

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL, CHURCH LANE, WISTASTON

Present: Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. D. Lucas, D. Millington. R. Moore, G. Roberts, J. Scott, Mrs. V. Smith & R. Squirrell.

In Attendance:

Mrs Cross (Clerk), Mrs. Buchanan Chairman and Mrs. Dutton Treasurer of Shavington Youth Club, Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon, Mrs Makin of 'The Store' & 3 residents.

45 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. A. Bicknell, T. Kilkenny & PCSO Bowman.

46 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

47 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

48 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

A resident of Shelley Drive raised concern regarding a neighbour's dog which barks continuously. He approached the neighbour but did not receive a positive response and therefore enquired whether the Parish Council could provide assistance. He was advised to keep a log of times and dates when the dog is barking and contact Cheshire East Council Environmental Services. The resident also raised concern regarding plastic bags being placed through letter boxes requesting various items for charities. He calculated that for Wistaston alone this amounted to 9 tonnes of plastic waste per year. Cllr. Roberts advised the resident to contact the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) based in Middlewich who are currently undertaking to keep plastic waste to a minimum. Mrs. Makin of 'Plastic Free Nantwich' said her group may be able to campaign for this by having a collection point for the unused plastic bags. The Chairman thanked him for bringing this to the Councils attention.

A resident raised concern regarding golf balls being driven onto his land from a property in Abbey Fields, he collected over 70 balls. The Chairman replied this is a civil matter, however, it has been reported to PCSO Bowman who has agreed to post advisory letters through houses on Abbey Fields and carry out visibility patrols.

Mrs. Makin introduced herself as one of the ladies setting up a new initiative called 'The Store'. They have a Mobile Van selling groceries, toiletries and household products without single-use packaging, to reduce the amount of plastic waste. They will be trading at various locations in Cheshire East including Wistaston Memorial Hall Car Park. The Chairman replied this Council supports her initiative and wished her every success with the business.

Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon reported on the following:-

- a) No decision has been made regarding the application for a children's home at 49 Park Drive.

- b) Cheshire East Council Highway Officers are holding a site visit with Ward Borough Councillors and School representatives to consider highway issues around Church Lane Academy School.
- c) A meeting is to be arranged with Mr. Darlington of Cheshire East Council, Borough Councillors and the Chairman of Wistaston Parish Council, to discuss outstanding issues of a light for the children's playground and the installation of a post for a SID Unit.
- d) The Hawthorn tree removed from Witters Field is being replaced. It was suggested Wistaston Parish Council put pressure on Bloor Homes to replace it with a large substantial tree. The Chairman replied he will take this matter up with Bloor Homes.

49 **MRS. BUCHANAN CHAIRMAN AND MRS DUTTON TREASURER OF SHAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Buchanan Chairman and Mrs Dutton Treasurer of Shavington Youth Club to the meeting. They explained that a 'Save Shavington Youth Club' campaign has been launched, which is also aimed at saving the Edwardian building leased from Cheshire East Council. A one off grant to improve the building was requested to enable the Youth Club and other organisations to use the facilities. A 30 year lease is being negotiated with Cheshire East Council in order to attract grant funding. The Youth Club is an important asset for teenagers and 6 young people from Wistaston regularly attend. A donation of £100 per child attending i.e. £600 was requested. The Chairman replied this Council does not normally support organisations outside of Wistaston and have already set the Budget for 2019/20. The matter will be considered later in the Agenda. He thanked Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Dutton for their attendance.

50 **PLANNING MATTERS**

(i) Planning Subcommittee meeting held on Thursday 8th August 2019

Due to the meeting not having a quorum the following items were **ENDORSED** by the Council

19/3399N Rear single storey ext. – 3 Westfield Drive.

19/3454N Two storey side & single storey rear extensions – 39 Beech Drive.

19/3485N 1st floor ext. over existing kitchen/study to side of dwelling – 3 Buckingham Close.

NO OBJECTIONS be made on the above 3 applications

19/3491N Proposed new triple garage – 372 Crewe Road.

REPRESENTATIONS be made that there is insufficient space between the proposed garage and boundary fence and that the 4 trees proposed for demolition should not have Tree Preservation Orders on them.

(ii) Planning Subcommittee meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2019

The following items were **RESOLVED**:

19/3821N Variation of conditions 1 & 3 on 15/5563N -535 Crewe Road

19/3988N Dormer conversion – 6 Yew Tree Road.

NO OBJECTIONS be made on the above 2 planning applications

(iii) The following planning applications have been notified from Cheshire East Council

The following items were **RESOLVED**:

19/4063N 2 storey ext. to side & elevational changes to front of existing house – 4 Harrow Cl.

NO OBJECTIONS be made on the above planning application.

Application for a Street Trading Licence

The Store Mobile Van

Selling groceries, toiletries and household products all sold without single-use packaging. Trading at various locations in Cheshire East including Wistaston Memorial Hall Car Park.

NO OBJECTIONS be made on the above street trading licence, the Council fully support the initiative.

(iv) The following planning DECISIONS have been notified

19/2657N Repositioning of brick screen wall – 20 Arley Place	REFUSED
19/2676N Erection of 2 detached dormer-style dwellings – 22 Westfield Drive.	REFUSED
19/3202N Rear extension – 34 Glendale Close.	PERMIT
19/3399N Rear single storey ext. – 3 Westfield Drive	PERMIT

51 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Council considered the Chairman's Report.

