

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

In Attendance: Kerri Wilcox (Clerk) and Sarah Turnbull (replacement Clerk)

58 APOLOGIES Cllr J Robinson, Cllr M Simon and Borough Cllr A Coiley

59 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2024, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

61 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

No public or Councillor participation. Email received from PC Gary Fulton unable to attend meeting and moving to Nantwich

62 Planning Matters

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

(i) New Planning Applications

24/4356/HOUS – Proposed single storey ground floor extension to provide bedroom and ensuite for disabled relative – 39 Field Lane – No Comments

24/4328/HOUS -Two storey side and single storey side/rear extensions – 55 Bowness Road - No Comments provided the Juliet balcony does not intrude on Number 53’s privacy.

No comments/Agreed

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

24/3158N – Proposed elevation alterations and 2 no dormers – 102 Broughton Lane – Approved with conditions.

24/3141N – Single storey side and rear extension – 539 Crewe Road - Refused

63 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was received by the Council.

The Chairman reported the results of the Britain in Bloom awards with excellent results which will be published in the Roundabout magazine.

The Chairman provided information about the Elizabeth 11 memorial seat and the type of benches available. It was agreed that it should be an engraved wooden bench and the Clerk will obtain quotations .

The Chairman reported that the woodlands at College Fields need attention and that the Clerk has not received a response from CE regarding the owner of the house extending the curtilage of their land. The Clerk is going to request contact details for the Head of Estates at Cheshire East and make contact requesting that they take action.

64 CLERK'S REPORT

i Memorial Tree requests

Council **APPROVED** the two Memorial tree requests (additional request added after the Agenda had been issued)

ii Training Course of the New Clerk

Council **APPROVED** the New Clerk's finance course being run by Chalc

Council APPROVED additional items not included on the Agenda

iii Tree Inspection

A report from Tree Wise Solutions regarding the large tree at Joey the Swan approximately 100 yards from the play area. The report provided 3 options and after discussion the Council **AGREED** with option 2 – monolith as per the recommendation from Treewise Solutions. Cllr Roberts suggested that one of the Tree Surgeons be appointed to provide a quotation and that it is not necessary to obtain tenders. This should be completed before March 2025.

iv Website Security

Council **APPROVED** the quotation from Paragon Internet Group t/a tso Host

The Clerk's report was accepted.

65 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts for payment October 2024 totalling £4,883.24 and the receipts and payments statement have been approved.

66 REPORTS FOR OTHER BODIES

There was no report for the Community Council as nobody was able to attend the meeting. The Chairman will start attending in December 2024

WSLA – email from Tom Kilkenny regarding the grant request for the lighting and heating not working but now repaired. The Defibrillator needs to be replaced.

Memorial Hall – The Annual Remembrance Service was well attended. The Crewe & Nantwich Cancer UK Christmas Fair went well. The transfer from the old charity status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is progressing with the change of the charity number be resolved with the Land Registry. This is an administrative change but will need Council agreement. The rebuild project is progressing with donations being made by hall users, a delay as the Architect is on Jury Service and the National Lottery have a new strategy in place, the application for funding will not be made until Spring 2025. The Bowling and Tennis Club will remain as they are but with improved access links. Cllr Roberts asked for the estimated total cost of the project and Cllr Houston advised £1,250,000.

67 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report was received from Cllr Roberts reported that the grass at College Fields had not been mowed, Clerk to the Council Kerri Wilcox confirmed that this had now been done.

COUNCIL APPROVED THE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC RESOLVED: That the Press Public be excluded during consideration of the additional item not included on the Agenda. Pursuant of Section 100a(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of the exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the act.

Council **ENDORSED** Clerk and Park Ranger Salary review

The meeting closed at 8.04 p.m.