

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 16th JULY 2026 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. J Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. B. Squirrell, G. Roberts, D. Millington, D Lucas, B Squirrell and D Houston, J. Robinson, E. Tatton, N. Devi, M. Simon and R. Morris.

In Attendance Sarah Turnbull (Clerk)

32. APOLOGIES Cllr M. Scarpa and Borough Cllr A. Coiley

33. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2026, be approved and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

35. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Simon reported that the road markings were completed on the A530, there have been bin collection problems and residents have been assisted, Cheshire East have advised that they have 30 staff who are not at work and this has caused problems. The request for ashes to be put in Queens Park has been approved by Cheshire East and the planning approval request at Princess Drive has now been refused.

Clerk informed council that no response has been received from the PCSO.

36. PLANNING MATTERS

The following item was **RESOLVED**

(i) New Planning Applications

Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee

26/2239/HOUS 3 Sandylands Park, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 8HE

Single storey side extension to form new garage

SUPPORT with no comments

26/2236/HOUS 15 Patterdale Close, Wistaston CW2 8NX

Single storey extension to rear & park garage conversion

SUPPORT provided it does not intrude on 45degree vision from the centre of the windows on neighbouring properties.

26/2313/HOUS 591 Crewe Road, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 6PU

Single storey side extension & proposed single storey rear extension.

SUPPORT provided there is no obstruction to daylight with regard to the principal windows of existing adjacent properties beyond:

1. the horizontal angle of 45 ° measured on plan view from the midpoint of the nearest principal windows of an adjacent property: and
2. The vertical angle of 45 ° measured on elevation from the mid-point of the nearest principal windows of an adjacent property.

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

26/1344/HOUS 17 Valley Road, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 8JZ

Demolish single storey rear & side extension and construct new extension

APPROVED with conditions

All the recommendations of the Planning Sub Committee were **ACCEPTED**

37. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was received by the Council

1. Police Liaison Meetings – The Chairman reported that we are waiting to receive further information from the police or Willaston Parish Council.
2. Wistaston in Bloom – The Chairman reported that the main flower beds haven been monitored closely and some bedding plants haven been replaced. The WIB judging day on 13th July went very being guided by Cllr. Squirrell and driven round Wistaston by the clerk and all the groups were represented.

The Chairman's report was accepted.

38. CLERK'S REPORT

Council **APPROVED** the request from the Community Council to hold their Duck Race at Joey the Swant on 05/09/26 with a reserve date to be advised. The clerk is awaiting sight of their Public Liability Insurance.

Council were informed that the SID in Broughton Lane has been repaired by Cllr. Morris. The call out fee has been paid to the original contractors.

Delegation of Authority – Council **APPROVED** the delegation of authority during recess.

Clerk provided an update on Joey the Swan, and a quotation for cleaning of the play area was **APPROVED**. Clerk is dealing with contractors for the repair of the gate that was originally repaired in January 2026. Clerk has been dealing with the Environment Agency to remove a tree that has fallen into the brook and trying to locate owners of the land on the opposite side of the brook about trees that require attention

Council **APPROVED** the updated Asset Register 2026.

Council **APPROVED** for only one paper Agenda to be displayed at the Memorial Hall noticeboard and all other noticeboards to have a list of future meetings, dates, times and location together with a QR code link to the agenda. Clerk also requested permission to add an item that if able Council accept meeting papers by email where possible. This was considered and the number of email papers increased; the clerk will provide paper copies at each meeting for those that require them.

Council **APPROVED** a request for a student to carry out research at Joey the Swan and Cllr Lucas asked that we obtain a copy of the findings.

The Clerk's report was accepted.

39. FINANCE

RESOLVED That the Schedule of Accounts for June 2026 totaling £4,793.90 and the Receipts and Payments Statement for June 2026 have been approved.

Cllr. Tatton asked about the streetlights to be passed back to Cheshire East, and with the clerk will obtain the I.D. numbers.

40. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Wistaston Memorial Hall Cllr Houston reported that bookings are quiet for the summer, and they are using this time for maintenance in the hall. The outside wall repair is progressing slowly. The hire charge for commercial lets is to be double that of non-commercial hirers. They are chasing for the completion of the documentation required to

complete the new lease agreements with the tennis and bowling clubs. Bill Heath has given notice that he will be stepping down at the end of the year as the treasurer and booking officer. The planning application period has been extended to allow time for a bat activity survey to be completed. Cllr. Houston referenced to Cheshire East looking into widening the bridge on Wistaston Green Road a number of years ago and what happened with this also the hall will be applying for CIL(Community Infrastructure Levy) and Section 106 for the Wistaston Memorial Hall rebuild project and pointed out that there is S106 of £1 million for outdoor sports other groups should apply.

WSLA Cllr Squirrell reported that bookings are now quieter for the summer including the MUGA bookings. The refurbishment is possibly now not going ahead as the football provider is withdrawing their interest. One of the committee volunteers is looking to retire from WSLA soon.

Wistaston Community Council Cllr Tatton advised that the fete was very successful, the next community council meeting is being held on 20th July 2026 so more information to follow in September after the Duck Race on 5th September 2026.

41. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The report from the park ranger was received and accepted. The Clerk commented that the fencing has been dealt with, and the abandoned bins reported to Cheshire East and requested Cllr. Simon to assist as there has been a delay in the collection from Beech Drive

The meeting closed at 8.10pm