(i) Hawthorn Tree Witter's Field

Members received a copy email from a resident regarding the Hawthorn tree on Witter's Field. The tree was removed on 6th September 2019, despite a promise in writing from Bloor Homes that it would be retained. The reserved matters application 17/6042N, indicates removal of the Hawthorn tree with a replacement next to it. This has caused a considerable reaction from the community on social media. The Chairman agreed to take up this matter with Bloor Homes, requesting financial compensation.

(ii) Broughton Lane Footpath to Waldron Gardens

Residents have complained regarding the overgrown shrubbery / hedging on the footpath from Broughton Lane to Woodside Lane and round to Waldron Gardens. Cheshire East Council Highways have stated it is not their responsibility.

RESOLVED: That arrangements be made for the overgrown shrubbery / hedging to be cut on the footpath from Broughton Lane to Woodside Lane and round to Waldron Gardens, up to a total cost of £250. (Funded from Line 29 - Environmental General)

(iii) Trees Overhanging Garden at Willow Crescent

A resident of Willow Crescent raised concern regarding Wistaston Parish Council's trees overhanging his garden and bindweed growing through his fence. As a gesture of goodwill a small amount of work has been carried out to the trees and the alleyway containing the bindweed has been cleared by the Park Ranger.

(iv) Shavington Youth Club

Members considered the request from 'Save Shavington Youth Club' campaign for a donation of £600. Concern was raised that Wistaston Parish Council are being asked to subsidise a Cheshire East Council building outside of the Parish. The amount requested had not been included in the Budget for 2019/20. The meeting was closed to allow Borough Cllr. Simon to explain that Rope Parish Council has asked for a specific item to sponsor rather than £100 per child attending. The meeting reconvened.

RESOLVED: That the Budget Working Group consider whether to provide a donation towards the ‘Save Shavington Youth Club’ campaign during the Budget preparation process for 2020/21 and make recommendations to the Council for decision.

The Chairman’s Report was accepted by Council

52 CLERK’S REPORT

The Council considered the Clerks Report.

(i) Request for Financial Assistance

RESOLVED: That a donation of £150 be provided to Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club to aid the development of young players. (Funded from Line 31– Contn to Vol/Other Bodies S.137 Payment)

(ii) Golf Balls

Members received a copy letter from a resident regarding the dangerous practice of golf balls being driven from a property in Abbey Fields onto farm land.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the resident, advising that PCSO Bowman has agreed to post advisory letters through houses on Abbey Fields and conduct visibility patrols.

(iii) Subsidence at a Property in Field Lane

A subsidence claim has been made for a property at 111 Field Lane. This is in the same vicinity as two previous claims at 105 and 103 Field Lane. Details have been forwarded to the Council’s Insurers.

(iv) Cheshire Association of Local Councils – AGM

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Moore attend the CALC Annual Meeting at Middlewich Civic Hall on 24th October 2019.

(v) Actions Taken During Recess

The Council **ENDORSED** the following actions have been taken during recess by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman:-

- a) A quotation in the sum of £129.07+VAT has been accepted for Cheshire East Council to install the Derby Waste bin on Beech Drive car park.
- b) A quotation in the sum of £120+VAT has been accepted for Mercia Tree Care to remove a fallen branch from Rookerybank Covert.
- c) Wistaston Conservation Group have repaired a hole in the hedge adjacent to the children’s playground, costing £56.25

All above funded from Line 29 – Environmental General

(vi) Police Beat Report and Dates of Police Surgeries

Members received copies of the beat reports from PCSO Hobbs for July and August and details of the Police Surgeries. From 1st September PCSO Sophie Bowman is the new PCSO for Wistaston.

(vii) Best Kept Village Competition

Members were notified that 2019 will be the final year of the Best Kept Village Competition. The main sponsor, Essar OIL have withdrawn from any future sponsorship arrangements, this means that running the competition is not financially viable for CCA.

(viii) Thank You Letter

A thank you letter has been received from St. Mary's PCC for the Council's donation towards renovating the Memorial surrounding area.

The Clerks Report was accepted by Council.

53 FINANCE**(i) Receipts and Payment Statement and Schedule of Accounts**

RESOLVED: That the Receipts and Payment Statement be accepted and the Schedule of Accounts for payment August and September 2019, as per attached totalling (£3,789.84 +£ 8,034.44 = £11,824.28) be approved.

54 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**(i) WSLA Report from Cllr. Kilkenny**

The Chairman read out a report from Cllr. Kilkenny. The Caretakers at WSLA are taking a less active role in running of the Association. They are looking to Members of the clubs that use the facilities to take on some of the work, however, part of the maintenance work will have to be contracted out. They will apply for funding from the New Homes Bonus Scheme for a more effective waste disposal system. In the meantime they will be seeking support from the Parish Council towards the costs associated with disposal of waste. Each of the clubs based at the Eric Swan Sports Ground have been asked to nominate one of their teams for the Ray trophy, which the Parish Council has provided. A small committee will select the winner. A presentation will be made in October 2019.

(ii) Community Speed Watch Report

A report on the speeding offences in excess of 35mph was received from Mr. McCormack the new Speed Watch co-ordinator. There were 220 offences as at September 2019.

54 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report from Cllrs. Moore and Mrs. Smith was tabled at the meeting.

Cllr. Mrs. Smith agreed to obtain a quotation for repairs to the seat on the children's picnic table.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

