

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2025 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, J. Robinson.

**81 APOLOGIES** Cllr. M.Simon, CE Cllr Alan Coiley.

**82 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared

**84 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

PC Ashleigh Jones the new PC for Wistaston and Willaston was unable to attend the meeting but will be sending a report to the Clerk.

**85 PLANNING MATTERS**

The following item was **RESOLVED:**

**(i) New Planning Applications**

**Planning Views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee:**

**24/4910/HOUS** - single storey rear extension with internal alterations - 10 Valley Road - **No Comments.**

**(ii) Previous Planning Application**

Cllr. Millington asked if there had been any recent notifications from Cheshire East Council, and what the current situation was concerning application **24/4735/HOUS** 6 Braemar Close. It was agreed to ask the Clerk when she returns from holiday.

**86 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman's report was received by the Council.

**(i) Other Remembrance Services**

After discussing the memorial at Alvaston Hall, it was agreed that, in November 2025, the Chairman would lay one wreath by St. Mary's Church and another at Alvaston Hall. It was also agreed that there were no objections to the Bowling Club approaching the Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Council Management Trustees to request a plaque in the Memorial Hall.

**87 CLERK'S REPORT**

**(i) Grass Cutting Quotations**

Council **APPROVED** the quotation from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Ltd in the sum of £7,385 plus VAT, unless the Clerk has recently received competitive quotes from Antrobus or ANSA.

**(ii) Britain in Bloom**

Council noted that the Clerk was awaiting quotations from ANSA and Baz's Gardens.

**(iii) Flooding at Joey the Swan**

Cllr Roberts confirmed that the cost of improving the drainage had been included in the request for a Grant from the Forestry Commission.

**(iv) Memorial Tree Requests**

Council **APPROVED** three new Memorial tree requests, (including one for the late Ray Stafford).

**The Clerk's report was accepted.**

**88 FINANCE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Schedule of Accounts for payment December 2024 totalling £3,863.15 and the receipts and payments statement have been approved. Also approved, have been the 2025/26 Budget and Precept Recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Following Cllr Squirrell's queries on the Receipts and Payments Statement, it was noted that £1000 under Line 18 would be transferred to Memorial Hall rebuild. The Clerk in consultation with our finance chair to agree appropriate virements from the contingency budget Line 12.

**89 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

**WSLA** – Cllr Squirrell reported that the Winter was having an impact on outdoor bookings, but indoor bookings were satisfactory. WSLA are chasing the Football Foundation for this year's instalment of the Grant Payment.

**Memorial Hall** – Cllr Houston reported that the transfer from the old charity status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) should be completed in February. The architects will commence their proposed layout on 21<sup>st</sup> January. A list of possible grants is being made. A timeline is being drawn up for outline planning for a lottery fund, and for design, consultation and construction. There will be no change to the actual bowling green, but there will probably be changes to the hedgerows. More information is available on the Memorial Hall website.

**90 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

The Environmental Report was received from Cllr Lucas. He said that Peter Baskerville and David O'Hara had reported motorcycle scrambling bikes at Joey the Swan to the police, and Peter Baskerville had sent photographs of them to the Clerk for forwarding to the police.

**The meeting closed at 8.13 p.m.**