

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllrs. R Squirrell (Vice Chair) Cllrs. D. Lucas, G. Roberts, D Houston, M Simon, M Scarpa, E Tatton, Kay Garner

In Attendance: Sarah Turnbull (Clerk)

85 APOLOGIES Cllrs J Moore, D Millington, J Robinson and V Shaw (will attend late) and PCSO L Meggs

86 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2025, be approved and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record.

87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

88 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Email received from PCSO L Meggs providing a report for Wistaston emailed by the clerk to each Councillor prior to the meeting. Email received from Assistant Chief Constable Alison Ross regarding the reduction in PCSO posts following the consultation conclusion. Council requested the clerk to respond to the email with the councils concerns and request details of the new neighbourhood plan as soon as possible. Agreed to ask the Assistant Chief Constable to pass on thanks to PCSO Lorraine Meggs for work in the area.

Cllr Simon reported that work to put a crossing in place at the Peacock roundabout will start on 12/01/2026 taking around 25 days. There is a contact number for CE Highways 03001235020 to report issues. CE have agreed that planning applications are taking too long. Tree issues have been dealt with, working on flooding and blocked gulley problems and contractors blocking driveways when carrying out work to roads without giving residents any notice, CE are working to improve the problems.

89 PLANNING MATTERS

The following item was **RESOLVED**

(i) **New Planning Application**

25/0259/HOUS 2 Elm Close, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 8RU
 2 storey side extension – already noted no comments in February 2025
No Comments

25/4570/HOUS 380 Crewe Road, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 6QR
 Single story side extension
No Comments

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

25/3156/FUL Eric Swan Sports Group, The Brittles, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 8EZ
 Replace Single Net with 2 land enclosed facility
Approved with Conditions

90 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was received by the Council.

The Chairman was unable to attend, the report included comments about the neighbourhood award being silver this year, the level 5 outstanding awards to the Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club and the Conservation Group and the plans for 2026. Council requested the clerk send congratulations to both groups.

91 CLERK'S REPORT

i Training

Requests received to attend trainings from Cllrs Shaw, Garner, Tatten, Scarpa and the clerk and an offer from one of the Cllrs to fund their own training was declined.

Council **APPROVED** all training requests

ii Joey the Swan gate repair

Quotation provided to repair the gate to the play area which is required as soon as possible to be carried out by the installers.

Council **APPROVED** the repair

iii Speed Watch

The only remaining speed gun has been cleaned and repaired, agreed to pass the gun and jackets to Cllr Shaw who is working with Cllr Jones from Rope on the project. Details of two new volunteers have been passed to Cllr Shaw.

Council **APPROVED** the equipment transfer

iv Hole/Drain Collapse

Information provided to council with quotation awaited with work having to be carried out as soon as possible.

Council **APPROVED** the repair work

v Assertion 10

Clerk has attended a training, agreement for Cllr Squirrell to amend all emails for council org.uk for all councillors in January 2026. Cllr Tatton to assist with changes to the emails and Cllr Scarpa to assist with creating an IT Policy.

Council **APPROVED** work to commence on Assertion 10

vi Street Lights

Following discussion, it was agreed that the order be placed with Cheshire East for the pole bracket replacement on road off Middlewich Road. Note previously approved by Council.

Street light not working near the scout centre, Clerk to send information to Cllr Simon to assist as clerk has not been able to obtain a response from CE.

vii Freedom of Information

Update provided by the clerk, with closure of memorial tree FOI

Council agreed that the clerk responds to email and provides copies of maintenance invoices with the contractor details being redacted and advise that the period requested is unreasonable. Agreed that Clerk can direct the Solicitor to Cheshire East for 11 roads listed by them that are not in Wistaston. Clerk to inform Solicitor that the number of hours allowed have been used. Cllr Tatton to assist with a suitable wording.

Council **Approved** for the clerk to respond to the Solicitors

viii Inspection Rota

Clerk requested that Councillors requiring assistance to complete the inspection for their month contact the Park Ranger or Clerk to arrange this in good time. Cllr Squirrell is also able to assist with this.

ix Meeting Dates 2026

Meeting dates provided

The Clerk's report was accepted.

92 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts for payment November 2025 totalling £4,088.33 and the receipts and payments statement have been approved.

The council **ACCEPTED** the provisional recommendation from the finance committee

Cllr Vicky Shaw joined the meeting

93 REPORTS FOR OTHER BODIES

WSLA – Cllr Squirrell reported that bookings are good but have stopped for Christmas. The MUGGA upgrade is still in hand, and the additional street light quotation and permission are still in hand. The vandalism experienced earlier in the year has stopped. The weather has impacted the football pitch.

Memorial Hall – Cllr Houston reported that bookings are down for Christmas. The transfer of title from WPC to the Hall is still proceeding with the papers needing to be signed by the council representatives. The rebuild has now been signed off by all the groups for the plans to be completed with the next stage being the planning application.

Community Council – unavailable

94 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report was received from Cllr Squirrell with no action required.

The meeting closed at 8.28 p.m.