

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 16th MAY 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL, CHURCH LANE, WISTASTON.

Present: Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman).

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

In Attendance: - Mrs. Cross (Clerk) & Borough Cllr. Mrs. M. Simon.

8 APOLOGIES

Cllr. T. Kilkenny.

9 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made on any item of business on the Agenda.

11 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020:

RESOLVED: That Cllr. J. Moore be elected Chairman for the year 2019/2020.

12 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020:

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Millington be elected Vice Chairman for the year 2019/2020.

13 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020:

RESOLVED: That Cllr. R. Moore be elected Chairman of Finance for the year 2019/2020.

14 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.

15 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED: That

- (i) Cllrs. Kilkenny, Lucas & Squirrell be Councils representatives on the **Wistaston Sports & Leisure Association**. The appointment of a fourth representative be deferred.
- (ii) Cllr. J. Moore be Council's representative on **Wistaston in Bloom**. The appointment of 2 further representatives be deferred.
- (iii) Cllr. Squirrell be Councils representative on the **Memorial Hall Management Committee**.
- (iv) Cllr. R. Moore and Mrs. Smith be Council's representatives on the **Wistaston Community Council**.
- (v) Cllrs. Bicknell, Lucas, Millington, Roberts and Mrs. Smith be Council's representatives on the **Planning Subcommittee**.
- (vi) Cllr. Moore, Roberts and Scott be Council's representative on the **Wistaston Recreation and Woodland Management Group**.
- (vii) Cllrs. Lucas and Squirrell be appointed to the **Website Subcommittee** with the Clerk.

16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ POLICE MATTERS/ CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

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

1. Following the elections Cheshire East Council are no longer Conservative controlled, there will be a joint cabinet.
2. The installation of the traffic lights at the junction of Middlewich Road with Wistaston Green Road has been delayed due to service works requiring redesign.
3. The waste bin on Beech Drive car park was set on fire, the plastic outer cover was completely destroyed, leaving the inner lining. Cheshire East Council has no funding to replace the bin at present. The Chairman requested Borough Cllr. Simon pursue a replacement, enquiring whether the bin was covered by their insurance.
4. The traffic calming speed humps in Valley Road were inspected and do not meet the criteria for replacement.
5. A site visit was held with Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon, a Cheshire East Council Highway Officer and residents of Meadow Drive to assess the possibility of a dropped kerb. A scheme has been drawn up costing £8,000, this will be added to a list for funding.
6. Complaints have been received regarding the hedge on the exit side of the Memorial Hall car park. This is a matter for the Memorial Hall Committee and neighbouring resident to resolve.
7. Cheshire East Council Highway Officers inspected the junction of Lydgate Close with Shelley Drive and concluded it does not require improvements at present.
8. It was disappointing that the four Wistaston applications did not receive grant funding from the New Homes Bonus Scheme. The allotment site in Wistaston received funds for security fencing. A further £1 million will be available next year.

The Chairman asked Cllr. Simon to pursue two schemes he has been trying to resolve with Cheshire East Council Highways – a light for the children’s playground and a post socket for Broughton Lane to install the Parish Council’s Speed Indicator Device, both funded by Wistaston Parish Council. Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon agreed to pursue these matters.

17 PLANNING MATTERS

The following items were **RESOLVED**:

19/1661N Two storey side ext. & single storey rear ext. – 75 Capesthorpe Road

19/1696N Conversion of detached garage into self-contained annex – 2 Beech Drive.

19/1805N Rear 2 storey ext. 456 Crewe Road.

NO OBJECTIONS be made on the above 3 planning applications.

(ii) The following planning applications have been notified from Cheshire East Council for this Council’s VIEWS at the May Meeting

The following items were **RESOLVED**:

19/2085N Wooden garden structure forming a pagoda built from 6” x 6” oak beams with Apex roof – 85 Broughton Lane.

OBJECTIONS be made that the proposal would cause overdevelopment of the site and over dominate the neighbouring property at no. 83, being only 2 metres away from the boundary. It is out of character with the surrounding area.

19/2143N Extending and resurfacing the path to and gathering area around the existing war memorial , providing barrier fencing adjacent the retaining wall, reducing back yew shrubbery and hedging to accommodate – St. Mary’s Church, Church Lane.

NO OBJECTIONS be made and the Council fully support the proposal.

(iii) The following planning DECISION has been notified

19/1391N Demolition of existing garage and part of the rear of the existing house & proposed rear and side single storey extensions – 41 Park Drive

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18 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Council considered the Chairman's Report.

