

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

In Attendance: Kerri Wilcox (Clerk)

52 APOLOGIES None

53 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2023, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Simon declared an interest in planning application 23/3513N

55 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Cllr Simon reported about complaints from a member of the public with regards to a bunch of youths committing anti social behaviour at Joey the Swan, both the Clerk and Chairman advised the member of the public to report it to the Police. There has been complaints about cars parking on the cycle lane on Crewe Road which Cllr Simon has reported to Cheshire East. Cllr Simon mentioned the speeding @ Berkeley School which Cllr Moore mentioned he is going to a survey of different areas and present them to Council to decide a suitable location for a new SID Post. Cllr Simon informed the Council that the Green spaces maintenance and Parking review consultations are available on Cheshire East and she strongly encouraged all the Council members to respond to the Parking Review.

Cllr Roberts and Cllr Simon are going to visit a member of the public near college fields who has reported the vines growing into his garden from Parish Council land. The scheme of traffic lights at Jacksons Corner has been pulled and Cheshire East are currently coming up with ideas to redesign the junction with the funds from the Willaston developments.

The Clerk issued a police report to all the Councillors and informed the Council that PCSO Dan Walley has moved to Shavington and we are awaiting a new PCSO but we do now have a PC Ben Bloom who is responsible for the Wistaston /Willaston area.

56 Planning Matters

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

(i) New Planning Applications

23/3429N – Variation of condition 2 – approved plans on approval 21/3923N – 2 Abbey Fields –
No Comments

23/3470N – Proposed rear dormer window – 35 Nessina Grove – **No Comments**

**23/3513N – Erection of a detached bungalow and ancillary works – 2 Sandringham Drive
Incongruous feature which would not respect the character and appearance of the site and street scene and would cause significant harm to the relatively spacious and verdant character of the surrounding residential area.**

The site would be overdeveloped.

The entrance would dangerously close to the junction.

**The development may not comply with the policy D4 in the neighbourhood plan.
(Cllr Simon is involved in disputing this planning application)**

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

No Decisions received.

57 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was received by the Council.

1. Resident complaints

a) Van parking end of Laidon Avenue.

The Clerk will report the Van to their employer as it is parking dangerously.

b) Jackson's Corner

Cllr Simon will report the road markings and stop signs need re painting.

2. WSLA Drain project

The Chairman reported that our Solicitor needs full drawings of where the drains have been placed to enable them to agree a deed of easement with both the land owners and the resident on Mary's Gate. Cllr Squirrel said he would report it to the Chairman of WSLA. Cllr Millington abstained from the discussion.

3. Road and pathway from Woodside Lane towards Wistaston Brook.

Council will raise the issue with Cheshire East about making the footpath safer.

The Chairman's report was accepted.

8.30pm – Cllr Simon left the meeting.

58 CLERK'S REPORT

i Budget Working Group

i. Budget Working Group

The Budget timetable for setting the 2024/25 precept as below was **APPROVED**

- 21st December 2023 - Finance Committee Meeting to consider the report from the Budget Working Group, to recommend to the Council a provisional Budget for 2024/25 and an indication of likely Precept requirements.
- 21st December 2023 - Council Meeting to determine the provisional Budget for 2024/25.
- 18th January 2024 - Finance Committee Meeting to reconsider draft Budget in the light of any comments received from residents / organisations.
- 18th January 2024 - Council Meeting to determine Budget for 2024/25 and the Council's Precept requirement.

The Meetings of the Finance Committee will be held at 7.00 p.m. The Council meeting will be held at the conclusion of the meeting of the Finance Committee or 7.30 p.m. whichever is later.

Following the Council Meeting of the 21st December 2023, details of the Council's Budget proposals will be publicised, inviting anyone who wishes to make comment on the proposals, to submit them in writing to the Clerk, to be received no later than 09.00 a.m. on 8th January 2024.

The Budget Working Group would meet at 7pm on Wednesday 15th November 2023 and Wednesday 20th December 2023 to determine provisional Budget requirements and on Monday 8th January 2024 to discuss comments made on provisional Budget and to make final recommendations to the Finance Committee, before the meeting on 18th January 2024.

(b) The establishing of a Budget Working Group.

(c) For 2024/25 Precept the Budget Working Group will comprise of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chairperson of Finance, Cllr Lucas and Cllr Millington.

ii. Remembrance Day 12th November 2023 at 3pm

Council **APPROVED** That a donation of £350 be forwarded to the Royal British Legion (Funded from line 18 – Contribution to Royal British Legion S.137 Payment).

iii SSAFA Donation

Council **REQUESTED** that the Clerk informs SSAFA to get in touch with the Community Council as the Council is unable to donate to organisations which do not benefit the Parish.

iv Member of the public request

Council **APPROVED** the request for a plaque to be placed on an existing bench.

v Memorial Tree request

Council **APPROVED** the memorial tree request.

vi Missing Wistaston Boundary Sign – Middlewich Road

Council **AGREED** that a replacement sign should be allocated for in the 2024/25 budget.

vii Complaints about a dog off the lead at Joey the Swan

The Clerk informed Council about the frequent complaints that the Park Ranger is receiving about antisocial behaviour from certain groups and dog walkers on Joey, the Clerk has informed the Ranger to inform the complainants that they need to report it to the police.

The Clerks report was accepted.

59 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts for payment Sept 2023 totalling £-26,832.69 and the receipts and payments statement have been approved.

60 REPORTS FOR OTHER BODIES

None received.

61 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report from the Park Ranger was received by the Council

The meeting closed at 8.47 p.m.