

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 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

In Attendance: Kerri Wilcox (Clerk), Cllr Alan Coiley

41 APOLOGIES Cllr D Houston

42 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2023, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record with the addition of Cllr Lucas being present.

43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

44 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Cllr Coiley reported that he is currently in discussions with CE with regards to the winter gritting programme and made the Council aware that Parish Councils can pay ANSA for any roads which have been removed from the list in their parish area. He informed the Council about the parking and green spaces consultations currently on the CE website. He also informed Council that someone had fallen on uneven pavements whilst out with their disability trolley so it has been reported to fixmystreet.

Cllr Simon also mentioned the parking consultation and the flexi link bus service and encouraged all the Councillors to respond to the survey. A resident from Waldron Gardens has been in touch with Cllr Simon with regards to the wooded area next to their property. Cheshire East have agreed to clear the path at the back of Latter Day Church as a goodwill gesture as it is unadopted. Cllr Simon will let the Clerk know who best to get in touch with in regards to the ownership of the footpath.

Cllrs Simon / Coiley and Gage are meeting with CE Highways on the 22/9/23 with regards to the proposed traffic lights at the end of Wistaston Road onto Crewe road which were going to be erected from S106 funds so would report to Council at the next meeting.

45 Planning Matters

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

(i) New Planning Applications

No planning applications received.

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

22/4309N – Proposed extension & alterations to existing dormer bungalow– 18 Princess Drive – **Approved with conditions.**

23/2462N - Proposed single storey rear extension, loft conversion and new garage to side Elevation – 49 Boughton Lane – **Approved with conditions.**

46 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was received by the Council.

Two area's of land @ Joey the swan – A report was presented to Council with regards to a meeting that took place between WPC and CE, Cheshire East reported that they have discovered part of the information with regards to a compulsory purchase order but there is still more investigating to do to discover if this was completed. Their head of legal services is currently delving the archives held at Middlewich and the Cheshire County Council archives held at Chester and they hope to have an answer for us soon.

Britain In Bloom Awards - The Chairman informed the Council that Cllr Houston will represent WPC at the awards.

Speedwatch - The Clerk has managed to track down one speed gun but is still trying to get the other two returned. Cllr Moore will draw up a list of suggested locations for a new SID post as speeding still seems to be an issue within the Parish but it is difficult to find volunteers who are willing to reform the speedwatch group.

The Chairman informed the Council our Parish Sergeant is Sgt Steve Tandy.

WSLA Drainage – The Council has received an email from a St Mary's house owner with regards to the drainage project. The Chairman of WSLA has responded and awaiting a reply.

The Chairman's report was accepted.

47 CLERK'S REPORT

i Memorial Tree Requests - Council **APPROVED** 2 new requests for Memorial Trees.

ii External Audit 2022/23 - Council **ENDORSED** the payment for the External Audit costs.

iii Memorial Hall Land Registry – Council **ENDORSED** the land Registry payment.

iv Nantwich Food Bank Donation – Council **DECIDED** to decline the donation as they feel more residents within the parish would use a food bank at Crewe. The suggested that Nantwich Town Council contact the Wistaston Community Council.

v Replacement Gate Post Wistaston Green rd Car Park path entrance to Joey -Council **ENDORSED** the reimbursement for the costs of the gate post.

vi WCC Flower and Produce Show Prize money – Council **ENDORSED** the payment of the prize money.

vii College Fields Land – The response from the homeowner was presented to the Council and also a suggested reply from Cllr Roberts – Council **APPROVED** the reply and the Clerk would respond to the homeowner.

Cllr Millington left the meeting 20.06pm.

viii Crewe Road Bus Shelter repairs – Council **ENDORSED** the reimbursement of costs to the Park Ranger for the repairs.

Cllr Millington returned to the meeting 20.08pm

ix Wistaston In Bloom expenses – Council **ENDORSED** the reimbursement of WIB expenses to Bill Heath and the payment of the Crewe Road Nurseries invoice.

x Broken Tree Brance near Beech Drive Car Park – Council **ENDORSED** the payment to Mercia Tree Care for the work required to a broken tree branch is it was unsafe.

The Clerk informed the Council about the CE Code of Conduct which all Councillors have agreed to undertake.

The Clerk informed the Council about Chalc Annual meeting – No Councillors wish to attend.

The Clerk's report was accepted.

48 The Co-option requests were approved by Council for Julia Robinson – Wistaston Green Ward and Ryan Broomhall – St Mary's Ward, both candidates attended the Council's July meeting and introduced themselves.

49 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts for payment July 2023 totalling £3679.01 and August totalling £11,475.63 and receipts and payments statement (Cllr Squirrell reported the amount still owing for the WSLA loan was incorrect, the clerk will alter it for future spreadsheets) have been approved.

50 REPORTS FOR OTHER BODIES

Cllr Squirrell reported that the WSLA Cricket Club lease is still with Lynne Thornton and a signed copy will be presented to the Council when it has all been legally completed. The loan repayments are going to plan, there has been a break in at the garage at the Brittles and a broken seat which have been reported to the police. He also reported about the email from the St Mary's gate resident. Cllr Moore mentioned about better lighting on the road up to the Brittles and Cllr Squirrell said he would fetch it up at the meeting next week. Cllr Millington asked about a leak in the building and also builders from the school parking on the Brittles carpark and leaving the gates option which is out of the lease conditions. Cllr Squirrell will discuss at their meeting next week.

51 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report from the Cllr Squirrell (Aug) and Cllr Lucas (Sep) was received by the Council and the Clerk will report the fly tipping at the back of Beech Drive to Guinness Housing again.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.