(i) Park Ranger Vacancy

Interviews have been held for the Park Ranger position, the post has been offered to one of the applicants and a response is awaited.

(ii) 35th SWC Scout Group

The Council **ENDORSED** the 35th SWC Scout Group carrying out an environmental clean-up in the 'Old Covert' woodland. Also to plant a ribbon of poppies on the fringe of the Old Covert, as part of their support to the UK and Commonwealth 2019 campaign.

RESOLVED: That a donation of £50 be made to 35th SWC Scouts for their environmental clean-up (Funded from Line 21 – Contribution to Voluntary / Other Bodies)

(iii) Bloor Homes

The next six monthly meeting with Bloor Homes is scheduled for June 2019. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will attend and raise the problem of the drainage outlet into the brook which needs improved shoring to prevent collapse. Councillors were requested to report any other issues to the Clerk.

(iv) Vandalism

A spate of vandalism is being experienced in the children's playground, woodland areas, tennis pavilion and cricket ground. The Police have been informed and agreed to pay extra attention to these areas. Damage to the Brittles woodland boardwalk has been extensive, the Conservation Group carried out repairs on 13th May 2019.

The Chairman's Report was accepted by Council.

19 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk's Report was considered by Council.

(i) Membership of Cheshire Association of Local Councils**a) Subscription Fee**

RESOLVED: That the Annual Subscription for 2019/20 be paid to CALC at a cost of £1470.04 (Funded from line 4 - Association Fees and Publications)

b) Local Council Review Magazine

RESOLVED: That four copies of the Local Council Review Magazine be ordered at a cost of £13.50 each per annum, for Cllrs. Millington, Moore, Squirrel and the Clerk. (Funded from Line 4 – Association Fees and Publications)

(ii) Insurance Renewal

RESOLVED: That the Council's Long Term Insurance Agreement with Zurich Municipal be renewed at the annual premium cost of £1113.03 (Funded from Line 6 – Insurances)

(iii) Duck Race

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to Mr. Gould of Wistaston Community Council, stating that Wistaston Parish Council has no objection to them holding the Annual Duck Race at Joey the Swan recreation land on Saturday 7th or 14th September 2019.

(iv) Information Commissioners Office – Data Protection Renewal

The Council **ENDORSED** a payment of £40 to the Information Commissioners Office for the data controller registration under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA98). (Funded from Line 4 Association Fees and publications).

(v) Thank You Letters

Thank you letters have been received from Wistaston Memorial Hall, St. Mary's PCC, Wistaston Community Council, Wistaston Sports and Leisure Association and Wistaston Young Drama Group for the Councils donations.

(vi) Police Beat Report and Dates of Police Surgeries

Members received a copy of the beat report from PCSO Hobbs for March 2019 and were notified of dates of Police Surgeries at St. Mary's Church Hall.

The Clerks Report was accepted by Council.

20 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**(i) WSLA Verbal Report**

The Chairman read out a short report on behalf of Cllr. Kilkenny, Chairman of WSLA. The car parking signs have been installed and they await to see the impact this will have on parking issues. Both caretakers of WSLA have resigned and they are looking for replacements.

(ii) Community Speed Watch

Cllr. Bicknell provided the latest statistics from the Community Speed Watch Team, 153 offences with a highest recorded speed of 53 mph along Crewe Road.

21 FINANCE**(i) Schedule of Accounts and Receipts and Payments Statement**

RESOLVED: That the Receipts and Payments Statement and the Schedule of Accounts for payment May 2019 (as per attached totalling £9,503.97) be approved.

(ii) Accounts for Year Ending 31st March 2019

RESOLVED: That the Accounts be approved and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer at this meeting. A notice be posted on 17th June 2019 to 26th July 2019, giving residents the opportunity of inspecting the Accounts.

(iii) Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2018/19

RESOLVED: That

1. Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Council have reviewed the effectiveness of the accounting records and control systems and found them to be satisfactory.
2. Section 2 Accounting Statements 2018/19 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return be approved and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer.

22 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report from Cllrs. Moore and Roberts was received by Council.

23 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the Press Public be excluded during consideration of Item 17 on the Agenda. Pursuant of Section 100a(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

24 PARK RANGER SALARY REVIEW

RESOLVED: That the Park Ranger's hourly rate be increased to £9.00 per hour, with effect from 1st June 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

