed at 8.03 p.m.