

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

In Attendance Kerri Wilcox (Clerk) Cllr Alan Coiley

7 APOLOGIES None

8 MINUTES – The Clerk reported that Cllr Robinson had sent apologies in advance.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2024, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

10 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2024/25:

RESOLVED: That Cllr. J Moore be elected Chairman for the year 2024/25.

11 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2024/25:

RESOLVED: That Cllr. B Squirrell be elected Vice Chairman for the year 2024/25.

12 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2024/25:

RESOLVED: That Cllr. D Houston be elected Chairman of Finance for the year 2024/25.

13 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: That

- (i) The full Council be elected to the Environmental Committee.
- (ii) The full Council be elected to the Finance Committee.
- (iii) The full Council be elected to the Planning Committee.

14 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED: That

- (i) Cllr's. Squirrell, Lucas be Council's representatives on the **Wistaston Sports & Leisure Association.**
- (ii) **Wistaston in Bloom.** The appointment of representatives be deferred.
- (iii) Cllr. Houston be Council's representative on the **Memorial Hall Management Committee**
- (iv) Cllr. J Moore representatives on **Wistaston Community Council.** The appointment of one further representative be deferred.
- (v) Cllr's. Millington, Roberts, Robinson & Lucas be Council's representatives on the **Planning Subcommittee.**
- (vi) Cllr's. Roberts & D. Millington t be Council's representative on the **Wistaston Recreation and Woodland Management Group.**
- (vii) Cllr's. Squirrell & Lucas be appointed to the **Website Subcommittee** with the Clerk.

15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Cllr Coiley reported that he had attended the Wistaston Community Meeting and is volunteering at future events, he has also attended the Willaston PC Meeting along with the Councillor from Shavington. There are going to be some ward changes for the Borough Councillors which they will inform the Council of when they are finalised. He has been chasing some of the outstanding issues on Fixmystreet and both Cllr Coiley and Cllr Simon are chasing the repainting of the road markings that need repainting. There is currently a Bus Service Consultation which he encouraged all the Councillors to answer to in a bid to try and get a bus service resumed in the Village, a Councillor from Nantwich is pushing for a bus to go from Nantwich to Leighton Hospital so this could possibly come through the village, the Clerk informed Cllr Coiley that she had also received an email from a member of the public which suggested the same thing. (Cllr Coiley left the meeting at 7.52pm).

Cllr Simon reported that some potholes are eventually being repaired and reported that there had been a lot of flooding throughout the Parish throughout the day by Wells Green lights which she will report to Cheshire East. The painting of the White Lines on the roads is coming out of the Councillors Ward budget. Cllr Simon also made the Council aware of the Household waste consultation which if they close the Middlewich tip it could influence traffic on Middlewich Road as they queue for the Crewe tip. She is receiving a lot of complaints about road closures in the area in particular by Leighton Hospital as it is making people late for appointments. Cllr Simon thanked the Parish Council for the donation to Wistaston Bowling Club.

The Clerk presented a report from PC Dean Ashmore who reported that he is being replaced by PC Gary Fulton.

16 Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a report which highlighted some issues and challenges that lie ahead which mainly involves future projects.

WIB Judges Visit – It was suggested that we ask if the Community Events would be willing to help and the Clerk will put an advert on the Wistaston Facebook page asking if anyone wishes to volunteer as they do not need to be part of the Parish Council to help out.

Cllrs Roberts and Millington have agreed to deal with the Woodland Survey recommendations. The Chairman is going to report on suggested locations for a further SID unit and also find out about shipping container costs for a storage unit for the Park Ranger / Conservation Group (to be funded in next year's budget)

Wistaston In Bloom Flower bed repairs and clearance of the beds at the end of season needs to be resolved.

Cllr Simon left the meeting at 8.27pm

17 Planning Matters

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

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

24/1114N – Single storey rear extension – 6 Beaumont Close – **Approved with conditions**

24/0245N – Part single storey, part two storey rear extension – 10 Berkeley Crescent – **Approved with conditions.**

24/0226N – Retain the use of existing outbuilding as Beauty Salon – 28 Broughton Lane **Approved with conditions.**

24/0841N – Single story side extension & replacement garage – Highwalls, Wistaston Park – **Approved with conditions.**

18 CLERK'S REPORT

i Internal Audit – The Clerk reported the results of the Internal Audit - Council **APPROVED** the amended AGAR form and **ENDORSED** the payment of the internal audit invoice of £324 (funded from line 10 audit fees)

ii Insurance – Council **APPROVED** the insurance renewal of £1412.82 (funded from line 6) for the year 01/06/2024 – 31/05/2024.

iii Risk Assessment – Cllr Roberts notified the Clerk that the tree inspection period needing changing on College Fields and the Brittles to every 3 years – Council **APPROVED** the risk assessment subject to the changes as mentioned by Cllr Roberts.

iv Printer – Council **ENDORSED** the purchase and payment of a new printer for the Clerk of £264.00 (funded from reserves office equipment renewal).

v Memorial Tree requests - Council **APPROVED** three memorial tree requests at Joey the Swan.

vi Wistaston Green Noticeboard Perspex – The Clerk informed the Council that the Perspex has been damaged on the Wistaston Green Rd noticeboard and needs replacing at a cost of £65.84 (funded from line 33) – Council **APPROVED** the replacement Perspex.

vii – The Clerk informed the Council of the Household Waste Recycling centre survey.

The Clerk's report was accepted.

19 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts for payment April 2024 totalling £-23,203.43 and the receipts and payments statement have been approved.

20 Reports from other bodies

WSLA – Cllr Squirrell thanked the Council for the WSLA grante and returned that they are currently focusing on their annual maintenance work on the football pitch which they have now obtained a grant for.

WISTASTON COMMUNITY – Cllr Moore reported that there is not a lot to report at the moment, they are hoping to move to cashless payments for future events but are looking at ways it can be connected to take payments. The 100 club has shrunk to 69 so there are losing money on that project. The Rose Queen is going to be transported from the Brittles to the school so then they do not need to employ Marshalls to close Church Lane. Rob Macintosh has resigned as secretary.

WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL – Cllr Houston reported that at the AGM Eileen Bamber was made president and Mike Hassall the Vice President and they have a new trust member from Rope PC, they are still going through the process of changing to a CIO which has been assisted by the Cheshire Community Action group. They are almost at the point of presenting a design brief to the Architect and once the designs have been drawn up, they will be holding meetings for the public to look at the designs. The RSPCA have booked the hall for a Craft and Christmas Fair.

21 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report from Cllr Lucas was received and accepted.

The meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.