

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.30 P.M.**  
**AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present:** Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. T. Kilkenny, D. Lucas, D. Millington, G. Roberts, R. Squirrell, D. Houston, R Moore

**In Attendance:** Kerri Wilcox (Clerk) & 2 members of the public

**43 APOLOGIES** Cllrs M Simon, S Perry and J Scott

**44 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022, be approved, and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared

**46 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

The Clerk read out a Police report from the local PC which highlighted anti-social behaviour in certain repeat locations of The Brittles and St Mary's Church so extra patrols have been taking place. There has been several vehicles driving through red traffic lights by the Rising Sun so TRUCAM / Vehicle monitoring is due to take place. FATAL 5 checks have been taking place around the local Public Houses. Reassurance Shop visits have also taken place in the area. Our local PCSO has moved to Staffordshire Police so we are currently without a PCSO.

A Member of the public reported that some trees near to Joey the Swan are covered in Ivy so the Clerk will investigate and report to CE. Cllr Millington reported that Cllr Simon had called in the Herrick Close planning application and the call in was refused as CE Highways feel they can deal with the car parking situation.

**47 Planning Matters**

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

(i) **New Planning Applications**

**Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee.**

22/2808N – Demolition of existing outrigger and replace new lobby area and covered entrance for mortuary – 448 Crewe Road – **No Comments**

22/3166N – Replacement single storey extension – 5 Freshfields – **No Comments**

22/3202N – Proposed two storey rear extension and loft conversion to form extra living accommodation – 96 Broughton Lane – **No Comments**

22/3137N – Garage to be converted to accommodation comprising of open plan kitchen / living room, bathroom, bedroom – Rookery Lodge, Middlewich Road – **No Comments**

22/3568N – To erect an oak framed open carport under slate a slate roof against the existing house gable end. The frame would sit on red Cheshire sandstone saddle stones  
6 Barleywood Close

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

22/1270N – Proposed rear two storey extension, proposed side single storey extension Extension and replacement of existing side conservatory, rear elevation render application Replacement of windows and alterations to roof configuration from a flat roof to a hip roof  
- 537 Crewe Road – **approved with conditions.**

22/1026N – 1.46M increase of rear extension approved application 21/4581N dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 conditions 2 refers - 5 Wellsgreen Place – **approved with conditions.**

22/1462N – Proposed Rear Extension – 16 Chesterton Drive – **approved with conditions.**

**48 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

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

**1. SID post**

The Chairman reported that the posts are now in place for the SID unit 3 years after the request was first made, he has been in touch with the SID suppliers to arrange the alterations and fixed of the units.

**2. WIB**

The Chairman joined the discussion with members from WIB, Conservation, Litter picking and Ranger at a meeting arranged by Bill Heath. This was to welcome the visiting judge for Northwest in Bloom and help answer the many questions raised. Our flower beds and display's look particularly good this year in spite of the dry conditions and the judge showed a keen interest in conservation work, open spaces and general well-kept appearances throughout our parish. A good meeting which left him with the impression the judge was pleased with what was said. The Chairman remains hopeful we can repeat previous years successes.

**3. Platinum Jubilee Bench**

We have had a suggestion to replace the badly damaged seat that was donated to CEC and installed near the Middlewich Road layby (King Shilling Way).

The proposed seat would have a suitable nameplate to commemorate the Jubilee. The Clerk gave the Council the costing of a bench similar to the new ones recently fixed in Rope Parish and it was agreed the Clerk would obtain the latest cost of the ones that the Council have on Joey the Swan ready for the next meeting.

**49 CLERK’S REPORT**

**i Memorial Tree at Joey the Swan**

Council’s **APPROVED** a memorial tree to be placed in Joey the Swan in honour of a member of public's late husband.

**ii Non Slip Boardwalk strips**

The Park Ranger has reported that the trial nonslip strips we purchased for the boardwalk have worked well so Council's permission is requested to purchase more strips for the remainder of the boardwalk.

Council's **APPROVED** the purchase of further nonslip strips at a cost of £342.25 & vat (funded from line 29 Environmental general)

**iii Wistaston Conservation Group Noticeboard**

Wistaston Conservation Group have requested permission to place a notice board up at the entrance to Joey the Swan so they can keep people updated with ongoing and future projects.

Council's **APPROVED** the notice board.

**iv WSLA Loan**

Included in your papers is the proposed finance details of where the loan monies will be taken from (ie Memorial Hall reserves) and also a category for the repayments received along with a report from the Chair of Finance.

Council's **APPROVED** how the Loan will be displayed on the Finance Spreadsheet.

**v Risk Assessment – Annual Review**

Each year the Council must review its Risk Assessment (copies available from the Clerk). Members are requested to consider whether any amendments are required from last year's.

Council **APPROVED** that the Risk Assessment is still acceptable for the Council's needs. Cllr Houston requested a copy which the Clerk has forwarded.

**vi Wistaston Community Council Flower and Produce Show Prize Money**

The Council normally contribute the prize money of £20.00 for the Flower and Produce Show (funded from line 12 Community Amenities), this contribution was agreed by the Chairman during recess and Wistaston Community Council have sent a Thank you email to the Council for the monies.

Council's **ENDORSEMED** the payment of the prize money.

**vii Airband High Speed Internet Representative**

The Clerk reported that the Airband High Speed Internet Representative was no longer able to make it to the meeting.

**viii Tree Inspection**

The tree inspection is due to take place October / November 2022. Normally competitive tenders would be sought, however, due to the set-up costs being high which would need to be repeated by other companies only one quotation has been requested by Treewise Solutions. The quotation for this year is enclosed in your paper's and is £1500.00 & Vat (funded from line 28 Environmental General)

Council's **APPROVED** the quotation from Treewise.

**Council approved the following additional Items not included on the original Agenda****Poppy Appeal**

We have allocated a donation of £350.00 in this year's budget to the British Legion for the annual Poppy Appeal, We have received an email asking if we want 2 wreaths and 20 Lamp post poppies as per last year.

Council's **APPROVED** that our requirements are the same as last year.

**Chalc Annual Meeting**

The Clerk reported that The Chalc annual meeting is due to take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm with a complimentary buffet afterwards and guest speaker who will be Keith Stevens New Chairman of NALC. The Clerk also requested if there were any motions that the Council wished to put forward and that there are vacancies on the Executive Board for Chalc should any Councillors wish to apply personally.

It was **AGREED** that the Chairman shall attend the meeting and that no motions were needed to be put forward.

The Clerk's Report was accepted by the Council.

**50 FINANCE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Receipts and Payments Statement and the Schedule of Accounts for payment July 2022 (totalling £2967.04) August 2022 (totalling £2536.92) have been approved.

**51 REPORTS FOR OTHER BODIES**

Cllr Kilkenny reported that the bookings are increasing again for WSLA and thanked the Council for approval of the loan for the drainage work which has not yet been commenced.

**52 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

The Environmental Reports from Cllr. Roberts (August 22) and Cllr Squirrell (Sept 22) was received by the Council and accepted.

**The meeting closed at 8.11 p.m.**